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Advice on getting to the conference

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Often, taking a plane seems like the most obvious solution – and as the conference this year is in Scotland, we’re aware that many of our delegates will be tempted to jump on a plane to get to Glasgow from various parts of the UK – but please consider these more environmentally friendly suggestions instead.

Clearly, we can’t provide travel information from every possible starting point, but we’ve tried to cover some of the major rail routes below. There may be a station on one of these routes that’s accessible to you, either by bus or a short car journey, so if searching for a journey from your local station on a planner (such as Trainline) doesn’t return an attractive option, try one of these instead.

This guide also covers coach travel, cycling and car-sharing, as well information about nearby electric car-charging points.

Travelling to Glasgow by train

The closest station to the hotel is Dalmuir. **Trains from Glasgow Central to Dalmuir** run several times an hour, cost from £2.15 and take 28 minutes on average (the slowest is 43 minutes and the fastest is 20 minutes).

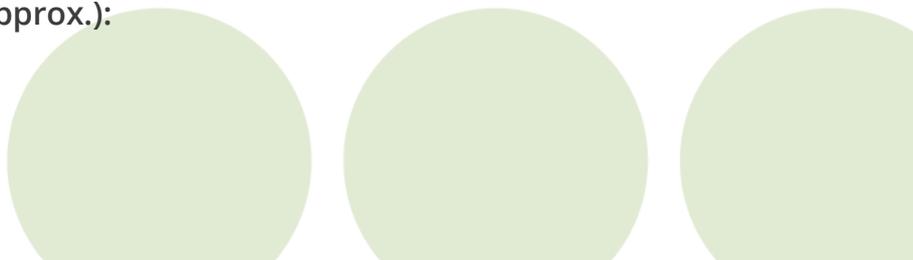
Trains from London:

Caledonian Sleeper (7hrs 30 mins approx.):

Prices from London start at £210.

London Euston – Watford Junction – Carlisle – Carstairs – Motherwell – Glasgow Central

Avanti West Coast (4hrs 30 mins approx.):



Prices from London start at £110.

London Euston – Watford Junction – Milton Keynes Central – Northampton – Rugby – Nuneaton – Tamworth – Lichfield Trent Valley – Stafford – Crewe – Warrington Bank Quay – Wigan North Western – Preston – Lancaster – Oxenholme Lake District – Penrith North Lakes – Carlisle – Lockerbie – Motherwell – Glasgow Central

Avanti West Coast (4hrs 30 mins approx.):

Prices from London start at £110.

London Euston – Watford Junction – Milton Keynes Central – Coventry – Birmingham International – Birmingham New Street – Sandwell and Dudley – Wolverhampton – Stafford – Crewe – Warrington Bank Quay – Wigan North Western – Preston – Lancaster – Oxenholme Lake District – Penrith North Lakes – Carlisle – Lockerbie – Motherwell – Glasgow Central

Lumo East Coast:

Prices for a return from London start at about £100.

London – Stevenage – Newcastle – Morpeth – Edinburgh

Although this train goes to Edinburgh rather than Glasgow, we've included it here as it's one of the cheapest options.

Trains from Leeds

Cross Country (4 hrs 20 mins approx.):

Leeds – York – Darlington – Durham – Newcastle – Morpeth – Alnmouth – Berwick-upon-Tweed – Dunbar – Edinburgh – Haymarket – Motherwell – Glasgow Central

Trains from Birmingham New Street

Avanti West Coast (4 hrs 35 mins approx.):

Birmingham New Street – Sandwell & Dudley – Wolverhampton – Stafford – Crewe – Warrington Bank Quay – Wigan North Western – Preston – Lancaster – Penrith North Lakes – Carlisle [change] – Lockerbie – Motherwell – Glasgow Central

Scotrail (4 hrs 15 mins approx.):

Birmingham New Street – Tamworth – Derby – Chesterfield – Sheffield – Wakefield Westgate – Leeds – York – Darlington – Durham – Newcastle – Alnmouth – Berwick-upon-Tweed – Edinburgh Waverley – Haymarket – Motherwell – Glasgow Central

Trains from Manchester Piccadilly

Avanti West Coast (3 hrs 20 mins approx.):

Manchester Piccadilly – Manchester Oxford Rd – Bolton – Preston – Lancaster – Oxenholme Lake District – Penrith North Lakes – Carlisle – Lockerbie – Motherwell – Glasgow Central

Trains from Liverpool Lime Street

Avanti West Coast (3 hrs 20 mins approx.):

