B16 Trip home, Fort William->Glasgow

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 11:45 AM

We had reserved 17Hr37 to Glasgow and 23Hr40 sleeper twin birth back to Euston London, arrival 27Aug 06:50. British Airways 3:30p on Wed 28aug. Decided to spend extra time in Glasgow, since we'd covered Ft William already

Last session for souvenirs in Fort William, Glen picked up a Malt Whisky / Walt Disney shirt.



And he wanted to pose at the "Great Glen" shop



Fort William and the Scottish Highlands are pretty



Walking our airline carry on bags along the fiord



Nice lady at Fort William Stn let us add our name to the sleeper reservation and thought the 11:42a train to Glasgow would not be full. Wanted earlier train to explore Glasgow a little since we'd "done" Fort William by walk

about of town and port & Jacobite Steam train. So check out hotel and head for Fort William RR Stn. Next door in parking lot find another "Great Glen".



11:42a train gets us to Glasgow Queen Street Stn. Asked nice lady at F William tickets, How many stations? 2 and gave us a map, easy walk. Got to Glasgow Central and learn we board at 10, 10:30p for our sleeper to London Euston. So following advice, we take a cab to The Scotia.

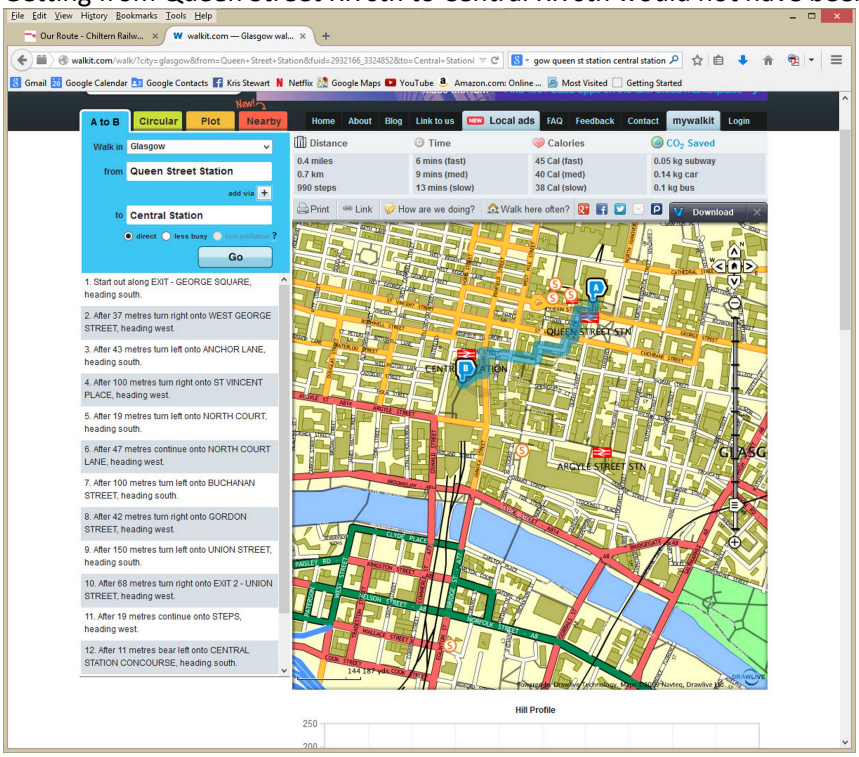
Once home, I found a great web site to get walking routes for cities in the UK http://walkit.com/
This is the route we walked in Glasgow from the Scotia Bar to the Glasgow Central RR station


walkit.com
THE URBAN WALKING ROUTE PLANNER
A to B
Circular
Plot
Nearby
Walk in Glasgow
from Scotia
to Central Station
Go
Distance
Time
Calories
CO2 Saved
0.6 miles
0.9 km
1305 steps
9 mins (fast)
12 mins (med)
18 mins (slow)
65 Cal (fast)
58 Cal (med)
56 Cal (slow)
0.06 kg subway
0.19 kg car
0.13 kg bus
1. Start out along STOCKWELL STREET, heading north.
2. After 27 metres turn left onto HOWARD STREET, heading west.
You'll soon pass 8 BALL POOL HALL SPORTS CENTRE, You'll pass SLATER MENSWEARpass You'll eventually pass ST ENOCHS HOTEL.
3. After 1/2 kilometre turn right onto JAMAICA STREET, heading north.
4. After 150 metres turn left onto ARGYLE STREET, heading west.
5. After 100 metres turn right onto EXIT 4 - ARGYLE STREET, heading north.
6. After 35 metres continue straight onto ESCALATORS, heading north.
7. After 27 metres continue onto CENTRAL STATION CONCOURSE, heading north.
8. You will reach your destination 100 metres along CENTRAL STATION CONCOURSE.
How are we doing? Please give us feedback
CENTRAL STATION
ARGYLE STREET STN


The Scotia Bar
BEST
BELHAVEN



Getting from Queen Street RR stn to Central RR stn would not have been too bad, but took a cab to the Scotia Bar



Get free wifi, but I don't think Scotia Bar had this. Wanted to use google maps to walk back to Glasgow Central. Recall our Caledonian Sleeper Train Glasgow -> Euston for return (goes thru Edinburgh) B14



They have lots of pedestrian roads in Glasgow.



