

## What's new this month

Timetables will change throughout Europe from December 9, and our **Winter International Supplement**, which shows selected advance timings from this date, has been expanded this month to include Tables **9** to **68**. The remaining international tables will be added next month, whilst the December edition will be valid from December 9 showing, where possible, the new timings for all countries of Europe. The Winter Supplement will be found on pages 571 to 605 this month, and a summary of the principal international changes is included on page 35.

### INTERNATIONAL

Table **10** – Eurostar will be running a number of additional trains between London and Paris over the school half term holiday period from October 26 until November 7.

Table **16** – On October 20 and 21 Paris - Oostende *Thalys* services will be subject to later arrivals at Brugge and Oostende from Paris, and will depart earlier from Oostende and Brugge for Paris.

Table **18** – *Thalys* services will be affected by engineering work between Amsterdam and Rotterdam on October 6, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and November 17, 18.

Table **45, 46** – As we reported last month, we understand that train **335/332 Lusitania** Madrid - Lisboa and *Sud Expresso* **312/310 Irún** - Lisboa will be combined during the validity of this edition, and therefore considerable retiming of one or both of the trains will occur. Both trains are currently closed for sale from October 3, although it is not clear if this is due to engineering work or the above changes.

Table **50** – Train **301/300 Berlin Night Express** Berlin - Malmö has run for the last time for the summer season on September 28 from Malmö and a day later from Berlin. This was about a week earlier than originally scheduled, and the train will no longer run on extra dates in October and November or over the Christmas and New Year period as originally planned. The start date for the 2013 summer season has not yet been announced.

Table **56** - Train **441/440/445/444 Kashtan** Berlin - Kyiv will be withdrawn with the last journey from Kyiv on September 30 and the return from Berlin on October 1.

### IRELAND

A new timetable has been published from September 23 by *Bus Éireann* for the Dublin - Londonderry route (Table **234**). Changes are expected during October on the Dublin - Donegal route (Table **234a**).

### FRANCE

Following a lengthy period of track reconstruction and delays in the introduction of new rolling stock (plus a further short delay due to a landslide), an enhanced timetable has finally been introduced in Corsica from September 17. Latterly there had only been two through journeys between Bastia and Ajaccio but this has now been increased to five on weekdays (two on Sundays), as shown in Table **369**.

### BELGIUM

The infrequent service from Charleroi to Jeumont in France (Table **424**) has been withdrawn, and the short 2 km cross-border section from Erquelinnes to Jeumont has therefore been closed to passenger traffic. Table **424** now shows the local service from Charleroi to Erquelinnes via Thuin in more detail.

### SPAIN

The 0820 *Avant* service from Madrid to Toledo (Table **679**) has been withdrawn, but there is an additional departure at 1650. In the reverse direction the 0825 from Toledo is withdrawn, but there is a new journey at 0625 giving an earlier arrival into Madrid of 0658. One of the three daily Sevilla - Huelva *Media Distancia* services (Table **671**) has been withdrawn and the remaining two have been slightly retimed.

### DENMARK

Normal services are expected to resume between Århus and Struer on October 1, but this remains subject to confirmation as we went to press (Table **712**). Similarly, engineering work north of Aalborg is due to conclude on October 28, and rail services serving Frederikshavn should recommence the following day (Table **701**).

### GERMANY

The lines between Singen and Tuttlingen/Immendingen are closed for engineering work October 8 - November 18. During this period services are replaced by bus resulting in extended journey times. The revised schedules will be found in temporary versions of Tables **916** and **940** on page 607.

### POLAND

The railway operated bus service on the Katowice - Kraków - Rzeszów - Przemyśl axis (Table **1075**) has been extended to the end of the current timetable on December 8, with some timings amended. The service is operated by Przewozy Regionalne, Poland's principal regional railway operator, and was originally introduced on an experimental basis for the summer.

The local service from Kraków Główny to Kraków Balice airport has been added to Table **1099**.

### HUNGARY

Until October 18 engineering work between Püspökladány and Biharkeresztes is leading to major changes to the cross-border services from Budapest to Oradea and beyond (Table **1275**). Night train **407/6** is diverted via Debrecen, leaving Budapest one hour earlier at 1640 (arrival into Budapest from Romania is at 1050). The three *IC* trains each way, however, are withdrawn within Hungary and passengers should use alternative services between Budapest and Püspökladány, where replacement bus services are available for the cross-border journey to either Episcopia Bihor or Oradea.

