

What's new this month

WELCOME

Welcome to the October edition of the European Rail Timetable which includes the latest updates to current schedules around Europe. Our **Winter International Supplement** has been expanded to 32 pages and includes advance versions of selected international tables from the December timetable change. The supplement will be found on pages 577 to 608 and will be expanded further in our November edition to include advance versions of all our international tables.

ROUTE OF THE MONTH

Nicky Gardner and Susanne Kries, editors of *hidden europe* magazine, visit the Czech Republic and enjoy a ride along the scenic Teplá Valley on a local train between the spa towns of Karlovy Vary and Mariánské Lázně. Current timings for this service are shown in Table **1123**.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Czech Railways offer some excellent value day tickets for travellers wishing to explore the Czech Republic by rail and our regular *Tip of the Month* feature, which will be found on page 36, outlines the options available. Tickets are available for specific regions (some of which include validity across the border into a neighbouring country) and there is also a version covering the whole country. All tickets offer remarkable value for money and are arguably some of the best ticket deals available anywhere in Europe.

INTERNATIONAL

The first Eurostar departure from London to Brussels on Mondays now departs earlier, at 0613 as train **9108**, replacing the previous 0650 departure (train **9110**). The new service departs Ebbsfleet 0631, Ashford 0652 and arrives Brussels at 0927 (not calling at Calais or Lille). Train **9110** continues to run in its existing schedule on Tuesdays to Fridays.

One item not mentioned last month was the revision of Tables **96** and **97**, which are now much reduced in size, and the deletion of Table **98**. This is due to the withdrawal of many services between Russia and Eastern Europe.

The movement of large numbers of refugees across Europe may cause disruption to international rail services in certain areas. The situation is continually changing and so we advise that you check your journey plans locally.

GREAT BRITAIN

A major part of the project to electrify the route between Manchester and Preston via Bolton is the reconstruction of Farnworth tunnel. An amended service has been in place during the work, particularly affecting evening and weekend services. Reconstruction should have been completed by October 4 but it has now been announced that work will continue beyond this date. The current arrangements will therefore remain in place until completion, possibly until the December timetable change.

FRANCE

A landslide between Langeac and Langogne is currently affecting services between Clermont Ferrand and Nîmes. A temporary timetable has been issued valid from September 28 and Table **333** has been updated with the revised timings. There is no indication as to when the line will reopen and so it would seem that the current arrangements will remain in place until at least the mid-December timetable change. As expected, all services are replaced by bus around the damaged stretch of line, although the 1249 departure from Clermont Ferrand and 1413 northbound service from Nîmes are operated by bus throughout with considerably extended journey times.

SPAIN

We understand that *Trenhotel 897/894 Alhambra* between Barcelona and Granada is suspended until at least December 12 (Table **672**).

We expect the Valladolid to León high-speed line to open at some point during October, although a specific date has yet to be announced (Table **681**).

The Madrid – Cuenca – València regional service, which for a number of years has only been running as far as València Sant Isidre station, has started running through to València Nord once again (Table **669**).

FINLAND

The current Finnish timetable is valid until October 24. Winter schedules from October 25 will appear in the November edition.

GERMANY

Engineering work is currently taking place between Görlitz and Zittau with all trains replaced by bus until December 12. Table **854** has been updated with the revised schedules.

All services between Erfurt and Nordhausen are currently replaced by bus between Kleinfurra and Nordhausen and this arrangement is also expected to remain in place until December 12. Kleinfurra station has been temporarily added to Table **868** and timings updated.

During the period November 2–27 many services on the *Harzer Schmalspurbahnen* network are suspended to allow track work to take place. No trains will run on the routes Drei Annen Hohne – Eislefelder Talmühle – Ilfeld and Quedlinburg – Eislefelder Talmühle (including the Harzgerode and Hasselfelde branches). *Brockenbahn* services between Wernigerode and Brocken and local trains between Nordhausen and Ilfeld will continue to run. Full details of the *Harzer Schmalspurbahnen* winter schedules will be published in the November edition.

POLAND

Most tables in the Polish section are valid until October 17 and updated timings after that date will appear in the November edition.

TURKEY

There have been numerous alterations to high-speed services in Turkey and Table **1570** has been updated with the latest timings.

