

What's new this month

WELCOME

As well as the latest updates to schedules around Europe, this month's edition of the *European Rail Timetable* includes full details of the new Swedish timetable introduced this month.

ROUTE OF THE MONTH

In this month's article, Nicky Gardner and Susanne Kries, editors of *hidden europe* magazine, report on a rare chance to ride in the cab of a Eurostar service from Paris to London. This route was previously featured in the May 2013 edition with a description of a journey from London to Paris. On page 35 you will find an alternative account of a journey on the same route, but this time from the driver's perspective.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Some of the best value tickets available in Europe are the regional German Ländertickets which allow unlimited journeys for most of the day on regional trains of the various German states and, in many cases, beyond the state boundaries. This month's feature, which will be found on page 36, provides an overview of how these tickets work and the benefits they offer for travel around the German regions.

INTERNATIONAL

Eurostar has released timings for the 2015/2016 winter ski services between London and Bourg St Maurice. Please be aware that, as Christmas Day falls on a Friday this year, the first overnight departure will not be until January 1. These services are now open for booking and Table 9 has been updated with the new timings.

Eurostar has also issued advance timings for its London to Marseille and Marne la Vallée-Chessy services from the timetable change on December 13. The Marseille service will continue to run once a week, on Saturdays, until March 19. From March 25 the number of departures will increase to three a week, running additionally on Mondays and Fridays. Services to Marne la Vallée will continue to run four days a week, increasing to six during holiday periods (except for a five week break from January 3). Timings for both of these services will be found in a special table on page 34.

This month we have made further changes to our international tables, this time concerning routes to Spain and Portugal. Table 46 is now dedicated to showing international links to Portugal from London, Paris and Madrid. A new Table 47 has been created to separately show the journey options between London, Paris and Madrid. The previous Table 47, for services on the Frankfurt – Strasbourg – Lyon – Marseille route, has been renumbered 48 as a result.

Readers are reminded that disruption to *ICE* and *Thalys* services between Brussels and Köln will continue until August 9, after which services should return to normal. We have included a special table on page 34 to help with journey planning during the disruption.

ICE services between Amsterdam and Frankfurt will be disrupted from August 15 to 30 with diversions in place between Amsterdam and Köln. A summary of the revised timings will be found in special panels below Table 910.

GREAT BRITAIN

During the whole of August, the main line between Chippenham and Bath Spa is temporarily closed so that major work can be carried out in the Box Tunnel as part of the ongoing project to electrify the route between London and Bristol. During the closure all services between London and Bristol are diverted, running non-stop between Swindon and Bristol Temple Meads with one train an hour extended to and from Bath Spa. A service is also running between London and Chippenham, with a replacement bus service available between Chippenham and Bath Spa. In addition, the line between Bath Spa and Trowbridge is closed during the same period affecting services on the Bristol to Portsmouth and Bristol to Weymouth routes. Readers intending to use any of these services during August are strongly advised to confirm timings locally before travelling.

IRELAND

Bus Éireann and Ulsterbus have issued a new timetable for the summer period on their jointly run Dublin to Londonderry service (Table 234).

FRANCE

Last month we reported on the planned reopening of the two local branch lines from Nantes to Pornic and St Gilles Croix de Vie, following a lengthy closure period to allow modernisation work to take place. Unfortunately, no sooner had our files been dispatched to the printers, we received news that a very late decision had been made to postpone the reopening! Services are now expected to remain substituted by bus between Ste-Pazanne and the two branch termini until August 30 (Table 299).

SPAIN

Intercity trains 394/393 between Sevilla and Cádiz (Table 671) have been reclassified *Media Distancia* and renumbered 13394/13393.

Owing to engineering works between Barcelona and València, services on this route are subject to alteration from August 1 to September 6, with extended journey times (Table 672).

The joint operators of the international bus service between Sevilla and Lagos, EVA Transportes and DAMAS, have issued a new timetable valid until June 30, 2016 and Table 676 has been updated accordingly.

SWEDEN

New schedules will be introduced in early August on several routes and consequently all tables have been updated. Most tables are valid from August 3 but changes on some routes take place up to a week later.

The most significant change sees an improvement to services between Stockholm and Oslo from August 9 when *IC* trains will be replaced by faster *Snabbtåg* services with fewer intermediate stops. The two train pairs will be supplemented by a third service on weekdays (Table 750).

