

What's new this month

WELCOME

Welcome to this month's edition of the *European Rail Timetable* which includes various updates to rail and bus schedules around Europe.

Readers are reminded that, in addition to our regular printed timetable, there is now a digital version available for you to download onto your smartphone, tablet, eBook and to view on your computer. Please check our website for further information regarding this new way to obtain the European Rail Timetable (www.europeanrailtimetable.eu).

ROUTE OF THE MONTH

Nicky Gardner and Susanne Kries, our regular roving travel writers, report on a recent journey through the borderlands of southern Bohemia from České Budějovice, in the Czech Republic, to the Austrian city of Linz. They decided to break their journey at Rybník, a few kilometres from the Austrian border, so they could also enjoy a trip along the scenic branch line to Lipno nad Vltavou. The description of their journey, which includes a fascinating insight into one of the train names used on this route, will be found on page 34.

TIP OF THE MONTH

For our *Tip of the Month*, which will be found on page 35, Nicky and Susanne suggest some locations where it is possible to break up a long rail journey by swapping the train for a boat. The Elbe, Rhine and Danube rivers are just three examples of where it is possible to easily switch modes and enjoy the scenery at a much slower pace. Many river boat schedules are featured in the *European Rail Timetable*, including all of the examples described in this month's article.

INTERNATIONAL

Eurostar has announced details of its winter ski schedules to Bourg St Maurice for the 2016/2017 season. Trains are now open for booking and timings will be found in our updated Table 9.

From September 4, Polish train **TLK 31011** Kraków – Warszawa – Białystok – Suwałki (and return train **13010**) are to be extended to and from Mockava, just across the border in Lithuania. The trains will be renumbered **141/140** and we understand connections will be available to and from Kaunas (Table 93).

Train **52/51** Warszawa – Kraków – Przemysł – Lviv now conveys a Wrocław portion (Table 97).

An enhanced *ICE* service between Brussels and Frankfurt is expected to be introduced from the December timetable change and we have included the proposed timings in a special table on page 36.

GREAT BRITAIN

Progress is being made on repairs to the Settle to Carlisle line with many rail services now running as far as Armthwaite. However, there are still a number of services which do not run north of Appleby. Bus replacement services continue to be provided for journeys to and from Carlisle. Table 173 has been updated with the latest timings which are valid until further notice. Recent reports suggest that the line should fully reopen in March 2017.

We have added an additional page to our British section which has been used to improve the presentation of our Scottish tables. The Edinburgh/Glasgow to Inverness panel, previously shown as part of Table 222, now has its own dedicated table, numbered 223. This has allowed us to add connecting trains between Glasgow and Perth, and also to show the Edinburgh connections more clearly. Table 226, which covers services north of Inverness, has also been expanded and now includes all services within the main table.

FRANCE

An event which previously passed us by is reopening of the Oloron-St-Marie to Bedous line in the Pyrénées (we are grateful to several readers who contacted us about this). Schedules valid until September 25 show six train pairs with appropriate bus connections to Canfranc in Spain (Table 324). There are some improved connections at Canfranc for onward journeys to Spanish destinations (see Table 670).

Last month we reported on the uncertain future of many overnight services in France. Since then, it has been confirmed that most will continue to run as normal for the time being. The only service that has been affected is the couchette train between eastern and southern France shown in Table 379. We understand that only the Strasbourg to Nice portion is now running, with the Luxembourg to Nice, Luxembourg to Cerbère and Strasbourg to Cerbère portions all withdrawn. We will continue to monitor the situation closely.

SPAIN

The morning *AVE* service **10830** Zaragoza – Madrid – Sevilla and corresponding evening return (train **10831**) have been withdrawn (Tables 650 and 660).

New schedules on the Lleida to La Pobla route started on July 25 and full details will be found in Table 655.

The service between Benidorm and Dénia has been reduced in frequency from hourly to every 75 minutes. Journey times have also been extended (Table 667).

