

Stress-free EV journeys



Planning a longer journey with an electric car this winter? We've got you covered.



Know your EV

Before you set off, understand your vehicle's range and what charging speed it can handle. This will not only make choosing a charger easier enroute, but you'll also know how many stops you'll need to make and for how long.



Plan ahead

Plan your journey to make sure you're close to EV chargers at the right time. EV charging takes a little longer than filling up with petrol, so use it as an opportunity to give yourself a break too. Look for charging stations next to facilities so by the time you've had a bite to eat and a nosy round the shops, your car should be ready to go.



Don't worry – be app-y

There are lots of useful apps to help you plan your journey. They can show you where charging stations are; how much they cost; and even if someone's using it. Some also allow you to input the type of car you have so they can give you tailored advice, and include their own EV charger maps. Just pop in your start point and destination and let the app take care of the rest.



Use regenerative braking

Most new EV's in the UK have regenerative braking systems. Regenerative braking captures the kinetic energy generated when braking and transfers it to the electric car battery to help it recharge, extending your driving range.



Find EV-friendly accommodation

Make sure your accommodation is EV-friendly so you (and your car) can start the next day fully charged and ready to go. Online booking sites like booking.com allow you to filter for electric car charging. And if you're staying with family or friends, check beforehand if they have an outside plug socket and remember to pack your 'granny cable'.





Cold weather tips

We've got some tips and tricks to getting the most mileage out of your electric car, even when the temperatures dip.

1. **Charge your EV overnight** – starting with a full battery is the easiest way to extend your driving range. You can also sign up to an EV tariff to access cheaper off-peak rates.
2. **Pre-heat your electric car while it's plugged in** to make sure your battery and car start warm.
3. **Think carefully about what accessories you're using.** Heated seats might sound appealing but they can drain your battery and lead to a shortened vehicle range.
4. **Slow down** - it might sound obvious but the faster you drive, the less energy efficient your vehicle will be. Also, **driving in 'eco mode'** will boost mileage and reduce power consumption.
5. **Check your tyres.** As temperatures drop, you might notice your air pressure falls. Air pressure is often overlooked but it's a winning way to maximise your vehicle range all year round.



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