Antalya appears in our tables for the first time with the addition of bus connections from and to Konya. Timings will be found in the bus connections panel below Table **1570**.

Services between Sivas and Samsun have been suspended until December 2017 to allow total route modernisation to take place (Table **1577**).

RUSSIA

There have been a number of changes to *Sapsan* high-speed train services between Moskva and St Peterburg and Table **1900** has been updated accordingly.

BEYOND EUROPE

All of our Japanese tables have been checked and updated with the latest available information. Following a suggestion from a reader, we have added the monorail service to Tokyo Haneda Airport and details of this can be found in the Airport Rail Links Table **8400**. As mentioned the last time we featured Japan, the *Hokutosei* overnight service between Tokyo and Sapporo has ceased running and it is likely that the two remaining overnight services to Sapporo – the *Cassiopeia* and *Hamanasu* – will be withdrawn when the Hokkaido Shinkansen opens in March 2016.

Nearly all tables in the South American section have been revised and updated with the latest schedules. In the Peruvian table **9940** we have added the service between Huancayo and Huancavalica which has restarted after a break of several years. We have also managed to create space for additional routes in the Argentinian table **9960**. Please note that several lines in Argentina have been affected by flooding and these are indicated in Table **9960**.

Following last month's report regarding cutbacks to Great Southern Rail services in Australia, it now appears that funding has been agreed so that the twice weekly Melbourne to Adelaide *Overland* service can continue running.

CLOCK CHANGE

Daylight Saving Time will end during the early hours of October 25 with clocks moving back one hour in all European countries, with the exception of Iceland, Russia and Belarus.

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WINTER INTERNATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

The following notes refer to the Winter International Supplement on pages 577 to 608, which has advance tables valid from December 13.

Table 9 (winter) - Eurostar has released timings for the 2015/2016 winter ski services between London and Bourg St Maurice. Please be aware that, as Christmas Day falls on a Friday this year, the first overnight departure will not be until January 1. These services are now open for booking.

Table 10 (winter) - Eurostar timings for services from London to Paris and Brussels are now available until March 26. Engineering work in the Channel Tunnel will affect services on January 16, 17, 30 and 31, but timings on these dates are still to be confirmed. Also, engineering work on the high speed line between Calais and Paris from February 1 to March 26 will affect services; during this period trains will depart Paris 10 minutes earlier and arrive Paris 10 minutes later than usual. Please note that no services will call at Ashford International on February 21 due to engineering work.

Table 11 (winter) - TGV 9860 from Toulon to Brussels will start from Nice at 0602. This replaces the existing 0905 departure from Nice which only runs as far as Lille.

Table 17 (winter) - Eurostar has issued advance timings for its London to Marseille and Marne la Vallée-Chessy services valid from the timetable change on December 13. The Marseille service will continue to run once a week, on Saturdays, until March 19. From March 25 the number of departures will increase to three times a week, running additionally on Mondays and Fridays. Services to Marne la Vallée will continue to run four days a week, increasing to six during holiday periods (except for a five week break from January 3).

Table 20 (winter) - The three Thalys services that currently run between Paris and Essen will be extended to and from Dortmund. An existing train pair between Paris and Köln will also be extended to run to and from Essen meaning the Ruhr city will benefit from four through services a day to and from Paris.

Tables 30 and 32 (winter) - These tables will only be valid until April 2, 2016, as there will be major changes following the opening of the TGV Est high speed line extension to Strasbourg on April 3. However, advance summaries of the proposed Paris to Frankfurt (Table 30) and Paris to Frankfurt (Table 32) timetables, which will be introduced following the opening of the extended high-speed line, are shown below. As well as faster journey times, there will be an additional service provided between Paris and both Frankfurt and Stuttgart with two Frankfurt services in each direction operating via Strasbourg. Please note that all timings are subject to confirmation, particularly those in Germany.

Table 60 (winter) - Significant changes will be implemented on the Hamburg – Berlin – Praha – Budapest axis with all daytime services from Germany only running as far as Praha hlavní (except for train EC173/172 *Hungaria* which will continue to run as a through service to and from Budapest). Good connections will be maintained at Praha for journeys to and from Bratislava and Budapest. The number of direct services between Hamburg and Praha will increase to four in each direction. Please note that many of the train names have been shuffled around.