The Saturdays only 0751 *Reginal Exprés* departure from Tortosa to València is retimed to depart 66 minutes earlier and run in the same path as the Mondays to Fridays service. The 0815 *Reginal Exprés* service from València to Tortosa has also been retimed, departing 0750 on Mondays to Saturdays and 0905 on Sundays (Table 672).

Eva Transportes and *Damas S.A.*, who jointly run the international bus service between Sevilla and Lagos, have issued a new timetable from July 1 which includes some extended journey times (Table 676).

PORTUGAL

One Porto to Régua *IR* train is being extended to and from Tua on Mondays to Fridays until September 23 (Table 694).

The Lisboa to Faro route (Table 697) has an additional out and back journey on Saturdays until the end of August, and there is an extra summer journey on Friday evenings southbound and Sunday evenings northbound. An additional Lagos to Tunes journey connects with the Sunday train.

ITALY

Further updates have been made this month to our Italian tables. Several periods of engineering work have resulted in schedule variations during the currency of this timetable, the most serious of which are listed below.

A bus replacement service will operate between Catania and Siracusa until September 3; this will also affect all long-distance trains which will terminate and originate at Catania (Table 641).

Services on the Torino/Milano – Pisa – Roma axis, and between Parma and La Spezia, will be liable to disruption from October 9 to November 5 (Tables 610, 611 and 612).

Services on the Genova to Ventimiglia route are subject to alteration from November 2 when all trains between Allassio and Ventimiglia are cancelled. Local trains will operate between Genova and Allassio, and *IC* services between Genova and Albenga (Table 580). The situation regarding *Thello* services is unclear at the moment, but we hope to show an amended version of Table 580 in our November edition.

Elsewhere, the Aosta to Pré Saint Didier route has been deleted from Table 586 following withdrawal of rail services; readers are reminded that an hourly bus service still operates between these points on the route to Courmayeur (shown in Table 368).

SWEDEN

Following a request from a reader, local services between Malmö and Trelleborg have been added to Table 731, thereby making it easier to plan journeys by rail and ship to Germany.

FINLAND

The validity of our Finnish section has been extended to cover the service through to the mid-December timetable change.

There have been a number of alterations to bus schedules in northern Finland, some of which affect connections with rail services at Rovaniemi. Tables 789 and 794 have been updated with the latest timings.

ALBANIA

Following industrial action taken on July 8, services have once again been reduced. There is now just a single return journey between Kashar (for Tiranë) and Durrës (Table 1390).

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TURKEY

Last month we reported on major upgrade work taking place in and around Ankara which is expected to disrupt services in the area for about 18 months. Table 1570 has now been updated to reflect the amended schedules of high-speed services which, in general, have an additional 10 minutes allowed per train between Sincan and Ankara, and an extra 5 minutes between Eskişehir and Pendik. Travellers should be aware that the Kayas – Ankara – Sincan suburban service (not shown in our tables) has been withdrawn for the duration of the work. Services shown in Tables 1575 and 1582 have also been affected with some trains suspended.

The *Pamukkale Ekspresi* between Eskişehir and Denizli has been completely retimed in both directions (Tables 1581 and 1587). Previously scheduled for morning departures, they now start their journeys mid-afternoon, at 1540 from both Eskişehir and Denizli, arriving at their destination late evening.

BEYOND EUROPE

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

Since this section last appeared, KTMB in Malaysia has completely reissued its timetable. Although they show the *International Express* trains 35 and 36 as running to and from Butterworth, other sources seem to indicate that a change of trains at Padang Besar is required.

We have added a new Table 6090 showing the recently reintroduced rail services in Cambodia.

