

NEWSLINES

INTERNATIONAL

Advance news from the December timetable change: Train **EC 52** Milano – Frankfurt will be diverted to run via the Gotthard Base Tunnel, instead of using the Lötschberg route via Brig (Tables **73** and **82**). The equivalent southbound service, **EC 151** Frankfurt – Milano, already operates via the Gotthard route and will remain unchanged.

IRELAND

Additional *Enterprise* cross-border services are running for the summer season between Belfast and Dublin on Thursdays to Sundays until September 3 (Table **230**).

SWITZERLAND

Timings along the Genève – Lausanne corridor will be temporarily amended from August 14 with most journeys extended by a few minutes and additional stops inserted on certain services. We have fully updated Tables **505** and **570** with amended timings valid from this date. For confirmed timings until August 13, please consult previous editions.

ITALY

Something that we missed from the start of summer timetable was the introduction of a daily return *InterCity* train between Bari and Napoli (Table **615**). The outbound service (train **716**) leaves Bari at 0705, with the evening return journey (train **715**) departing Napoli at 1855. Journey time is just over four hours.

FINLAND

The Finnish section has been fully updated with Autumn schedules valid from August 14 to December 9.

GERMANY

Table **940** has been updated with timings for the latest phase of work, valid from July 29 to September 8, affecting services on the Stuttgart to Singen route. During this period the S-bahn tunnel via central Stuttgart is also closed for engineering work, meaning an alternative shuttle service is operating between Stuttgart and Böblingen. Buses continue to operate all long-distance services between Böblingen and Singen. An hourly local rail service continues to run between Herrenberg and Horb (although this section will also be partially replaced by bus from August 18 to September 8). From September 9 to October 26 rail services will return along the northern section of the line, between Stuttgart and Horb. Normal services along the whole route are expected to resume from October 27.

TURKEY

Owing to the popularity of the high-speed service between Ankara and Sivas since the opening of the new line on April 28, Turkish Railways is expected to introduce an additional service in each direction between the cities on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from August 11 (Table **1570**). The eastbound service will depart Ankara at 1110 (arriving Sivas at 1343) with the return train leaving Sivas at 1450 (arriving Ankara at 1721).

GEORGIA

Table **1995** has been updated with the latest available timings in Georgia, including the international service to and from the Armenian capital, Yerevan.

NEXT MONTH

Regular readers will notice a number of changes in next month's Autumn edition. As mentioned in the news section of the Summer edition, the Beyond Europe pages will no longer be published in printed format, but the latest versions will instead be available as a digital download (free of charge to those who purchase a copy of the latest seasonal edition by quoting a code published in it). This was not an easy decision for us to make, but the reality is our small team of compilers are finding it increasingly difficult keeping both our European and Beyond Europe pages fully up to date. Although we will be prioritising our European content, we will continue to update our Beyond Europe pages as and when our workload permits.

The other main reason behind this decision is that it will provide some additional pages which we can utilise to improve the presentation of many European country sections and will make it easier for us to include any new (or more frequent) services that are introduced. Note that there will be a number of table number changes with these upcoming changes and these will be highlighted next month.

The printed version of the Autumn edition will be available for dispatch from Thursday August 31 (with the digital version available to download from Friday August 25).

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