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Bruce Ryan OK, so FaceBollocks doesn't quite know where we are: it's actually http://www.culdoraghouse.com/ in Onich, and I'm supine, relaxing off fine munchies and two of these (see photo) enjoyed at the Onich hotel.

Getting here was slightly silly. We woke about and still managed to gaff enough to just get the 10:49 train from Haymarket to Glasgow Queen Street. After waving find bidigital salutes to the Borg (the building, not the people. Inmates at will understand - the rest of you will just have to ponder), we arrived at Queen Street, to get embroiled in a situation about our train to Fort William.

I'd bought tickets including cycle reservations to FW but the only proof I had of the contract with SnotRail to convey Lev and Fidel was an email with a reservation number: the ticket machine at Haymarket had not given us actual tickets for our steel steeds, and the guards on the train didn't have our reservation number on their list.

Anyway we insisted and smiled winsomely until they let us dangle the bikes in empty spaces in the luggage/bike section.

We then had further concerns: the train had six coaches: it was announced that coaches 1 and 2 were bound for Oban, coaches 3 and 4 were for Fort William and coaches 5 and 6 were for Mallaig. Our seat reservations were in coach 5 and the bikes were in coach 6. It eventually turned out that coaches 1 and 2 split off at Crianlarich, then head to Oban, while coaches 3, 4, 5 and 6 stay together as far as Fort William. At Fort William they split, coaches 5 and 6 going on to Mallaig and coaches 3 and 4 just staying at Fort William.

Getting out of Fort William Station and onto the A82 was a bit confusing. Lev and I got ahead of Elly and Fidel and didn't find a turning point until almost the end of the town. Having met up again, we headed south, being overtaken by lots of vehicles whose drivers clearly didn't know that solid double white lines at the centre of the road mean 'stay on your side of the road and don't overtake, knob-end!'

We missed the turnoff to our guest house and ended up in Onich village. Cue a lot of faffing trying to find the house's number: no cellphone data signal meant no way of looking up their website or using Google maps. 118118 were as clueless as Captain Hastings with a head full of Bolivian marching powder but eventually Elly got enough data signal to Google for the house's phone number.

Did that help? No! She just got their voicemail. Fortunately, a native then hove into view, grass skirt waving in the breeze. She directed us back up the road right to the turnoff to the house. On the unlocked front door was a wee note from the owner telling us to go in and get comfortable: they'd been called away but would see us at breakfast. How trusting is that?

So, some dumping of luggage later, we cycled back to Onich for the aforementioned beers and food.

I think this explains whv we've done 13 miles tonight instead of 9. Here's the

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Moral: know where we're going! Thanks to the guesthouse's wifi I have screenshots of the tomorrow's route to Oban. And anyway, there's only one sane way there: A82 to Loch Leven, A828 along Loch Linnhe and then across Loch Etive, then A85 to Oban. 34 miles on direct roads. No worries! — with Eleanor Emberson at Cuilcheanna House, Onich.

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