GERMANY

All services between München and Nürnberg via Ingolstadt have been running to a revised timetable since March 29 as work continues to upgrade the route between München and Ingolstadt. This phase of work will end on August 23 after which services will return to their normal schedules. Consequently, in this edition, Tables 904 and 905 are only valid until August 23. Full details of the service from August 24 will be included in the September edition.

From August 29 the main-line tracks of the Berlin Stadtbahn will be closed between Berlin Zoo and Berlin Ostbahnhof. During the closure regional and long-distance services will not operate via this route, although frequent S-Bahn services will continue to run as normal. Most *ICE*, *EC* and *IC* services will be diverted via the low-level platforms at Berlin Hbf with a small number of trains diverted to Berlin Gesundbrunnen. Most regional services will simply not run over the closed section, although the Wismar to Cottbus service (Table 837) will run to a revised timetable via Berlin Gesundbrunnen and Lichtenberg. Updated timings for all affected services will be included in the September edition and, in the case of long-distance services, will remain in place until the December timetable change. Most regional services are expected to return to normal in late November.

RUSSIA

Russian Railways has commenced running a new Moskva – St Peterburg – Tallin service, previously run by GoRail (Table 1870). Unusually, the trains serve different St Peterburg stations in opposing directions with train 34AJ (Moskva to Tallinn) calling at St Peterburg Glavny (Moskovski) and train 34KH (Tallinn to Moskva) calling at St Peterburg Ladozhski.

BEYOND EUROPE

This month's Beyond Europe section covers South East Asia, Australia and New Zealand with tables numbered 6000 to 6510.

A new timetable was introduced in Malaysia on July 1 and our tables have been updated with the new schedules. All Intercity trains now start from/terminate at Johor Bahru Sentral, no longer extending to Woodlands on the Singapore side of the causeway. A shuttle train operates between JB Sentral and Woodlands, although connections with Intercity trains are not guaranteed (Table 6000). Please note that, due to flooding, all services to Tumpat are currently suspended (Table 6010).

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BEYOND EUROPE

In Thailand, services between Bangkok and Chiang Mai have been accelerated following recent improvements on the route (Table 6060). Due to low passenger numbers the non-stop rail service to Suvarnabhumi International Airport has been suspended, although regular stopping trains continue to run unaltered (Table 6075).

PT Kereta Api has made numerous alterations to its schedules including many train number and timing changes. Our Indonesian tables have been updated with the latest changes.

In Australia, the Townsville to Tennant Creek Greyhound bus service has been extended to Alice Springs (Table 6320). New Indian Pacific schedules come into effect on August 2 and are shown in Table 6390.

NEXT MONTH

In our September edition we will be including the first sixteen pages of our **Winter International Supplement** which will contain selected timings for services from the timetable change on December 13.

