

Renault continues on the Scénic route - by Liana Reiners

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In 1996, the Renault Scénic started the compact MPV craze. Now Renault has added a host of cosmetic, functional and safety enhancements to make the Scénic even more appealing than before.

There are three models in the line-up: the Scénic 1.6 16v Expression, the Scénic 1.9 dCi Dynamique Plus and the Grand Scénic 1.9 dCi Dynamique Plus.

The practical cabin of the Scénic has always been one of its main attractions and the revisions applied to the latest versions make it even more alluring space for the driver and occupants alike.

Emphasising its top-spec status, Dynamique Plus models boast – among other things – full leather trim and electric adjustment for the front seats. The gear knob also features leather trim with eye-catching stitching on top. New to the Expression derivative are the satin chrome decorative dashboard mouldings for the air vents, while a black enamel finish on the Dynamique Plus creates a more sophisticated ambience. In both cases, the colour instrument display incorporates an enhanced eco-drive function to encourage a more efficient driving style. The updated system includes a graphic representation of instantaneous fuel consumption, superimposed on the average consumption reading.

Renault has a great reputation for active and passive safety and the Scénic is no exception. An electronic stability programme (ESP), which includes ASR anti-skid regulation, is now included on the entire range. Furthermore, curtain airbags are included on both Dynamique models and – along with the existing front and side airbags – ensure a high level of occupant impact protection.



The upgraded Scénic also stands out because of the good driving dynamics offered by two engines on offer.

The 1.6 16v Expression employs the latest version of Renault's fuel-injected 1 598 cc engine. This four-cylinder unit is credited with 83 kW of power at 6 000 r/min, allied to 151 Nm of torque at 4 250 r/min. Driving through a six-speed manual gearbox, this allows for a 0-100 km/h time of 11,7 seconds and a 185 km/h top speed.

On the other hand, the 1.9 dCi Dynamique Plus is available in the standard five-seater and larger seven-seater Grand Scénic configurations. This unit develops 96 kW at 3 750 r/min, along with 300 Nm of torque from as low as 1 750 r/min. Linked to a six-speed manual, it enables a top speed of 195 km/h.

Standard on all Scénic models is a five-year/100 000 km service plan. This is backed up by a five-year/150 000 km mechanical warranty, a six-year anti-corrosion warranty, as well as a five-year/150 000 km roadside assistance plan, supported by a security guard service for added peace-of-mind in the event of a breakdown.



Pricing for the Renault Scénic:

Renault Scénic 1.6 16v Expression	R244 900
Renault Scénic 1.9 dCi Dynamique Plus	R289 900
Renault Grand Scénic 1.9 dCi Dynamique Plus	R299 900