

## What's new this month

### WELCOME

Welcome to our first digital only edition which covers the period through to the timetable change on December 11. Most European countries will introduce revised schedules from this date and these will be shown, where possible, in the next printed edition, which will be available for dispatch from Wednesday December 14. This is approximately one week later than in previous years but, by delaying publication by a few days, we hope to include more up-to-date timings.

As well as a few final updates to current European rail schedules, this month we have also included advance versions of all our international tables valid from the December timetable change and these will be found in our **Winter International Supplement** on pages 577 to 619. A summary of the key changes will be found at the end of our news section.

As mentioned last month, we have made the decision to print only six issues of the timetable each year, instead of the usual twelve, effective immediately. This is due in part to the success of the recently introduced digital version, but also having to take into account increasing production costs of the printed publication. Please note that we have made a late change to the editions that will appear in printed format. Following this edition, the printed version will be available in the months of December (expanded Winter edition), February, April, June (expanded Summer edition), August and October.

We would like to emphasise that the digital edition will continue to be available every month to view online or download onto your smartphones and tablets. Rest assured that pages will continue to be updated monthly in order to provide the accurate and concise publication our loyal customers have supported over many years. These changes will make European Rail Timetable Limited more robust so that it may continue to produce the timetable, and other quality travel publications, for many years to come.

### ROUTE OF THE MONTH

For their *Route of the Month*, our regular travel writers Susanne Kries and Nicky Gardner join an early morning train from Marseille St Charles heading for Nice. Turn to page 34 for the description of the route and check out the timings in Table **360** for what is surely one of Europe's finest coastal rail journeys. This route is one of the fifty journeys featured in the new edition of *Europe by Rail: The Definitive Guide for Independent Travellers*. This book is published by European Rail Timetable Limited and, as well as being sold through our website, is also widely available through the book trade.

### TIP OF THE MONTH

For our November 2016 *Tip of the Month*, Nicky and Susanne suggest that travellers who regularly roam around Europe by rail would do well to consider buying a railcard in countries well away from their home base. "It may mean a wallet bulging with exotic railcards from far-flung lands," says Susanne. "But it really can make sense to have a Czech In Karta, an Austrian Vorteilskaart as well as a London Oyster and an OV-chipkaart." Find out why in the November *Tip of the Month* which will be found on page 35.

### RAIL PASSES

As well as our summary of InterRail and Eurail passes on page 575, this month we have included our four page feature listing a variety of rail passes for purely domestic rail travel. This will be found at the back of this edition on pages 621 to 624.

### INTERNATIONAL

Due to engineering work, trains are replaced by buses between Berlin/Dresden and Ústí nad Labem from November 7 to 13 (Table **60**).

### FRANCE

We have updated our winter Savoie Ski Buses table which this month will be found on page 574. Timings on certain routes were not available as we went to press and so, in those cases, last year's timings have been included as a guide. The table will be updated further for next month's Winter edition in which it will revert to its usual position at the end of the French section.

### BELGIUM

Technical problems having been overcome, most Lille – Tournai trains (Table **416**) are once again operating through to Namur without the need to change at Tournai. Through services between Lille and Antwerpen (Table **415**) have also been restored. These trains are attached to Poperinge – Antwerpen services at Kortrijk.

### ITALY

Readers are reminded of engineering work which will affect services between Ventimiglia and Genova from November 2. Apart from a couple of local trains between Ventimiglia and Imperia Oneglia, there will be no rail service between Ventimiglia and Alassio. Eastwards from there, local trains will run to Genova, but *IC* and *EC* trains will start and terminate at Albenga. We understand that various replacement bus services will operate.

### SPAIN

Buses have been replacing trains between Antequera-Santa Ana and Granada since May 2015 and this situation is now expected to continue until Autumn 2017.

### GERMANY

Table **867** has been fully updated with the new winter schedules of the Harz Narrow Gauge Railway. Please note that from November 7 to December 2 no trains run Quedlinburg – Eisfelder Talmühle – Ilfeld or Drei Annen Hohne – Eisfelder Talmühle (although a near normal service runs to/from Brocken). A modified service also operates between Quedlinburg and Eisfelder Talmühle during the periods December 5–9 and 12–16.

### POLAND

A full update of tables has been completed this month following further schedule changes from October 16.

Following a reader suggestion, the Szczecin to Kolobrzeg route has been added to our pages. These services stop at Goleniów, which is the station for Szczecin airport (Table **1016**).

### BEYOND EUROPE

In the United States of America some Amtrak and all Metrolink services had new schedules issued on October 3 and all relevant tables have now been updated. Table **9105**, which shows Alaska Railroad services, has been updated with the 2017 schedules.

In our South Korean section we have moved and renumbered the Incheon Airport table which will now be found at the bottom of page 573 (Table **9984**). This has freed up space to show the KTX high-speed service between Seoul and Pohang in a new version of Table **9974**. Many non-high-speed services, shown on page 573, have been withdrawn.

Following our announcement that the European Rail Timetable will now be printed six times a year (see above), we can now outline our plans for our Beyond Europe sections in future editions. Please note that these may be subject to change, but our plans are as follows:

Winter (December) and Summer (June) – all the latest Beyond Europe pages will be included.

