

## INTERNATIONAL

Direct Eurostar services from Amsterdam to London will resume on Monday February 10 (Table 18). For the past few months, Eurostar passengers travelling from the Dutch capital have had to change trains at Brussels due to the temporary closure of the Eurostar departure terminal at Amsterdam Centraal while essential work is carried out in the station area. A further period of disruption on the London to Amsterdam route will occur from March 29 to April 22 when there will be no through services in both directions due to engineering work taking place in the Brussels area. During this period, passengers travelling between London and Amsterdam will have to change trains at Brussels.

After 19 months of interruption following a landslide between St Michel-Valloire and Modane in August 2023, through rail services between Paris and Milano will recommence from March 31. French Railways has announced that its TGV services between Paris Gare de Lyon and Milano Porta Garibaldi will restart on March 31 with at least two daily journeys in each direction. Trenitalia services will resume on April 1 with two return trains each day between Paris Gare de Lyon and Milano Centrale via Lyon. Table 44 has been updated with the confirmed schedules.

The retiming of train 79 *Muntenia* to arrive București Nord at 0936 means the connection with train 1095 towards Bulgaria (departing București Nord at 1011) is now rather tight. Travellers wishing to make this connection are advised to change trains at Videle where the connecting time between the same two trains is just under three hours. Timings at Videle have been added to Table 61 for travellers who would prefer a more comfortable connection.

## FRANCE

Trenitalia has announced that it will introduce four return services each day between Paris and Marseille from June 15, with tickets going on sale from mid-March. Services will be operated by its Frecciarossa 1000 trains with planned departure times from Paris at 0555, 1115, 1426 and 1904, returning from Marseille at 0652, 0953, 1540 and 1849. Journey time will be around 3 hours and 20 minutes.

As mentioned in the International news item above, the section of line between St Michel-Valloire and Modane will reopen on March 31. This means through regional services to and from Modane will be reinstated from this date (Table 367). We plan to show full details in the March edition.

## ITALY

The historic tram between Trieste and Villa Opicina will reopen on February 1 (Table 601). Initially a limited timetable will be operated utilising a single vehicle whilst work to complete the installation of a new braking system on the others is completed. It is envisaged that the number of services will increase from the initial eight round trips per day to nineteen from February 17, and then twenty nine from March 3. Readers should note that in Trieste services will start and terminate at Piazza Dalmazia rather than the previous terminus at Piazza Oberdan.

## SPAIN

From April 1 Interrail and Eurail passes will be valid on open-access high-speed operator *iryo*. Reservations, which are compulsory, will cost €10 in *Singular* class and €13 in *Singular Only YOU* class.

## NORWAY

From Monday February 17, SJ Nord will reinstate through daytime rail journeys between Trondheim and Bodø (Table 787). Owing to a locomotive shortage, a rail replacement bus currently operates between Mo i Rana and Bodø for services 471 and 472. Unfortunately, overnight trains 475 and 476 will remain suspended (without alternative transport) until locomotive availability improves. The operator has stated that they hope to have these issues resolved at some point during the first half of this year.

Owing to damage to a railway bridge at Otta caused by ice formation and high water, the *Dovrebanen* is closed to rail traffic between Dombås and Vinstra with all services subject to partial bus substitution. SJ Nord has cancelled the overnight trains between Oslo and Trondheim, together with two of the daytime services in each direction. Table 785 has been updated with details of the temporary timetable arrangements. It is hoped that the line will fully reopen from mid-April.

## GERMANY

Timings in the German section are generally valid until April 16. There will be some major changes from April 17 when a section of the Mannheim to Stuttgart high-speed line is closed for a seven week period. Full details of timings for the period from April 17 to June 5 will be included in the April and June editions. For journeys until April 16 we recommend consulting this edition (or the following March publication). A summary of planned engineering work affecting services during the current timetable period is outlined below:

- Until February 28, services in the Neubrandenburg area are subject to alteration. Journeys between Malchin and Pasewalk are partially replaced by bus (Reuterstadt – Neubrandenburg – Oertzenhof); Table 836 has been updated with the amended timings. Services between Stralsund and Neustrelitz are also affected with buses running Demmin – Neubrandenburg – Burg Stargard (see the special version of Table 834 on page 579 for full details).
- Services between Neustrelitz and Rostock are replaced by bus until March 8. A special version of Table 835 will be found on page 578 with the amended timings.
- Many services in the Berlin area are subject to alteration from February 18 to April 15 with a reduced service running through the north-south tunnel via the Berlin Hbf low-level platforms. Services affected are diverted via other routes through the city with amended timings as a result.
- The line between Essen and Dortmund via Bochum will be closed from March 1 to April 25 resulting in numerous service alterations in that area. Owing to the complex nature of the changes we are not able to show full details in our tables. However, the more significant alterations (for example, where services divert via a completely different route) have been indicated. Note that only S-Bahn services will serve Bochum during this period.
- From March 2 to June 6 long-distance services will be diverted between Köln and Koblenz and will not call at Bonn Hbf. Journey times will be extended and certain services that normally run through via Köln Hbf will instead start from or terminate at Köln Hbf with no connection between them. Note that these changes have been included in our tables.

## POLAND

Steam-hauled passenger trains in Poland will resume on two routes from Wolsztyn on February 1. On weekdays there will be an afternoon round trip from Wolsztyn to Zbaszynek, whilst on Saturdays there will be an early morning round trip from Wolsztyn to Poznan. These trains are part of the normal day to day timetable so to travel on them you just need a ticket valid on Koleje Wielkopolskie services. Table 1099 includes timings of these services.

## CZECH REPUBLIC

Due to engineering work, trains will be replaced by buses between Planá u Mariánských Lázní and Mariánské Lázně or Cheb from March 3 to June 30 (Table 1120). Rail replacement buses will also operate between Moravské Budějovice and Znojmo from February 23 to July 18 (Table 1135). Updated versions of both tables will be included in the March edition.

We have received timings for the summer weekends only trains from Wrocław to Meziměstí. (Table 1144).

## BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

We understand that the line between Sarajevo and Ploče has now reopened following flood damage in October last year (Table 1355). We hope to include updated schedules for this line in next month's edition.

## ESTONIA

There have been some changes to the timings of services shown in Tables 1870 and 1876.