LONDON and BRUSSELS - FRANKFURT

From December 12, 2016. Subject to confirmation.

train type train number notes	ICE 11 ①-⑥	⇄ 9401	ICE 13 ①-⑤	ICE 13 ⑥-⑦	⇄ 9413	⇄ 9315	☆ 9108 ①	☆ 9110 ②-⑤	☆ 9110 ⑥	ICE 15	☆ 9116 ①-⑤	☆ 9116 ⑥-⑦	⇄ 9327	ICE 211 ⑤-⑦	⇄ 9437
London St Pancras.....d.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0613	0650	0657	...	0855	0858	...	...
Ebbsfleet International.....d.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0630	0707	...	...	0914	0915	...	...
Ashford International.....d.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0652	0728	0728	...	...	...	...	...
Lille Europe.....d.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0933	0930	...	...	1130	1133	...	...
Paris Nord.....d.	...	0601	...	...	0755	0825	...	...	...	...	...	1025	...	...	1155
Brussels Midi/Zuid.....d.	...	0723	...	...	0917	0947	0958	1007	1005	...	...	1205	1208	1147	...
Brussels Midi/Zuid.....d.	0625	0728	0816	0825	0928	...	...	...	...	1025	...	...	...	1225	1328
Brussels Nord.....d.	0633	...	0834	...	0928	...	...	...	...	1034	...	...	...	1234	...
Liège Guillemins.....d.	0710	0811	0912	0912	1011	...	...	...	...	1112	...	...	...	1312	1411
Liège Guillemins.....d.	0712	0814	0914	0914	1014	...	...	...	...	1114	...	...	...	1314	1414
Aachen Hbf.....d.	0737	0836	0936	0936	1036	...	...	...	...	1136	...	...	...	1336	1436
Köln Hbf.....d.	0815	0915	1015	1015	1115	...	...	...	...	1215	...	...	...	1415	1515
Köln Hbf.....d.	0827	...	1027	1027	...	...	...	...	...	1218	...	...	...	1418	...
Frankfurt Flughafen +.....d.	0916	...	1116	1116	...	...	...	...	...	1316	...	...	...	1516	...
Frankfurt (Main) Hbf.....d.	0930	...	1130	1130	...	...	...	...	...	1330	...	...	...	1530	...

train type/number train number notes	⇄ 9339	⇄ 9341 ①-⑤	☆ 9126	ICE 17 ①-⑤	ICE 17 ⑥-⑦	⇄ 9351	ICE 215 ⑥	☆ 9132	☆ 9136 ⑤-⑦	⇄ 9461	☆ 9140 ⑥	⇄ 9365 ⑥	ICE 19	☆ 9144 ⑥	⇄ 9473
London St Pancras.....d.	1058	...	...	...	...	1258	1404	...	1504	...	...	1604	...
Ebbsfleet International.....d.	1115	...	...	...	...	1315	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ashford International.....d.
Lille Europe.....d.	1330	...	...	...	...	1533	1630	...	1730	...	...	1830	...
Paris Nord.....d.	1225	1246	...	...	1425	...	...	1555	...	1655	...	...	...	1755	...
Brussels Midi/Zuid.....d.	1347	1412	1405	...	1547	...	...	1608	1705	1717	1805	1817	...	1905	1917
Brussels Midi/Zuid.....d.	1425	1425	...	1616	...	...	1728	...	...	1825	...	1928	...
Brussels Nord.....d.	1434	1434	...	1627	...	...	...	...	1834	...	...	...	...
Liège Guillemins.....d.	1512	1512	...	1712	...	...	1811	...	...	1912	...	2011	...
Liège Guillemins.....d.	1514	1514	...	1714	...	...	1814	...	...	1914	...	2014	...
Aachen Hbf.....d.	1536	1536	...	1736	...	...	1836	...	...	1936	...	2036	...
Köln Hbf.....d.	1615	1615	...	1815	...	...	1915	...	...	2015	...	2115	...
Köln Hbf.....d.	1620	1620	...	1827	...	...	...	...	...	2028	...	...	...
Frankfurt Flughafen +.....d.	1709	1726	...	1916	...	...	...	...	...	2116	...	...	...
Frankfurt (Main) Hbf.....d.	1730	1741	...	1930	...	...	...	...	...	2130	...	...	...

