

**So I hear the Rest and Be Thankful pass is closed so it's impossible to get to Crinan, right?**

**No, wrong, there's a diversion.**

**So the diversion adds 60 miles and loads of time on to the journey, right?**

**No, wrong. Depending on where you are coming from, avoiding the closed section or taking the diversion may add between about 10 minutes to just over half an hour and the difference in distance is an extra 5 to 25 miles.**

#### **Edinburgh Airport to Crinan**

via Rest and Be Thankful	134 miles approx. 2 hours & 50 minutes
via Callander, Crianlarich, Dalmally and Inveraray	139 miles approx. 3 hours

#### **Hamilton Services (just south of Glasgow on M74) to Crinan**

via Rest and Be Thankful	104 miles approx. 2 hours & 20 minutes
via Callander, Crianlarich, Dalmally and Inveraray	136 miles approx. 3 hours
via Tarbet (Loch Lomond), Crianlarich, Dalmally and Inveraray	130 miles approx. 2 hours & 50 minutes

#### **Glasgow Airport (just West of Glasgow) to Crinan**

via Rest and Be Thankful	86.4 miles approx. 2 hours & 5 minutes
via Tarbet (Loch Lomond), Crianlarich, Dalmally and Inveraray	112 miles approx. 2 hours & 30 minutes

or from the Glasgow area, it might be worth considering taking a ferry

#### **Glasgow Airport (just West of Glasgow) to Crinan**

via Gourock & Dunoon Ferry	93.2 miles approx. 2 hours & 50 minutes
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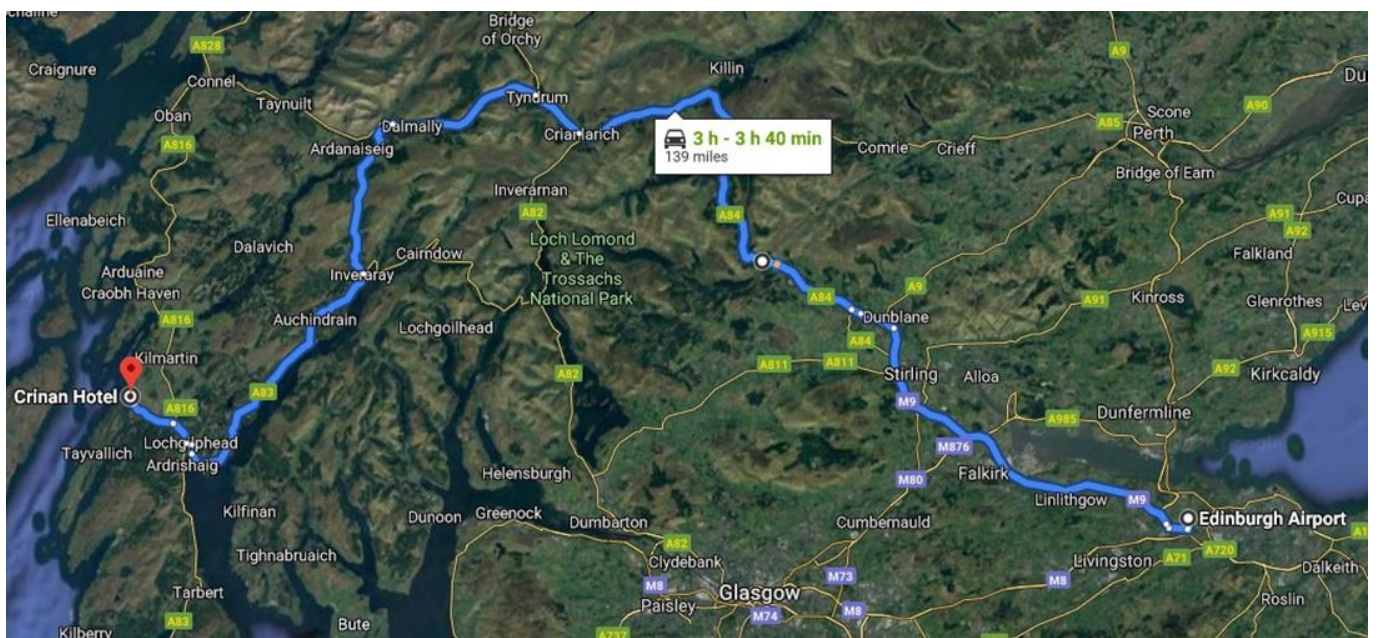
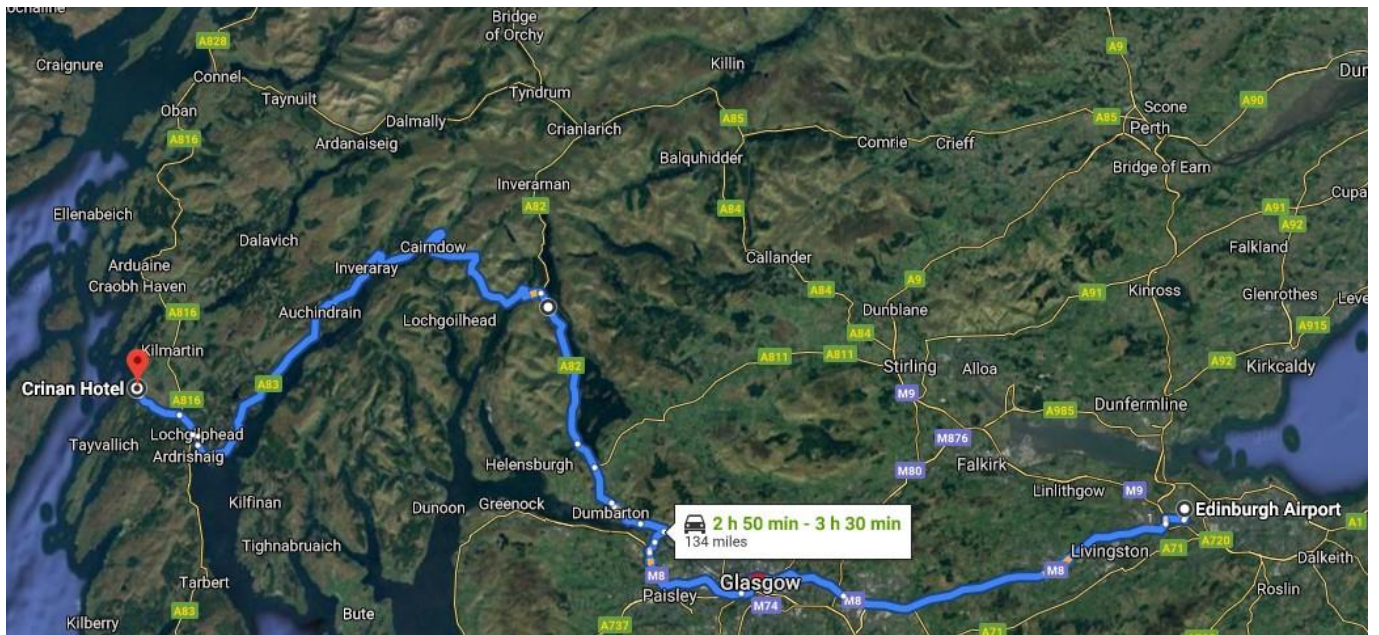
While the main road is closed, a convoy system may be operational on the "Old Military Road" which runs parallel to the stretch of road which is currently closed. As this operates 1 way traffic each direction in turn over quite a long distance, this can be quite a slow option and we have heard of people who just missed the end of traffic running in their direction waiting for over half an hour before it is their turn to move off.

