

NEWSLINES

Most tables in this edition are valid until at least June 11 with selected countries including schedules through to December 10. Our 39-page **Summer International Supplement** contains advance versions of most international tables valid from June 12 and will be found on pages 569 to 607. The upcoming Summer edition will include confirmed schedules across Europe valid from June 12 together with the latest versions of all our Beyond Europe sections. The digital version of the Summer edition will be available to download from Thursday June 2 with the printed version available for dispatch on Thursday June 9.

We continue to see our production costs rise considerably, particularly with regards to the sourcing of paper for the printed edition. Therefore we have had to make the difficult decision to increase the price of an individual printed timetable to £22.99. We continue to offer a discount for readers wishing to pre-order four consecutive printed editions. Please note that the price of our digital products remain static as they are less affected by increased production costs. Full details of the amended prices will be found in the panel at the bottom of page 12.

INTERNATIONAL

Train **492/493 Sofia Express** Istanbul – Sofia has made a welcome return, running on a daily basis since April 25 (Table **61**). The seasonal through cars Istanbul – Bucureşti (**1492/1493 Bosphor Express**) are expected to restart from June 2 (from Istanbul) / June 3 (from Bucureşti).

Table **61** has been further updated with revised timings for the daily journey in each direction between Budapest and Beograd which, from May 1, operates via Szeged (instead of Kecskemét). A daytime journey between Wien and Beograd is now possible, but includes four trains and two buses!

SPAIN

Further services have been reinstated on the routes València – Zaragoza – Huesca (Table **670**) and Zaragoza – Caspe – Barcelona (Table **652**).

Media Distancia train **18006** has been retimed to run 20 minutes later from Palencia to Madrid Principe Pio with the return train **18007** departing Madrid Principe Pio 30 minutes earlier (Table **689**).

Schedules along the Barcelona to Latour de Carol route (Table **656**) have been recast with hourly departures (or half-hourly at certain times of the day) from Barcelona to Vic at 01 or 31 minutes past the hour, returning from Vic at 24 or 54 minutes past the hour. This new regular interval pattern runs seven days a week. Certain services extend beyond Vic to Ripoll, Ribes de Freser and Latour de Carol. Note that connections at Latour de Carol with services to and from Toulouse (Table **312**) are affected by the revised timings with southbound connections much less favourable than before.

Barcelona suburban services in Table **666** (to Mataró, Blanes and Maçanet) have also been recast with regular interval departure times operating on a daily basis.

Minor adjustments have been made to services on the Barcelona – Cerbère route (Table **657**).

All *Regional Expres* services between Barcelona and Tortosa have now been reinstated (Table **672**).

PORTUGAL

All services on the Coimbra B – Guarda – Vilar Formoso *Linha da Beira Alta* are operated by bus until February 2023 owing to engineering work taking place along the route. Table **692** has been updated with the revised timings.

GERMANY

Table **927** has been updated with the latest FlixTrain schedules which are valid until June 9. The full service has now been reinstated following a period of running fewer trains. This includes the return of a service between Köln and München running four days a week in each direction, running as an extension of a daily service between Hamburg and Köln. Dresden has joined the FlixTrain network for the first time with the extension of a Köln – Berlin service on three days a week.

AUSTRIA

Domestic services operating via the Salzburg – Kufstein route (operating non-stop through Germany) will be affected by engineering work taking place in Germany from May 20 to August 1. This will result in amended timings for various trains. Further information will be included in the Summer (June) edition.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Many trains between Praha and Brno in Tables **1150** and **1152** are subject to extended journey times until August 31.

HUNGARY

Due to engineering work, services in Table **1280** are subject to minor alteration until June 17 with train **IC759** also operated by bus between Lökösháza and Békéscsaba.

The provision of rail replacement services in Table **1295** has been changed. All services via Kecskemét have been withdrawn and replaced by a pair of buses between Szeged and Kelebia which provide good connections with Budapest trains in Table **1290**. This means that the only way to travel to intermediate destinations in Table **1290** is to use scheduled bus services operated by Volánbuz (routes 653, 1115 and 5255) on which rail tickets are not valid.

BEYOND EUROPE UPDATE - JAPAN

As reported last month, some rail infrastructure was damaged by an earthquake which occurred on March 16 off the coast near Fukushima in the north-east of Japan. We are pleased to now report that services on the Tohoku Shinkansen (Tables **8015** and **8020**) and Joban Line (Table **8215**) were able to resume on April 14.

SUMMER INTERNATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Table **10** (Summer): Our summer Eurostar tables have been updated with services valid until September 3.

Tables **11** and **18** (Summer): Thalys will run its Amsterdam – Brussels – Marseille *Thalys Soleil* on nine summer Saturdays this year. This service last ran in the summer of 2019.

All Tables that feature Thalys services have been updated with schedules valid until December 10.

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