### TURKEY

Long distance trains to and from Izmir (Table **1571**) are currently using Basmane station rather than Alsancak.

The through Tehran - Dimashq train (Table **1575** and **1590**) has been suspended until further notice, no doubt due to the ongoing hostilities in Syria.

### ROMANIA

On 10th September, Romanian railways started operating a regular interval timetable between Constanța and Mangalia, at the same time increasing the number of services from five to eight in each direction. If this trial proves successful, plans exist to introduce regular interval timetables across the whole network.

Fitting our Romanian tables into the limited number of pages available has always been a challenge, and this month the section has been partially reorganised with most footnotes grouped together at the start of the section on page 518, which has enabled improvements to be made.

The engineering work until October 18 mentioned under Hungary is affecting services from Budapest serving Oradea, Cluj Napoca, Târgu Mureș and Brașov; see page 518 and Tables **1612/18/30/35**.

### RUSSIA

With Russia and Belarus no longer adopting daylight saving time, there will be an extra hour's time difference between these countries and their western neighbours from October 28 to March 23, when most of Europe reverts to winter time by putting clocks back by one hour. Some international trains are therefore partially retimed. Where information is known, revised timings are shown in our tables, but other trains (notably those between Russia and Ukraine) may also be affected.

The *Allegro* trains between St Peterburg and Helsinki and the Moskva - Helsinki night train are retimed from October 28 due to the clock change. A revised version of Table **1910** can be found on Page 35.

### BEYOND EUROPE

This month's section covers principal rail services in Japan (Tables **8000** upwards). Our six Beyond Europe sections each cover an area of the world outside Europe and appear twice yearly – see page 558.

### CLOCK CHANGE

Daylight saving time (summer time) will finish as usual on the last weekend in October, with clocks going back one hour during the early morning of October 28. This applies to all European countries except Iceland, but (as mentioned above) no longer applies to Russia and Belarus. Rail and ferry services are not normally affected, other than the possible early arrival of overnight services on October 28.

### NEXT MONTH

The November edition will contain further changes to the Winter International Supplement, which will be expanded to include all our international tables. It will also contain our annual **Night Trains** feature, which will include descriptions of the common types of sleeping and couchette accommodation. The **Beyond Europe** section will cover principal rail services in North America.

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Advance details of services from December 9

INTERNATIONAL

The following notes refer to the Winter International Supplement on pages 571 to 605, which has advance tables valid from December 9:

**Table 9 (Winter)** – A new *Lyria* ski train service will run between Lille and Genève on Winter Saturdays with connections from London on Eurostar.

**Table 10 (Winter)** – Eurostar timetables, valid until February 9, arrived just before we went to press with this edition. All Winter tables have been updated and we hope to list the many minor changes in next month's Newslines.

**Table 11 (Winter)** – There will be considerable changes to TGV services from Brussels and Lille to the south and west of France. Amongst the many changes are:

**5234/5235** Lille - Nantes will reduce from six days a week to Fridays only. **9802/9816** Brussels - Bordeaux will be withdrawn, and being the sole direct service, Brussels passengers will have to change at Lille.

**5264/5265** Bordeaux - Lille will reduce from daily to weekends and run one hour later. **5167/5166** Toulouse - Lille will run two and a half hours later. **5192/5193** Lyon - Lille will start back at Marseille and will be diverted to Lille Flandres.

**5154/5123** Grenoble - Lille will be withdrawn. **5137** Lille - Marseille (Saturdays only) will be withdrawn. **9865/9864** Nice to Brussels will run three hours later severing the connection at Lille for London.

**Table 13 (Winter)** – The Perpignan - Figueres high-speed line will see additional trains, with connections for Barcelona at Figueres pending opening of the Figueres - Barcelona high-speed line later in 2013. A new direct Genève - Figueres TGV is due to commence operation from the start of the new timetable, and from April 1 the two Paris - Figueres trains will be increased to three and retimed. From July these will be joined by trains from Toulouse and Marseille.

*Elipsos Trenhotel 477/474* *Joán Miró* Paris to Barcelona will run five days a week (reduced from daily); train **477** will depart Paris two hours later and the return **474** will depart 45 minutes earlier from Barcelona.

**Table 16a (Winter)** – Additional TGV services will be introduced between Lille and Brussels.

**Table 17a (Winter)** – After flirting with the idea of running to Marseille three times a week, Eurostar appear to have settled on developing its direct weekly London to Avignon service, which will run for 26 weeks in 2013 as against 10 weeks in 2012.

