

What's new this month

WELCOME

Welcome to the October edition of the *European Rail Timetable*. This month our **Winter International Supplement**, which shows selected advance timings from the timetable change on December 14, has been expanded to 32 pages and includes international Tables **10 to 61**. The remaining tables will be added in the November edition. This month's supplement will be found on pages 576 to 607 and a summary of the principal changes will be found at the end of this month's *Newslines*.

Details of various domestic rail passes have been included this month in a special feature which will be found on pages 558 to 561.

We are pleased to announce that reprints of three former Thomas Cook publications are now available for purchase. They are the very first 1873 edition of *Cook's Continental Time Tables & Tourist's Hand Book*, the final edition of the *Overseas Timetable* (dated November/December 2010) and the very last *European Rail Timetable* published by Thomas Cook in August 2013. These can be purchased from our website (www.europeanrailtimetable.eu) or by contacting our office, details of which will be found on page 1.

ROUTE OF THE MONTH

Nicky Gardner and Susanne Kries explore the local cross-border routes of Saxony and Bohemia, including the recently reopened link between Sebnitz and Dolní Poustevna. This month's feature will be found on page 35.

INTERNATIONAL

All *City Night Line* services to and from København are expected to be permanently withdrawn from November 1. The services affected are **40456/50473** (Praha), **472/473** (Basel) and **40473/40447** (Amsterdam). We are still awaiting official confirmation of these withdrawals and so the services will remain in all our tables for the time being, albeit with a suitable warning.

Long distance services to and from the French ski resorts in Table **9** have been updated for the 2014/5 winter season. The *Eurostar* service to Bourg St Maurice will continue to run this winter commencing before Christmas 2014 and running until after the Easter holiday period.

The direct *Thalys* service between Paris and Brussels airport will be withdrawn on October 26 and will resume on June 15 for the 2015 summer season (Table **18**).

A correspondent has informed us that the dedicated bus link between Dover Priory and Dover Eastern Docks ceased running at the end of August. However, the Calais Maritime to Calais Ville service is still operating.

GREAT BRITAIN

Govia Thameslink Railway has replaced *First Capital Connect* as the train operator for the Thameslink and Great Northern routes. The Thameslink route connects Bedford with Brighton via central London (Table **103**). Great Northern services connect King's Lynn, Cambridge and Peterborough with London (Tables **184**, **196** and **197**).

FRANCE

Rail services between Firminy and Le Puy en Velay are due to recommence on October 6 following a lengthy closure period to allow route modernisation work to take place (Table **349**).

Services on the narrow gauge route between Latour de Carol and Villefranche are suspended until December 5 with only one alternative bus connection provided in each direction (Table **354**).

Local services on the Grasse – Cannes – Nice – Ventimiglia route run to an amended timetable from October 6 as work is carried out to strengthen the Monte Carlo tunnel. This work will continue until early April 2015 and during this period only one track will be in use through the tunnel resulting in a reduced service east of Monaco-Monte Carlo. In addition, trains will not be able to call at Cap Martin-Roquebrune station. Table **361** has been updated with the revised schedules.

SPAIN

The train category *Arco* is no longer in use following the reclassification of trains **283/280 Camino de Santiago A Coruña/Vigo – Bilbao/Irún/Hendaye** to *Intercity* (Tables **680**, **681**, **682** and **689**).

ICELAND

Further updates have been made to Table **729**.

FINLAND

The current Finnish timetable is valid until October 25, although a similar level of service is expected to continue after this date. Full details of the new timetable, valid from October 26, will be included in the November edition.

AUSTRIA

The *Arlberg* route is severely disrupted by engineering work between Ötztal and Bludenz from September 28 to October 12 (Table **951**). Most daytime services are replaced by bus between either Ötztal or Landeck and Bludenz resulting in extended journey times. Overnight services are diverted between Salzburg and Feldkirch (via München and Lindau) with a replacement bus serving intermediate stations via Innsbruck.

HUNGARY

There are amendments to a number of tables this month. In particular, Table **1220** Budapest to Keszthely and Nagykanizsa via Fonyód has a revised timetable due to the start of long-term track reconstruction planned to continue until June 2015. From now until December 13 there will be bus substitution between Siofók and Balatonszemes with extended journey times, and many trains will leave Budapest earlier than previously shown.

CROATIA

The night train between Zagreb and Split was withdrawn towards the end of September; it will resume as a seasonal service next year. Consequently, there is now only one direct train between the capital and the Dalmatian coast resort during the winter period (Table **1330**).

SERBIA & MONTENEGRO

The through coaches from Subitica and Novi Sad to Bar have been withdrawn (Table **1360**).

GREECE

Local information suggests that there are alterations to services on the Thessaloniki – Alexandroupoli – Dikea route. However, information is contradictory and it is unclear whether Alexandroupoli to Dikea services have been reduced from three to two in each direction (Table **1405**).

ROMANIA

As is usual following the summer season, there are schedule changes mainly affecting services serving Constanța and the Black Sea coast (Table **1680**).

RUSSIA

Services on the Moskva to St Peterburg route may be affected by engineering work until the end of October (Table **1900**).

