

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL ON THE GREAT WEST WAY

Explore Great West Way sustainably, whether travelling in an electric vehicle or by public transport, a greener holiday is now an important choice for visitors. We've put together some itinerary suggestions for visitors who prefer a more sustainable, slower, way to travel.

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Plug In and Explore: EV-Friendly Stops Along the Great West Way

This 5–7-day itinerary has been designed for independent travellers using electric vehicles. It highlights places to visit and stay where EV's can be charged* while visitors explore and enjoy the amazing experiences along, or within easy reach of, the route.

**Please note: This suggested itinerary is designed to assist your EV journey, but please check prices, distances, parking restrictions, and the availability and functionality of EV chargers at each location to ensure they meet your vehicle's charging requirements.*

Day 1 – Hampton Court Palace and Royal Windsor

AM – Start on the Great West Way with a visit to **Hampton Court Palace**, exploring the grandeur of Henry VIII's Tudor court and the elegant Baroque apartments of William III and Mary II. Highlights include the Great Hall, Tudor Kitchens, Chapel Royal, and the world's oldest hedge maze and stunning formal gardens.

EV Charging - Historic Royal Palaces, KT8 9AU, 4 x Type 2 (7kW) Pod Point charging units.

PM – Spend a royal afternoon in **Windsor**, home to the magnificent **Windsor Castle** – the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. Explore the lavish State Apartments, St George's Chapel, and the beautiful castle grounds. Afterwards, walk through the historic town's streets, lined with independent shops, enjoy riverside views of the Thames, or take a stroll through **Windsor Great Park** and the beautiful **Savill Garden**.

EV Charging - Q-Park Windsor Royal, SL4 1EF, 13 x Type 2 (22kW) blink charging units.

Overnight: Royal Berkshire Hotel

EV Charging – Royal Berkshire Hotel, SL5 0PP 2 x Type 2 (7.36kW), 3 xCHAdEMO (up to 50kW), 3 x CCS (up to 50kW) BP Pulse charging units.

Day 2 – Henley on Thames & Reading

AM – Visitors can spend a lovely morning in **Henley-on-Thames**, a picturesque riverside town known for its rowing heritage and Georgian charm. Enjoy a walk along the Thames Path, and take a **Hobbs of Henley** boat trip. Explore the town's historic landmarks, boutique shops, and inviting cafés with scenic views.



EV Charging - HoT Mill Meadows Car Park, RG9 1BE, 2 x Type 2 (22kW), 2 x CCS (up to 50kW) Mer charging units.

PM – Take some time to explore **Reading**, with its rich history and vibrant culture. Highlights include the **Reading Abbey Quarter**, home to 900 years of history and the burial place of King Henry I, and the nearby **Reading Museum**, which houses the only full-size replica of the Bayeux Tapestry or visit **The MERL**. Alternatively, take a scenic walk along the Thames Path or a boat trip on **Thames Rivercruise** and the day can end with shopping and dining at The Oracle, Reading's premier retail and leisure destination.

EV Charging – The Oracle Shopping Centre – Holy Brook Car Park (top level), RG1 2LR, 6 x Type 2 (22 kW) Pod Point charging units. (Closes 8pm).

Overnight: The Roseate Reading, Pentahotel Reading in the town centre of slightly further afield is **Hilton Reading**. Although charging points are not yet available at these hotels, vehicles can park and charge in the town centre.

EV Charging – Q-Park Chatham Place, RG17JF, 8 x Type 2 (7.36kW) blink charging units (Open 24 hrs).

Day 3 – Hungerford & Amesbury

AM – Spend the morning in Hungerford, where visitors can explore a charming market town rich in history and natural beauty, with independent shops and natural landscapes. Stroll along the picturesque Kennet & Avon Canal at Hungerford Wharf or take a nostalgic horse-drawn barge journey with the **Kennet Horse Boat Company**. Wine enthusiasts can visit the nearby Carver's Hill Estate, a boutique vineyard and winery nestled in the North Wessex Downs, offering guided tours and tastings of their premium wines.

EV Charging – Hungerford Church Street Car Park, RG17 0JG, 3 x Type 2 (22kW), 1 x CCS (Up to 50 kW), 1 x CHAdEMO (up to 50 kW) Evolt Network charging units.