**Table 18 (Winter)** – Three minutes will be shaved off the Paris - Amsterdam Thalys timings. Engineering work between Paris and Brussels from March 8 until April 13 will result in approximately three minutes earlier departures from Paris and three minutes later arrivals into Paris. On March 9, 10, 16, 17 there will be no service between Paris and Brussels.

**Table 20 (Winter)** – Thalys will extend two more Paris - Köln services through to Essen but only in one direction. The company hopes to introduce two more Essen to Paris trains at a later date.

**Table 22 (Winter)** – After serving Schiphol airport since December 2006, trains on the Amsterdam to Berlin route will revert to serving Amsterdam Centraal. One return service a day will be extended to Berlin Brandenburg Airport, now expected to open in October 2013.

**Table 24 (Winter)** – Train **453/452** *Transeuropean Express* Paris - Moskva will be diverted through France via Strasbourg and Kehl instead of Metz and Forbach. It will also run six times a week instead of five in the summer period.

**Table 44 (Winter)** – A new **227/226** Paris Bercy - Roma *Thello* overnight service is expected to commence on December 9, following a period of a year with no direct train on this route.

Three daily Lyon - Torino EC services will commence running, restoring a through rail service on this route after a break of several years.

Train **TGV9242** 1012 Saturdays and Sundays Milano to Paris and **TGV9244** 1110 Mondays to Fridays Milano to Paris will be combined into a daily 0842 departure enabling better connections from overnight services from the south of Italy.

**Table 47 (Winter)** – TGV **9582** Marseille - Frankfurt will call at Chalon sur Saône instead of Mâcon Ville thereby matching the calling points of the southbound **9580**.

**Table 52 (Winter)** – The Praha - Linz service will be revised with three departures southbound instead of two (including an early departure at 0515) creating additional connections from Praha to Zürich.

**Table 60 (Winter)** – A new early morning EC train named *Petrov* will link Brno with Bratislava and Budapest, returning in the evening. The through Berlin - Wien Praterstern cars conveyed in EC **177/279** and EC **378/278** Berlin - Bratislava will be discontinued. In replacement, however, there will be a later train from Praha to Wien at 1839, and a new Wien to Praha train one hour later than the current 0550 from Praterstern.

**Table 61 (Winter)** - Train **343/342** *Ivo Andric* Budapest - Beograd will be withdrawn.

Further tables will be added to the Supplement in the November edition and changes of note are as follows:

**Table 76 (Winter)** – The two direct Praha - Nürnberg services will be diverted to München, giving four trains per day, whilst connections will be available to Nürnberg at Schwandorf.

**Table 86 (Winter)** – A new pair of *Railjet* trains will run between Wien and Zürich.

**Table 90 (Winter)** – Three daily Nice - Milano services are proposed.

**Table 99 (Winter)** - Train **EC137/136** *Moravia* Ostrava - Břeclav - Bratislava - Budapest will be extended to Warszawa and renumbered **EC131/130** *Varsovia*, and there will be a new **EC107/106** *Moravia* Warszawa - Břeclav. Train **EC110** *Praha* Warszawa - Praha will run one hour earlier and the return **EC111** will run one hour later.

DOMESTIC SERVICES

Other major changes from December 9 include the opening of the new *Hanzelijn* from Lelystad to Zwolle in the Netherlands, which will become the main route for trains from Amsterdam to Leeuwarden and Groningen. Many timings in the Netherlands will be changed as a result.

In France, there will be new low-cost TGV services from April 1 from Marnes la Vallée in the eastern suburbs of Paris, with internet booking only. They will run to Marseille and Montpellier calling at Lyon St Exupéry, with Valence, Avignon, Aix en Provence and Nîmes also served at certain times.

In Austria a new high-speed line will open between Wien and St Pölten, speeding up services on the *Westbahn* to Linz and Salzburg. The new Wien Hauptbahnhof station will partially open for certain services.

In the Czech Republic a third operator, known as *Leo Express*, will commence running every two hours on the Praha - Ostrava route.

These domestic changes will be shown in the December edition of the European Rail Timetable, which will be available from the end of November.

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413	Pasila 797.....d. a.	0820	1053	1255	1655	2155		...	...	...	0153	...
416	Helsinki 797.....d. a.	0826	1100	1301	1701	2201		...	...	...	0825	...

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