Decide to take this side entrance



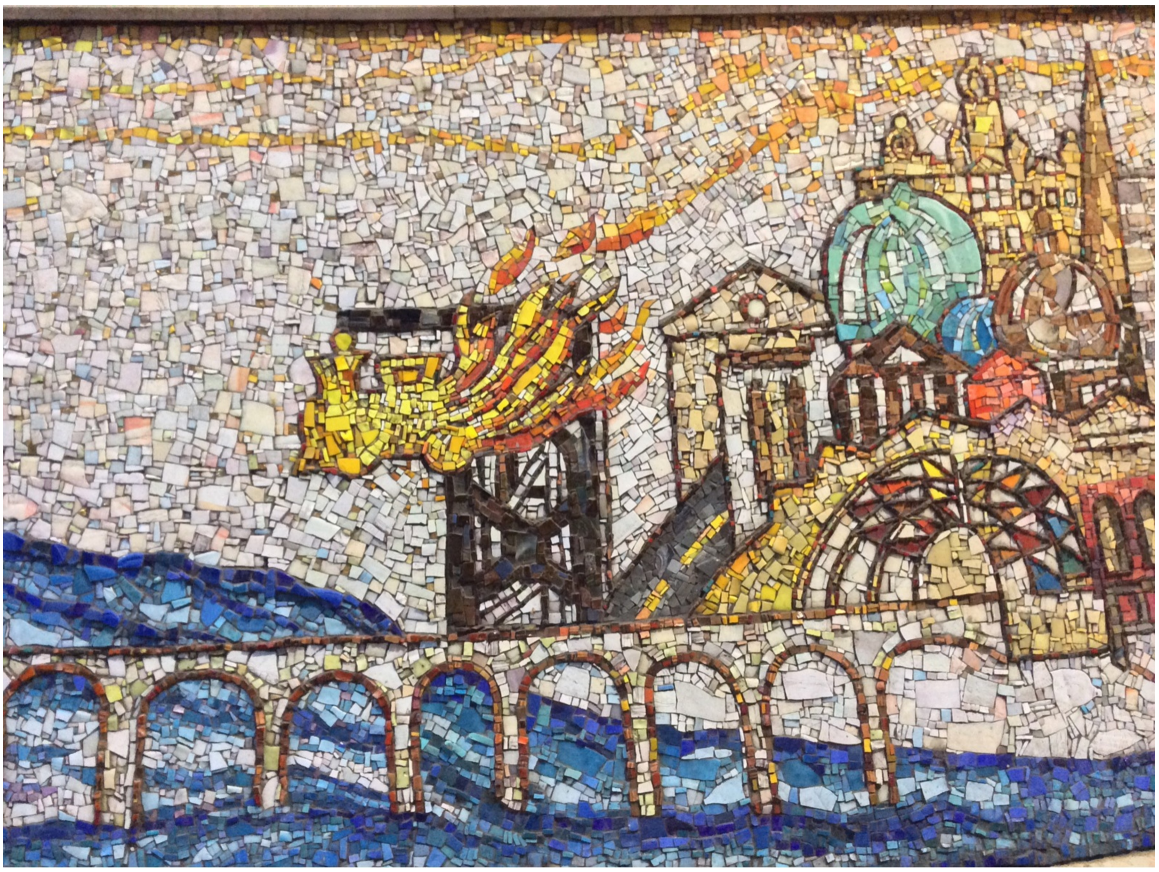
We go to The Beer House in the Glasgow Stn for a pint for Glen & salads for each of us. Use wifi for about an hour and then quit on me. But I did get an odd pop up window on iPad sounded funny. So I used notebook, new chunk of time allocated to different machine, and reset my SDSU password.

We sit in near the boards announcing incoming trains



Also has time of day. Once it gets to 22:35, I realize we better ask about the sleeper. Sure enough it's platform 10 and already in. So we get to it and get in bed. Request our coffee to the room, around 6a.

There was a pretty tile mural in the Glasgow Central Station





Found its story when I got home. http://www.discoverglasgow.org/murals-central-station-mural/4568338742
"The mural depicts a train arriving into the city at sunset, with Glasgow represented by some famous landmarks.

The dome of the Mitchell library is clearly visible, representing the city's literary and scholarly traditions. The mural also celebrates the work of two of Glasgow's most famous architects, Alexander "Greek" Thomson and Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Other recognisable buildings within Berkhauser's depiction include the Theatre Royale, and the City Chambers in the background."

My cameras had a tough time getting the "whole picture" and there were so many people walking thru, glad I found these online



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