PM - Spend a memorable afternoon exploring the world-famous **Stonehenge**. This iconic prehistoric monument, set in the heart of the Wiltshire countryside, offers a fascinating glimpse into ancient history and mystery. Wander around the towering stone circle, visit the interactive visitor centre to uncover its story, and take in the sweeping views of the surrounding landscape.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Salisbury Stonehenge

EV Charging – Holiday Inn Salisbury Stonehenge, SP4 7SQ. 1 x Type 2 (43kW), 1 x CCS (Up to 50kW), 1 x CHAdEMO (up to 50 kW) BP Pulse charging units. Other fast charging units are available in this Solstice Services area.

Day 4 – Stourhead & Longleat

AM – **Stourhead House & Gardens** is the ideal place to stop and charge whilst enjoying a peaceful morning at one of England's most iconic landscape gardens. A walk around the lake reveals classical temples, grottoes, and the famous Palladian Bridge, all set within stunning natural scenery. Designed in the 18th century to resemble a living painting, Stourhead offers breathtaking views at every turn. Explore Stourhead House, relax in the café or venture into the wider estate, including ancient woodlands and King Alfred's Tower.

EV Charging – Stourhead National Trust Car Park, BA12 6QD, 8 x Type 2 (22kW), 4 x CCS (Up to 150 kW), 4 x CCS (up to 300 kW), Raw Charging units, powered by 100% renewable energy, supporting the National Trust's sustainability goals.

PM – Enjoy an afternoon at **Longleat**. Visitors can explore a diverse array of attractions set within a stunning 900-acre estate. The Elizabethan Longleat House, opened to the public in 1949, showcases over 450 years of history with its opulent interiors. Other attractions include Safari Boats, Railway and the biggest hedge maze in Britain to name but a few. The estate is also home to the first safari park outside Africa, established in 1966. Embark on a safari journey to see over 120 species, including lions, giraffes, tigers, monkeys etc. but be sure to charge your car before heading into the Safari Park!

EV Charging – BA12 7NW, Silver Birch Car Park, 4 x Type 2 (7.4kW) Rolec Quantum charging units

Overnight: Bishopstrow Hotel & Spa

EV Charging – Bishopstrow Hotel & Spa, BA12 9HH, 2 x Type 2 (22kW) Porsche charging units

Day 5 – Calne & Swindon

AM: Visitors can enjoy a relaxing afternoon in Calne and at nearby **Bowood House & Gardens**. Set in beautiful parkland landscaped by Capability Brown, Bowood features grand interiors, including the room where oxygen was discovered, and stunning gardens with a lake, waterfall, and Doric temple. Families can enjoy the adventure playground, while others can unwind with refreshments at the café or indulge with a cream tea. It's a perfect blend of history, nature, and leisure.

EV Charging – Bowood Hotel Spa & Golf Resort, SN11 0LZ, 4 x Type 2 (22kW) Pod Point charging units.

PM: On your way to Swindon, enjoy a scenic route through the charming towns of Corsham and Marlborough. In **Corsham**, admire



the historic High Street lined with Georgian buildings and spot the famous peacocks of Corsham Court. Continue to **Marlborough**, a bustling market town with one of the widest high streets in England. Take a tower tour climbing 137 steps, or stop for a coffee at St Peter's Church, a 15th C building with extensive Victorian restoration.

This leisurely drive offers a perfect mix of heritage, countryside views, and vibrant local culture before arriving in Swindon where you can grab a bargain at **McArthur Glen Designer Outlet Swindon**.

EV Charging – Swindon Designer Outlet North Car Park, SN2 2DY, 16 x CCS (up to 150kW) Tesla Public Superchargers.

Overnight: DoubleTree by Hilton Swindon

EV Charging: at nearby Lydiard Fields, SN5 8UB, 21 x CHAdEMO (Up to 60kW), 21 x CCS (up to 160kW) InstaVolt chargers.

Day 6 – 7 - Extend this itinerary to London or detour off the route to visit Cotswolds, Oxford or Hampshire.



Places	Miles by road
Hampton Court to Windsor	15.4 miles
Windsor to Henley	16.3 miles
Henley on Thames to Reading	8.2 miles
Reading to Hungerford	26.9 miles
Hungerford to Amesbury	23.5 miles
Amesbury to Stourhead	27.4 miles
Stourhead to Longleat	7 miles
Longleat to Calne	25 miles
Calne to Swindon	18 miles