N.B. all the driving times given above assume clear traffic. You can encounter slow vehicles or hold ups on any of these routes and at any time of year. Usually the traffic is lighter in the winter, but the weather can be worse which might also slow you down.

What we are trying to show is that the suggestion that the diversion is 60 miles is rather over-stated. Yes, of course if you drive all the way to where the road is closed and then backtrack, take the diversion and then drive all the way to the other end of the closed section and then turn around and backtrack, you can add 60 miles to your journey, but you really don't need to do that to get to Crinan from any normal starting point.

Updates about A83 closures can usually be found on the Bear Scotland website: <http://bears Scot.com/>

## Edinburgh Airport to Crinan. 1. via Rest & Be Thankful & 2 via Callander



### Directions

#### via Callander.

M9 to Stirling, A84 towards Callander, then Lochearnhead, then A85 to Crianlarich, then A82 to Tyndrum, then A85 to Dalmally

Shortly after Dalmally, take left on A819 to Inveraray

At Inveraray, join A83 and resume normal route to Crinan via Lochgilphead, Cairnbaan & Bellanoch

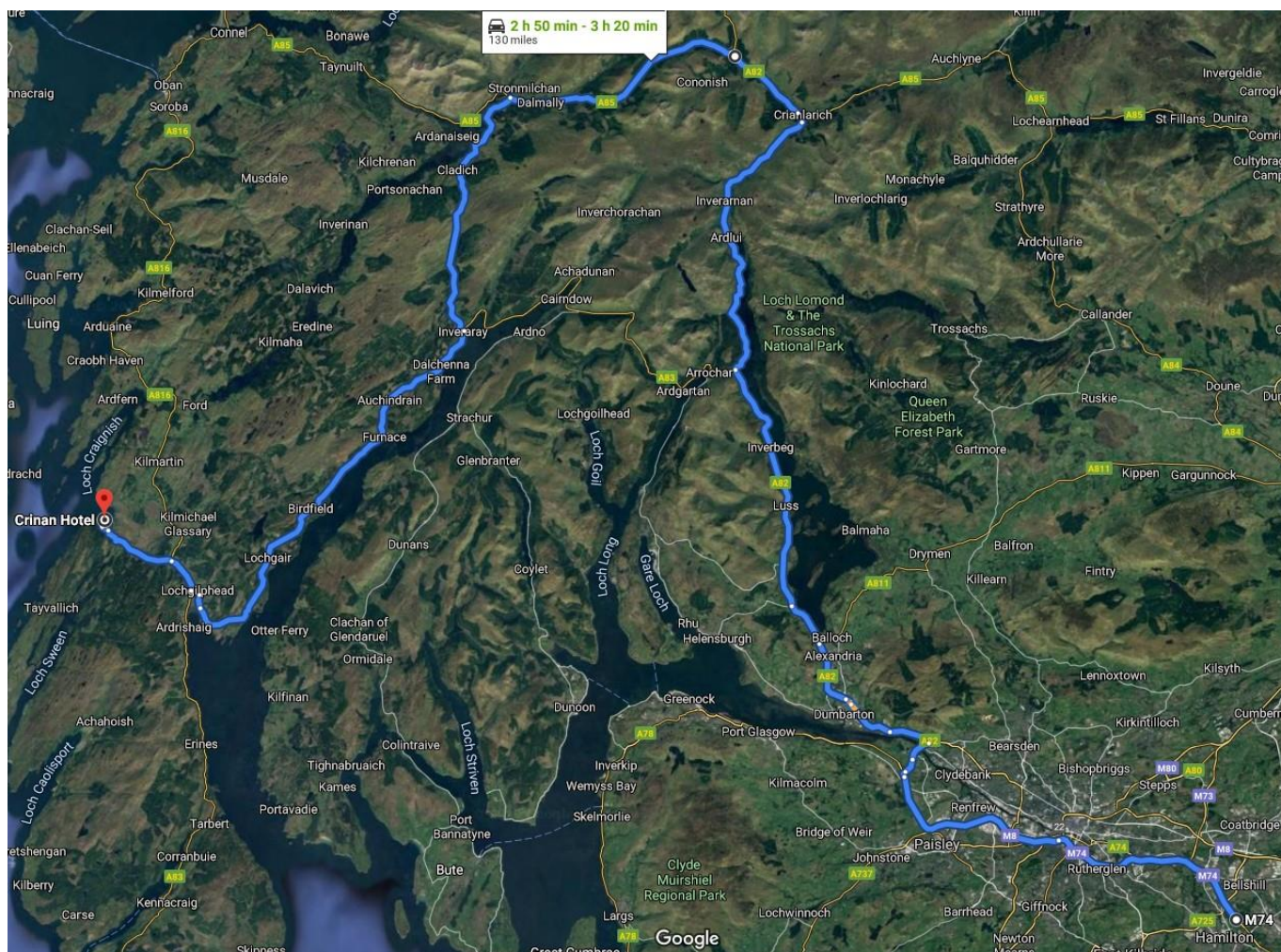
(At Lochgilphead follow the signs to A816 to Oban, After 2 miles take the left turn to Crinan through Cairnbaan on B841, Follow all signs to Crinan)



Hamilton Services to Crinan. 1. via Rest & Be Thankful, 2 via Callander & 3 via Loch Lomond & Dalmally







## Directions

### via Callander.

Shortly after Hamilton, take M73 then M80 towards Stirling then A84 towards Callander, then Lochearnhead, then A85 to Crianlarich, then A82 to Tyndrum, then A85 to Dalmally

Shortly after Dalmally, turn left on to A819 to Inveraray

At Inveraray, join A83 and resume normal route to Crinan via Lochgilphead, Cairnbaan & Bellanoch  
(At Lochgilphead follow the signs to A816 to Oban, After 2 miles take the left turn to Crinan through Cairnbaan on B841, Follow all signs to Crinan)

### via Loch Lomond

Follow M74 then M8 past Glasgow Airport.

Shortly after Glasgow Airport, take M898 over Erskine Bridge.

Bear left after the bridge and follow the A82 through Dumbarton and up the side of Loch Lomond

At Tarbet turn right to remain on the A82 and follow signs to Crianlarich.

At Crianlarich, take A82 to Tyndrum, then A85 to Dalmally

Shortly after Dalmally, follow instructions as above.