Table 99 (winter) - A number of changes will be implemented on the Warszawa to Praha and Wien routes. The Warszawa to Praha route will benefit from a second *EuroCity* service, although the current EC110/111 will be retimed considerably as a result. A new Warszawa to Ostrava *EuroCity* service will also be introduced. Wien services will be starting from/terminating at Wien Hbf and so will no longer serve Wien Westbahnhof.

A new service, EC131/130 *Varsovia*, is to be introduced between Warszawa and Budapest (via Katowice and Břeclav). This will connect at Břeclav with the Praha to Wien service RJ77/74 (see also Table 60).

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PARIS - FRANKFURT

Service summary April 3 - June 11, 2016. Subject to confirmation.

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train type	TGV	TGV	ICE	ICE	ICE	ICE	TGV	TGV	ICE	train type	ICE	ICE	ICE	ICE	TGV	ICE	ICE	TGV	TGV	ICE	
train number	9561	9551	9553	9563	9555	9557	9559	9560	9550	train number	9558	9568	9586	9566	9556	9554	9554	9552	9552	9560	
notes	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	notes	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	
notes	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	notes	①-⑤	①-⑤	①-⑤	①-⑤	①-⑤	①-⑤	①-⑤	①-⑤	①-⑤	①-⑤	
	p				j	i	h				p	g	j	h							
Paris Est.....d.	0720	0906	...	1301	1520	1710	1906	1906	...	Frankfurt (Main) Hbf.....d.	0559	0647	0654	0847	0857	1057	1057	1300	1300	1647	1859
Strasbourg.....d.	0913	|	...	|	1713	|	|	|	...	Mannheim.....d.	0640	0727	0739	0927	0942	1142	1142	1341	1341	1727	1940
Forbach.....d.	1047	...	...	1047	...	2049	2049	...	...	Kaiserautern.....d.	0722	|	0823	|	1023	1223	1223	1423	1423	|	2023
Saarbrücken.....a.	|	1055	...	1457	|	1856	2056	2056	...	Saarbrücken.....d.	0800	|	0903	|	1102	1302	1302	1502	1502	|	2102
Kaiserautern.....a.	|	1133	...	1535	|	1935	2134	2134	...	Forbach.....a.	0809	1091	1091	|	|	1316	|	1512	1512	1817	2110
Mannheim.....a.	1035	1215	...	1617	1835	2016	2217	2217	...	Strasbourg.....a.	|	0847	1047	|	|	1454	1458	1650	1658	2041	2259
Frankfurt (Main) Hbf.....d.	1115	1258	...	1658	1915	2058	2258	2258	...	Paris Est.....a.	0951	1038	1053	1238	1251	1454	1458	1650	1658	2041	2259

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PARIS - STUTTGART - MÜNCHEN

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train type	ICE	TGV	TGV	TGV	TGV	train type	TGV	ICE	ICE	TGV	ICE	TGV	TGV	ICE	TGV				
train number	9571	9573	9575	9577	9579	train number	9578	9576	9574	9572	9570	9570	9570	9570	9570				
notes	★	★	★	★	★	notes	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★				
notes	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	notes	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥	①-⑥				
Paris Est.....d.	0639	1054	1355	1555	1755	München Hbf.....d.	0625	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Strasbourg.....d.	0831	1246	1546	1746	1946	Augsburg Hbf.....d.	0657	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kehl.....d.	|	|	|	|	|	Ulm Hbf.....d.	0743	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Karlsruhe Hbf.....d.	0912	1328	1628	1828	2029	Stuttgart Hbf.....d.	0655	0855	1055	1455	1855	1855	1855	1855	1855				
Stuttgart Hbf.....d.	0948	1404	1712	1904	2105	Karlsruhe Hbf.....d.	0733	0933	1133	1533	1933	1933	1933	1933	1933				
Ulm Hbf.....d.	...	...	...	2019	...	Kehl.....d.	|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|				
Augsburg Hbf.....d.	...	...	...	2103	...	Strasbourg.....a.	0813	1012	1213	1612	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	
München Hbf.....a.	2136	...	Paris Est.....a.	1005	1205	1405	1804	2205	2205	2205	2205	2205				

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