

Western Luxury Cruiser

Ford Expedition King Ranch Built for Effortless Highway Miles

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After several hundred miles behind the wheel, including a run to Arkansas and a long trip down to Houston, it became clear what this version of the Expedition does best. It isn't trying to be sporty or trendy. Instead, it focuses on comfort, space and relaxed long-distance travel.

Few vehicles do that job better.

The King Ranch sits near the top of the Expedition lineup, leaning heavily into luxury and traditional Western-inspired styling. Inside, the cabin is trimmed in rich Mesa Del Rio leather across the seats, doors and center console, giving the interior a warm, upscale feel that stands apart from the colder minimalism found in many modern SUVs.

It feels expensive the moment you climb inside.

The seats are wide, heavily padded and clearly designed for long highway stretches. Heated and ventilated front seats come standard, and there is generous room for passengers across all three rows.

For road trips, that matters more than flashy design details.

Under the hood, the King



The Ford Expedition blends full-size SUV capability with modern styling, bold proportions and a commanding presence.

Ranch uses Ford's twin-turbocharged 3.5-liter EcoBoost V6, producing 400 horsepower and 480 pound-feet of torque. The engine delivers smooth, effortless power, and the 10-speed automatic transmission shifts quietly in the background.

Passing on the highway requires little effort, even with a full load of passengers and cargo.

Technology also plays a major role in the redesigned Expedition. A sweeping 24-inch panoramic display stretches across the dashboard, paired with a large central touchscreen

that handles most infotainment functions.

The setup looks dramatic at first, but it quickly becomes easy to use.

One standout feature for long-distance driving is Ford's BlueCruise hands-free highway driving system. On compatible highways, it can manage steering, acceleration and braking while the driver keeps eyes on the road.

During long highway stretches, it works impressively well and noticeably reduces fatigue.

One surprise during my week with the Expedition was the ride quality.

I expected the King Ranch to ride more softly than the off-road-focused Tremor version I drove previously. Instead, this tester felt slightly firmer. The reason became obvious once I noticed the massive 22-inch wheels.

They look fantastic and fill out the Expedition's wheel wells perfectly. But the lower-profile tires provide less sidewall cushioning over bumps, giving the SUV a slightly sportier feel than expected.

Some buyers may actually prefer that firmer ride. Personally, I would choose smaller wheels for

maximum comfort.

Still, the Expedition remains a relaxed cruiser overall. The spacious cabin easily handles families, luggage and road-trip gear, and the clever split tailgate adds extra versatility for cargo loading or tailgating.

Fuel economy is predictable for a vehicle this large at 15 mpg city and 22 highway.

Buyers shopping in this segment usually understand that trade-off.

If your life involves road trips, towing or long family drives, the Expedition King Ranch feels like it was built for exactly that mission.

AT A GLANCE

WHAT WAS TESTED?

2025 Ford Expedition King Ranch 4x4 (\$83,655). Options: None. Price as tested (including \$1,995 destination charge): \$85,650

BY THE NUMBERS

Wheelbase: 122.5 in.
Length: 209.9 in.
Width: 94.6 in.
Height: 78.1 in.
Engine: 3.5-liter EcoBoost V6 (400 hp, 480 lbs. ft.)
Transmission: 10-speed automatic
MPG: 15 city, 22 highway

RATINGS

Style: 8
Performance: 9
Price: 7
Handling: 6
Ride: 9
Comfort: 9
Quality: 8
Overall: 8

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