PARIS - BRUSSELS - KÖLN

Valid June 27 - August 9

train type train number notes	ICE	⇌	⇌	ICE	⇌	ICE	⇌	ICE	⇌	train type train number notes	⇌	⇌	ICE	⇌	ICE	⇌	⇌	ICE	⇌	⇌	ICE
	11	9401	9413	15	9437	17	9461	19	9473		9412	9412	18	9424	16	9448	14	9472	9484	10	
Paris Nord.....d.	...	0601	0801	...	1201	...	1601	...	1801	Frankfurt (Main) Hbf.....d.	⑦	①-⑥	...	0510g	...	0830	...	...	...	1829
Brussels Midi/Zuid.....a.	...	0723	0923	...	1323	...	1723	...	1923	Frankfurt Flughafen +.....d.	...	...	0525g	...	0845	...	...	...	...	1843
Brussels Midi/Zuid.....d.	0625	0728	0928	1025	1328	1300	1728	1825	1928	Essen Hbf.....d.	0540	0540	...	...	...	...	...	...	1728	...
Brussels Nord.....d.	0633	...	1034	...	...	...	1834	...	...	Duisburg Hbf.....d.	0553	0554	...	...	...	...	...	...	1748	...
Liège Guillemins.....d.	0712	0814	1014	1114	1414	1350	1814	1914	2014	Düsseldorf Hbf.....d.	0610	0617	...	...	...	...	...	...	1817	...
Aachen 𠄎.....a.	0737	0836	1036	1136	1436	1413	1836	1936	2036	Köln Hbf.....a.	...	...	0640g	...	0939	...	...	...	1939	...
Aachen 𠄎.....d.	0746	0846	1046	1146	1446	1419	1846	1946	2046	Köln Hbf.....d.	...	...	0645	0743	0943	1143	1443	1543	1943	...
Köln Hbf.....a.	0915	1015	1215	1315	...	1615	2015	2109	...	Aachen 𠄎.....d.	0707	0712	0816	0912	1112	1312	1615	1713	1912	2115	
Köln Hbf.....d.	0920	...	...	...	1620	...	2128	...	...	Aachen 𠄎.....d.	0724	0724	0821	0924	1121	1324	1621	1724	1924	2124
Düsseldorf Hbf.....a.	...	...	...	...	1558	...	2157	...	...	Liège Guillemins.....a.	0749	0749	0844	0946	1144	1346	1644	1746	1946	2144
Duisburg Hbf.....a.	...	...	...	...	1615	...	2214	...	...	Brussels Nord.....a.	...	...	0926	...	1226	...	1726	...	2226	...
Essen Hbf.....a.	...	...	...	...	1633	...	2232	...	...	Brussels Midi/Zuid.....a.	0832	0832	0935	1032	1235	1432	1735	1832	2032	2235
Frankfurt Flughafen +.....a.	1010	...	...	...	1715z	...	2216	...	...	Brussels Midi/Zuid.....d.	0837	0837	...	1037	...	1437	...	1837	2037	...
Frankfurt (Main) Hbf.....a.	1024	...	...	...	1730z	...	2230	...	...	Paris Nord.....a.	0959	0959	...	1159	...	1559	...	1959	2159	...

g - ① only.

z - 14-16 minutes later on ⑥⑦.

⇌ - Thalys high-speed train. 𠄎. Special fares payable.

LONDON - MARSEILLE / MARNE LA VALLÉE

Advance timings valid from December 13, 2015

train type train number train number notes	☆	☆	☆	train type train number train number notes	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
	9084 9085	9074	9074		9057	9057	9057	9087 9086	9087 9086
London St Pancras.....d.	...	0719	...	Marseille St Charles.....d.	...	...	...	1522	...
Ebbsfleet International.....d.	...	...	1014	1024	...	...	...	1559	...
Ashford International.....d.	...	0755	...	1034	1044	...	...	1725	...
Lille Europe 𠄎.....a.	...	...	1058	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marne la Vallée 𠄎.....a.	...	...	1254	1254	...	1652	1654	1802	...
Lyon Part Dieu.....a.	...	...	1402	1402	...	...	...	2021	2136
Avignon TGV.....a.	1300	...	...	...	1806	...	1904	...	2134
Avignon TGV.....a.	1408	...	...	...	1827	1827	1926	...	...
Marseille St Charles.....a.	1446	...	...	...	1847	1847	1946	...	2212

A - ①③⑤⑦ (daily Dec. 19 - Jan. 3, Feb. 12-20, Mar. 25 - Apr. 11, May 27 - June 6); also Apr. 30; not Dec. 25, Jan. 4 - Feb. 6, Feb. 21.

B - ⑤⑦ ①⑤⑥⑦ Dec. 13 - Jan. 3, Feb. 12-20, Mar. 25 - Apr. 10, May 27 - June 5; also Apr. 30; not Dec. 25, Jan. 4 - Feb. 6, Feb. 21.

C - ①③ (also Dec. 22, 24, 29, 31, Feb. 16, 18, Mar. 29, 31, Apr. 5, 7, May 31, June 2).

G - Runs on Feb. 21 only.

K - ⑥ Dec. 13 - Mar. 24; ①⑤⑥ Mar. 25 - July 2.

☆ - Eurostar train. 𠄎, ✕ in Business Premier (not available to/from Marne la Vallée - Chessy) and Standard Premier, 𠄎 in Standard. Special fares payable. Minimum check-in time 30 minutes. Not available for London - Ashford or v.v. journeys. Valid Dec. 13 - July 2.

⊗ - Calls to set down only.

§ - Marne la Vallée - Chessy (station for Disneyland).

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