EV road trip checklist

Tick these off the night before you leave.

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Trip _____ Car _____ Date _____

1. A week before

- [ ] **Plan each charging stop**, plus a backup within range in case one is broken or busy.
- [ ] **Download and log in to the charging apps** for the networks on your route (Chargefox, Evie, NRMA, Tesla and others), and add a payment card.
- [ ] **Install PlugShare** to see recent check-ins and broken chargers.
- [ ] **Book accommodation with charging** if you can, or a power point near a parking spot.
- [ ] **Check your roadside assistance** covers EVs, including towing to a charger.

2. The night before

- [ ] **Charge to 100%** (it's fine for a road trip) and set the departure time to warm the battery.
- [ ] **Pack the portable charging cable** for power points, and an adapter if your car needs one.
- [ ] **Check tyre pressures**: low tyres cut your range.
- [ ] **Take off roof racks or boxes** you don't need: they can cut highway range a lot.
- [ ] **Check the weather**: headwinds, rain and cold all reduce range.

3. On the road

- [ ] **Use the car's own route planner** so the battery is warmed before fast charging.
- [ ] **Check the charger status in the app** before you commit to a stop.
- [ ] **Arrive with at least 10–15% left**, especially before long gaps between chargers.
- [ ] **Charge to about 80% at fast chargers**: charging slows down a lot above that.
- [ ] **Slow down to stretch range** if you're cutting it fine: 100 km/h uses noticeably less than 110.
- [ ] **Move the car when it's charged** so others can use the charger.

Your charging stops

Stop / town	Network	Distance from last	Backup charger	Arrive %	Leave %

Tip: towing or a fully loaded car can halve your range. Plan stops closer together.