Timings of the *Allegro* service between Helsinki and St Peterburg valid from October 26 have been confirmed and, on this occasion, remain unaltered following the clock change on the same day (Table **1910**). This is due to Russia's decision to move to permanent winter time, putting its clocks back by one hour on the same day as the rest of Europe. There are, however, some minor timing alterations to the overnight *Lev Tolstoj* Helsinki to Moskva sleeper service (trains **32/31**).

SHIPPING

Routes previously operated wholly or partly by *LD Lines* are now solely in the charge of *DFDS Seaways*. Crossings affected by this change are Dover to Calais (Table **2110**), Newhaven to Dieppe (Table **2125**) and Portsmouth to Le Havre (Table **2165**). Meanwhile, services on *LD Lines'* other route between St-Nazaire and Gijón are currently suspended (Table **2194**).

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BEYOND EUROPE

This month's Beyond Europe section covers Japan with tables numbered 8000 upwards. We have also included two bonus pages covering principal services in South Korea, a country we have not covered since the Overseas Timetable ceased publication in November 2010. The South Korean tables will be found on pages 562 and 563, immediately before the Japanese section.

Since publication of our South American pages last month we have been informed that, due to a derailment, one of the most popular trains in that section, the *Tren a las Nubes* in Argentina, has been suspended until further notice pending track repairs. It is hoped that the service will recommence on November 1 but intending passengers should check with the operator first.

CLOCK CHANGE

Daylight Saving time will end during the early hours of October 26 with clocks moving back one hour in all European countries, with the exception of Iceland and Belarus. As reported last month, Russia will also be putting its clocks back by one hour on the same date as it changes from permanent summer to permanent winter time. From this date Moskva time will become GMT+3 all year, the same as in Belarus and Kaliningrad.

WINTER INTERNATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

The following notes refer to the International Winter Supplement on pages 576 to 607.

Table 10 (winter) – Due to engineering work on the high-speed line in France, services from Paris to London between February 2 and 7 will depart Paris nine minutes earlier.

Tables 11, 17a (winter) – *Eurostar* will introduce a new direct train from London to Marseille calling at Lyon Part Dieu and Avignon TGV from May 1, 2015. Due to border controls and security requirements, passengers on the London-bound service will be required to leave the train at Lille Europe with their luggage to undergo customs formalities before re-joining the same train.

The *Eurostar* service to Paris Disneyland will run on four days a week instead of the previous five and will not run between January 5 and February 7.

Tables 11, 14 (winter) – *Lyria* will introduce a direct service running four times a week between Lille and Genève calling at Charles de Gaulle and Marne la Vallée. Good connections will be available at Lille for journeys from and to London and Brussels.

Table 57 (winter) – *EC 249/248 Wawel* Hamburg – Berlin – Forst – Wrocław are expected to be withdrawn. Table 57 will therefore be deleted.

Table 60 (winter) – *EC 173/172 Vindabona* Hamburg – Berlin – Praha – Wien – Villach will be re-routed to run Hamburg – Berlin – Praha – Budapest and will be renamed *Porta Bohemica*.

The current *EC 273/272 Avala* Praha – Budapest – Beograd will be split into two separate services. *EC 273/272 Csárdás* will operate between Praha and Budapest, whilst *EC 345/344 Avala* will operate Wien – Budapest – Beograd with connections between the two at Budapest.

Table 61 (winter) – We understand that *EC 343/342 Ivo Andric* will be reinstated between Budapest and Beograd.

CITY NIGHT LINE ALTERATIONS

As mentioned earlier, all *City Night Line* routes to and from København are expected to be withdrawn from November 1 this year.

There have also been unconfirmed reports that *City Night Line* services from and to Paris may cease running from the timetable change date on December 14. Trains affected would be **40451/40418** (München), **50451/40479** (Hamburg) and **451/450** (Berlin). As there has been no official confirmation of these withdrawals, the services will remain in the winter supplement for the time being.

A further unconfirmed change is that the Amsterdam – Köln – Berlin – Warszawa (**447/446**) and Praha (**457/456**) services may no longer run between Amsterdam and Köln.

OTHER TIMETABLE NEWS FROM DECEMBER 14

Thello have announced that they will be introducing a new Milano – Nice – Marseille through *EC Thello* service, timings for which are summarised in the table below. Full details will appear in Table 90 of next month's Winter Supplement.

MARSEILLE - NICE - MILANO					
	train type	EC		train type	EC
	train number	147		train number	159
	notes	148		notes	160
	notes	149		notes	161
	notes	150		notes	162
Marseille St Charles.....d.		1530	...	Milano Centrale.....d.	1510
Toulon.....d.		1614	...	Genova Piazza Principe.d.	1656
Cannes.....d.		1737	...	San Remo.....d.	1847
Nice.....d.		1809	...	Ventimiglia.....a.	1901
Monaco - Monte Carlo.....d.		1824	...	Monaco - Monte Carlo.....a.	1938
Ventimiglia.....d.		1847	...	Nice.....a.	1955
San Remo.....a.		1915	...	Cannes.....a.	2026
Genova Piazza Principe...a.		2105	...	Toulon.....a.	2147
Milano Centrale.....a.		2250	...	Marseille St Charles....a.	2229

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