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Guide to
Electric Vehicles

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If you've never owned or even driven an EV before, renting one can be a daunting experience. But it doesn't have to be. With the right preparation, you can jump into a Tesla, Polestar, Cupra or Kia EV with confidence.

Let's address the most common concern about renting an EV in Australia shall we?

Many Australians voice concerns over the availability of chargers throughout the country as well as the range capacity of EVs. We're here to tell you that many of these concerns stem from the early days of EV use and that the range of modern Evs AND the charging network have improved significantly.

At the time of writing, the national average cost of a litre of regular, unleaded petrol, is $197.2. That's $118.20 for a 60L tank! Now depending on how you choose to charge an EV and what company you charge with, you can get a full charge for anywhere between $18 - $40. If you're really lucky, you can even find chargers at no cost!

Right, so you're keen to rent an EV... We want to make sure you're armed with all you need to step into that car with confidence. So here are a few apps we'd recommend you top download first. If you're comfortable with your routes and know where you plan to charge, we'd also recommend setting up and activating the relevant charging apps prior to you picking up your car so when you arrive at a station, you can ensure a quick and easy experience.

PlugShare
Download Here

If you only ever download one EV-related app, make it PlugShare. This essential app has a comprehensive map of every charger in Australia, showing real-time availability. Use PlugShare to identify convenient public charging points, plan long journeys, and connect with other owners to share helpful charging station info.

Evie
Download Here

With over 200 charging locations and a growing network of partners, Evie delivers an EV fast-charging network using 100% renewable energy to Australians wherever they work, shop and play.

EasyPark
Download Here

EasyPark is the ultimate car parking app, revolutionising the way you find and access parking spaces during your travels. What sets EasyPark apart for EV owners is its seamless integration of electric charging information. In addition to showing available parking spaces, EasyPark also displays details about the size and availability of electric charging stations.

Chargefox
Download Here

Owned and operated by the NRMA, RACV, RACQ, RAA, RAC and RACT, Chargefox provides Australia's largest network of EV charging stations. We suggest pre-downloading this app, setting up your account AND requesting a Chargefox RFID card. This will ensure that if you're phone was flat, or you'd lost it, that you can still charge your EV rental. Make sure you give yourself a few weeks for the card to arrive!

EVHotels
Download Here

Planning a trip and need to book accommodation where you can keep charged? The handy EVHotels app is your trusted travel companion. Created to help electric vehicle owners find hotels with charging points.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I run out of charge?

You won't! The technology in EVs to make them a seamless experience is truly amazing. Not only does the car tell you it's battery percentage just like your phone, it also estimates your remaining range based on the type of driving you are doing at the time.
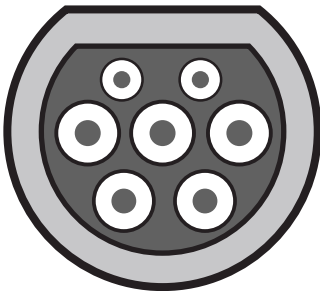
We supply all our EVs with a minimum of 80% charge. This is enough to get you around the city for a few days, it will get you between 300-500km depending on the vehicle you choose to rent. Also, if you return the vehicle with more then 20% battery we do not charge a refuel fee like our internal combustion engine vehicles.

How do I find a charger?

The Polestar, Tesla and MGZS have built-in maps which offer the option of highlighting the EV stations, charging speeds and availability on the map itself to help with finding a station. Otherwise, using your own navigation app you can search for charging stations (Google Maps, Waze etc.).

Alternatively, download the recommended apps on the previous page and you will never have trouble finding a charging station again!

What charger do I use?

Type 2 (Mennekes)

Type 2 Chargers are used in Australia with all new EVs.

We supply all our EVs with a Type 2 charger, just in case you hotel or charging station does not supply one. With your rental you will also receive a DC plug for slow charging in a regular wall plug.

Benefits of Electric Vehicles

Cheaper to charge than refuel an internal combustion engine vehicle.

Return with more than 20% charge to receive NO charge fees.

Help your business hit their reduced carbon targets with EV corporate rentals.

Reduced road and engine noise due to the silent electric motors.

It's an experience! The technology in these vehicles is impressive.

Please Note: If you have received a MG ZS EV, to charge the vehicle you need to have switched the car off and pressed the lock button for charging to commence.