January and July (digital only) – India

February and August – India; South East Asia, Australia and New Zealand; North America

March and September (digital only) – China

April and October – China; Japan; South America; South Korea

May and November (digital only) – North America

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### WINTER INTERNATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

German Railways will cease running all its *City Night Line* services from December 11. However, Austrian Railways has announced that it will take over the operation of certain trains and, together with its existing *EuroNight* services, will run them under a new *nightjet* brand. A summary of the various changes are listed below.

**Table 28 (winter):** *CNL 419/418 Pollux* Amsterdam – München will be withdrawn. A new *nightjet* service **421/420** Düsseldorf – Frankfurt – Nürnberg – München – Innsbruck will run, together with a portion Düsseldorf – Nürnberg – Wien (numbered **40421/40420**).

**Tables 20, 54 and 56 (winter):** *EN 447/446 Jan Kiepura* Köln – Berlin – Warszawa and *CNL 40447/40458 Kopernikus* Köln – Berlin – Praha will be withdrawn.

**Table 52 (winter):** *CNL 458/40470 Canopus* Zürich – Frankfurt – Leipzig – Praha will be diverted to run via Innsbruck and is conveyed with the Zürich – Budapest cars (**40467/40462**) between Zürich and Linz (Table 86).

**Tables 54 and 73 (winter):** *CNL 479/478 Komet* Hamburg – Basel – Zürich and *CNL 471/470 Sirius* Berlin – Basel – Zürich will be combined as a new *nightjet* service **471/470** running Hamburg – Berlin – Basel – Zürich.

**Table 64 (winter):** *EN 491/490* Hamburg – Nürnberg – Passau – Wien becomes a *nightjet* service, also conveying a portion Hamburg – Nürnberg – München – Innsbruck (numbered **40491/40490**).

**Table 70 (winter):** *CNL 485/484 Lupus* München – Innsbruck – Roma and *CNL 40485/40481 Apus* München – Innsbruck – Milano will be diverted to run via Villach and Tarvisio as *nightjet* service **295/294, 40463/40236 Pictor** München – Villach – Tarvisio – Venezia will be renumbered **463/236**.

**Table 73 (winter):** *CNL 40419/40478 Pegasus* Amsterdam – Zürich will be withdrawn.

Other changes from the mid-December timetable changes are listed below.

**Tables 10 and 17 (winter):** Eurostar services London – Paris/Brussels are valid until February 4. In Table 17, the London to Marne la Vallée-Chessy (station for Disneyland) service is valid until July 7 and London to Marseille until November 4, 2017. Due to engineering work taking place on the high-speed line between Calais and Paris, Eurostar services will depart Paris up to 12 minutes earlier and arrive up to 12 minutes later from January 23 to February 4, 2017.

**Table 17 (winter):** Eurostar **9084/9087** will be running between London and Marseille during the winter period on December 17, February 11, 18.

**Table 20 (winter):** The 1155 Thalys service from Paris to Köln (**9437**) is extended to Düsseldorf on Saturdays, and to Essen on Mondays to Fridays and Sundays. In the reverse direction, train **9448**, the 1245 from Köln, starts back at Essen.

**Tables 20 and 21 (winter):** Three additional *ICE* services will run in each direction between Brussels and Frankfurt: One running daily, one daily except Saturdays and the other on Fridays and Sundays only. However, the first *ICE* service from both Brussels and Frankfurt will no longer run on Sundays.

**Table 28 (winter):** A new early morning *ICE*, numbered **222**, will be introduced between Frankfurt and Amsterdam, departing Frankfurt at 0456 on Mondays to Fridays, arriving Amsterdam at 0928. This service will run daily from Köln (departing 0628).

**Table 56 (winter):** Russian Railways will introduce a new twice weekly sleeper service between Moskva and Berlin using Talgo stock.

**Tables 61 and 62 (winter):** **293/292 Nusic** Beograd – Sofia will be withdrawn. Train **491 Balkan** Beograd – Sofia is retimed to run two hours later, departing Beograd 0925. Unfortunately, the later Sofia arrival (at 2010) breaks the connection with train **491 Balkan Express** to Istanbul. A similar situation occurs in the opposite direction with train **490 Balkan** Sofia – Beograd running almost 2 hours earlier, departing Sofia at 0940, thus breaking the connection with train **490 Balkan Express** from Istanbul.

**Table 62 (winter):** **411/410 Ljubljana - Zagreb - Beograd** will be withdrawn.

**Table 68 (winter):** *EC 111/110* München – Klagenfurt will be formed of *Railjet* coaches.

**Table 82 (winter):** The Gotthard Base Tunnel will open for regular passenger services on December 11 and Swiss Railways has published a provisional timetable. The number of Zürich to Milano services will increase from 7 to 8 per day with a reduced journey time of 3 hours 36 minutes (37 minutes faster than current timings). There will also be a new Basel – Arth-Goldau – Milano service.

**Table 95 (winter):** The twice weekly Moskva – Cheb sleeping car, which is conveyed in train **22/21 Vltava** Moskva – Terespol – Praha, will be withdrawn.

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