Liverpool Lime Street – Huyton – St Helens Central – Wigan North Western – Euxton Balshaw Lane – Leyland – Preston [change] – Lancaster – Oxenholme Lake District – Carlisle – Glasgow Central

Trains from Bristol Temple Meads (via multiple cities and towns)

Scotrail (7 hrs 50 mins approx.):

Bristol Temple Meads – Bristol Parkway – Cheltenham Spa – Birmingham New Street – Tamworth – Derby – Chesterfield – Sheffield – Wakefield Westgate – Leeds – York – Darlington – Durham – Newcastle – Alnmouth – Berwick-upon-Tweed – Edinburgh Waverley – Haymarket – Motherwell – Glasgow Central

Trains from Cardiff (via Crewe)

Scotrail (7 hrs 20 mins approx.):

Cardiff Central – Cwmbran – Pontypool – Abergavenny – Hereford – Ludlow – Craven Arms – Church Stretton – Shrewsbury – Yorton – Wem – Prees – Whitchurch – Wrenbury – Nantwich – Crewe [change] – Warrington – Wigan – Preston – Lancaster – Oxenholme – Carlisle – Glasgow Central

Trains from Newcastle

Scotrail:

Newcastle – Carlisle – Dumfries – Kilmarnock – Barrhead – Glasgow

Trains from within Scotland

Scotrail:

Aberdeen – Dundee – Perth – Stirling – Glasgow

Inverness – Perth – Stirling – Glasgow

Falkirk Grahamston – Cumbernauld – Springburn – Glasgow

Travelling to Glasgow by coach

This is possibly the cheapest way to travel to Glasgow – prices from London start at £35 (return) for overnight coach travel. Have a look at **Check My Bus**, which details options for each route.

Cycling

If you're in the Glasgow area, why not get some exercise and fresh air and enjoy the sights by travelling by bike? There are racks at the front of the hotel where you can lock your bike.

The hotel is very close to National Route 7 on the National Cycling Network.

The Forth and Clyde Canal cycle path offers a lovely route into the centre.

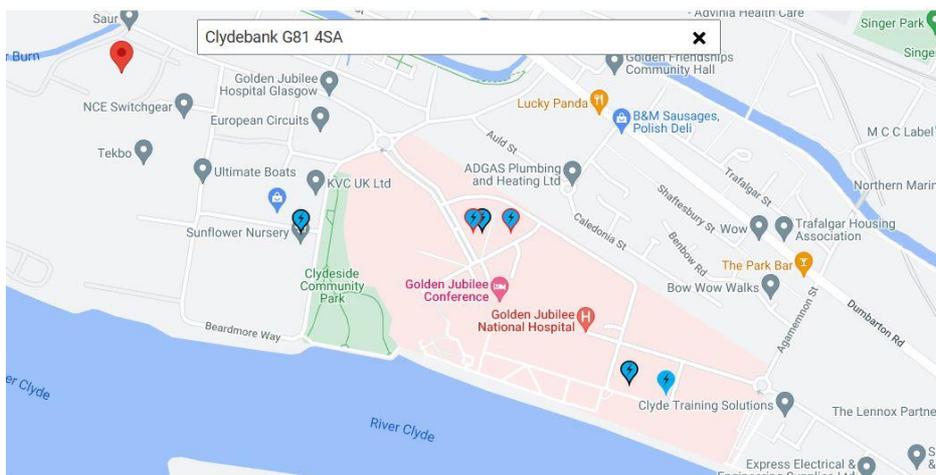
- From the west (Bowling): 12 miles – see route information [here](#).
- From the north-east (Kirkintilloch): 9 miles – see route information [here](#).

Alternatively, these sites can help you to plan your own cycling route:

cyclinguk.org
cycle.travel

Electric car charging

According to Zap-Map, there are five electric car charging stations within a mile of the hotel, including in the hotel car park.



Lift sharing

You could save some money and CO2 by sharing your car journey with someone else – perhaps make an informal arrangement with one (or more) of your CIEP colleagues.

Alternatively, you could consider using a lift-sharing site. (Including these links isn't an endorsement by the CIEP – you should decide for yourself if it's suitable for you.)

liftshare.com

gocarshare.com

Parking

If you arrive by car, there are more than 300 free parking spaces available at the conference hotel.

For satnav directions, use the postcode G81 4SA.

What3Words for the main entrance: firmly.drip.bless.

From the airport

While we hope that the advice offered here will encourage you to travel by an environmentally friendly means, we know that for some people flying is the only option.

The conference centre is a 20-minute drive from Glasgow International Airport, and a taxi should cost around £25.