train type train number notes	⇄ 9412	ICE 18	⇄ 9322	☆ 9125 ①-⑤	⇄ 9424	ICE 214	⇄ 9334 ⑥-⑦	☆ 9336 ①-⑤	☆ 9133 ①-⑥	ICE 16 ⑦	ICE 16 ①-⑥	⇄ 9448	☆ 9141 ⑦	☆ 9141 ①-⑥
Frankfurt (Main) Hbf.....d.	...	0629	...	...	...	0829	...	...	...	1016	1029	...	...	...
Frankfurt Flughafen +.....d.	...	0643	...	...	...	0843	...	...	...	1031	1045	...	...	...
Köln Hbf.....d.	...	0739	...	...	...	0939	...	...	...	1132	1132	...	...	...
Köln Hbf.....d.	0645	0743	...	...	0845	0943	...	...	...	1143	1143	...	...	...
Aachen Hbf.....d.	0724	0821	...	...	0924	1021	...	...	...	1221	1221	...	...	...
Liège Guillemins.....d.	0749	0844	...	...	0946	1044	...	...	...	1244	1244	...	...	...
Liège Guillemins.....d.	0752	0846	...	...	0949	1046	...	...	...	1246	1246	...	...	...
Brussels Nord.....d.	...	0926	...	...	1026	1126	...	...	...	1326	1326	...	...	...
Brussels Midi/Zuid.....d.	0832	0935	...	...	1032	1135	...	...	...	1335	1335	...	...	...
Brussels Midi/Zuid.....d.	0843	...	1013	1056	1043	...	1213	1237	1252	...	...	1443	1452	1456
Paris Nord.....d.	1005	...	1135	...	1205	...	1335	1359	...	...	...	1605	...	...
Lille Europe.....d.	...	...	1130	...	...	...	...	1326	...	...	...	1526	1532	...
Ashford International.....d.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ebbsfleet International.....d.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1345	...	...	1545	1545
London St Pancras.....d.	...	...	1157	...	...	...	...	1405	...	...	...	1605	1605	...

train type train number notes	⇄ 9448	ICE 210 ⑤-⑦	⇄ 9358	⇄ 9149 ⑤	⇄ 9149 ⑦	ICE 14	⇄ 9370 ⑥	☆ 9157 ⑥	⇄ 9472	ICE 12	⇄ 9382	⇄ 9484	ICE 10	⇄ 9394 ⑦
Frankfurt (Main) Hbf.....d.	...	1229	...	...	...	1429	...	...	...	1629	...	...	...	1829
Frankfurt Flughafen +.....d.	...	1243	...	...	...	1443	...	...	...	1643	...	...	...	1843
Köln Hbf.....d.	...	1332	...	...	...	1533	...	...	...	1733	...	...	...	1939
Köln Hbf.....d.	1245	1343	...	...	...	1542	...	...	1644	1743	...	1844	...	1943
Aachen Hbf.....d.	1324	1421	...	...	...	1621	...	...	1724	1821	...	1924	...	2021
Liège Guillemins.....d.	1346	1444	...	...	...	1644	...	...	1746	1844	...	1946	...	2044
Liège Guillemins.....d.	1349	1446	...	...	...	1646	...	...	1749	1846	...	1949	...	2046
Brussels Nord.....d.	...	1526	...	...	...	1726	...	...	...	1926	...	...	...	2126
Brussels Midi/Zuid.....d.	1432	1535	...	...	...	1735	...	...	1832	1935	...	2032	...	2135
Brussels Midi/Zuid.....d.	1443	...	1613	1656	1656	...	1813	1856	...	2013	2043	...	...	2213
Paris Nord.....d.	1605	...	1735	1736	1736	...	1935	...	2005	...	2135	2205	...	2335
Lille Europe.....d.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1930	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ashford International.....d.	...	...	...	1734	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ebbsfleet International.....d.	...	...	...	...	1745	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
London St Pancras.....d.	...	...	...	1806	1803	...	...	1957	...	...	...	...	...	...

☆ – Eurostar train. ①, ✕ in Business Premier and Standard Premier, ② in Standard. Special fares payable. Minimum check-in time 30 minutes. Not available for journeys London – Ebbsfleet – Ashford or v.v.

⇄ – Thalys high-speed train. ①, ②. Special fares payable.