

NEWSLINES

INTERNATIONAL

Through Eurostar services between London and Amsterdam are temporarily suspended in both directions from March 29 to April 22. This is due to the temporary closure of the Eurostar departure terminal at Amsterdam Centraal so that further renovation work can take place. During this period, passengers travelling between London and Amsterdam will have to change trains at Brussels (Table 10). When the work is complete, Amsterdam will have an increased capacity of 600 passengers per train.

Due to engineering work in Germany, *nightjet* 425/424 Brussels – Berlin was withdrawn from March 26 with no date specified for its return.

Due to engineering work in Austria, France and Germany, the following *nightjet* services are suspended on various dates in April and May:

- 469/468 Paris – Wien (Table 32)
- 40469/40424 Paris – Berlin (Table 30)
- 403/402 Amsterdam – Zürich (Table 73)
- 40459/40458 Zürich – Praha (Table 54)

Through TGV and Frecciarossa services between Paris and Milano recommenced from March 31 following the reopening of the key international route via Modane (Table 44).

The overnight *Baltic Express* service between Praha and Gdynia will convey a sleeping car during the summer. The southbound service from Gdynia (IC 461) will convey the sleeping car from April 14 to August 30 with the equivalent northbound train from Praha (IC 460) including the sleeping accommodation from April 15 to August 31. Table 63 has been updated accordingly. If successful, the addition of the sleeping car may be extended.

The currently suspended *nightjet* service between München and Roma (due to engineering work taking place in Austria) will recommence from July 14 and will continue to run on its normal route until September 28. From September 29 it will be diverted in Italy to run to and from Milano; the *nightjet* service between Wien and Roma will also be diverted to and from Milano from the same date. The Wien – Milano – La Spezia through coaches will be curtailed to only run between Wien and Milano from June 1 to September 28 (with the associated through coaches from /to München operating from July 14 to September 28). Full details of these changes will be found in Table 71.

GREAT BRITAIN

The following tables have been updated to show their respective summer services:

- Table 211 – North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- Table 227 – Bus/ferry services between Inverness and Stornoway
- Table 229 – Isle of Man Railways

FRANCE

In conjunction with the reopening of the international route via Modane on March 31, the useful bus link providing connections to and from Briançon has been rerouted to once again connect with trains at Oulx. The panel below Table 358 has been updated with the new timings. There are three daily journeys in each direction with a fourth running at weekends. Note that tickets must be purchased on-line at least 48 hours before departure.

SPAIN

From April 8, Spanish Railways will introduce a third AVE service in each direction between Barcelona and Málaga via Madrid (Tables 650 and 660).

The early afternoon *Ouigo* trains 6540 and 6541 between Barcelona and Madrid have been temporarily withdrawn on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until June 29 (Table 650).

Engineering work on the approaches to Madrid Puerta de Atocha station is affecting services on the high-speed line to and from Barcelona (Table 650). Journey times have been extended by seven minutes through a combination of earlier departures and later arrivals. These changes are expected to remain in place until at least the end of the year.

A new *Intercity* service will run six days a week from April 11 between Madrid and Logroño, unusually via Valladolid (Tables 654 and 689). The existing *Alvia* services between the two cities run via Calatayud.

From April 23, AVE 2062 Sevilla – Madrid and AVE 3093 Madrid – Figueras will combine to form a new through service numbered 2561.

The four times a week *avlo* service 4775/4664 Madrid – A Coruña has been withdrawn, while the three times a week *avlo* 4975/4864 Madrid – Vigo service now operates daily (Table 680). Also withdrawn is the Madrid – Vigo train pair *avlo* 4484/4165.

PORTUGAL

The short branch line from Coimbra B to Coimbra was permanently closed in January and so all relevant Portuguese tables have been updated. Frequent bus services operate between Coimbra B station and central Coimbra. The main-line station will continue to be referred to as Coimbra B for the time being (the 'B' stands for *Bifurcação* – junction in English) but the 'B' suffix may be dropped in the future.

GERMANY

Timings shown in the German section are valid from April 17 to June 6, a period when a section of the important Mannheim to Stuttgart high-speed line is closed for essential maintenance. This has resulted in major alterations to many long-distance services with some trains diverted via alternative routes (resulting in considerably extended journey times) while others are either curtailed or suspended. Note that long-distance services between Köln and Koblenz are also being diverted during this period and do not call at Bonn Hbf; journey times are extended and certain services that normally run as through trains via Köln Hbf, instead start from or terminate at Köln Hbf with no connection between them. Readers planning journeys in Germany until April 16 are advised to consult previous editions.

The summer schedules of the *Harzer Schmalspurbahnen*, valid from April 25, have now been confirmed and timings will be found in a separate version of Table 867 on page 578.

UKRAINE

From March 31 to July 31 station reconstruction and track repair work will affect services between Uzhhorod, Chop and Lviv. Some services will be diverted from Uzhhorod via the secondary line to Lviv via Sambir, while others will start and terminate at Mukachevo. Revised timings will be found in Table 1715.

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