

NEWSLINES

INTERNATIONAL

EC 327/326 Zürich – Genova is extended to and from Sestri Levante on Saturdays and Sundays until October 27 (Tables **82** and **610**).

GREAT BRITAIN

There are some minor alterations to timings between Bournemouth and Weymouth from September 23 and so Table **105** has been fully updated with schedules valid from this date.

All services on the Island Line between Ryde Pier Head and Shanklin are operated by bus from September 6 to October 6 and Table **106** has been updated with the amended schedules during this period. Note that the Ryde Pier Head to Ryde Esplanade section is operated separately as a minibus shuttle. Visitors to the Isle of Wight Steam Railway should also note that the bus services will not serve Smallbrook Junction (the interchange station between the two railways) and so are advised to use Southern Vectis bus service 9 from Ryde Interchange to Wootton. Rail services are expected to be restored from October 7 (except for the section between Ryde Pier Head and Ryde Esplanade which will continue to be operated as a minibus shuttle until May 2025) and timings from this date will be shown in the October digital edition.

Great Western Railway services to Devon and Cornwall in Tables **110**, **112** and **113** revert to normal timings for the autumn period from September 9 and so timings in these tables are valid from this date.

IRELAND

As reported last month, Iarnród Éireann (Irish Railways) introduced a new timetable from August 26.

The existing two-hourly service between Dublin and Belfast is expected to be increased to hourly later in the year. In the meantime, schedules along this route, including domestic services between Dublin and Dundalk, have been recast in order to accommodate the future enhanced service levels (Table **230**).

On Mondays to Fridays a new 2125 departure from Wexford to Gorey has been introduced to connect with the 2215 Gorey to Dublin Connolly service (Table **237**).

The 2015 departure from Dublin Heuston to Carlow is retimed to depart 2020 and is extended through to Waterford. In the opposite direction the 2137 from Carlow to Dublin Heuston will start back from Waterford at 2020. An additional service has been introduced on Sundays in both directions between Dublin Heuston and Waterford, meaning there are now five services available each way (Table **238**).

The route between Dublin Heuston and Galway benefits from a number of additional services (Table **240**). On Mondays to Fridays an extra morning service has been added in both directions while an additional evening service is available each way on Mondays to Saturdays. An extra return service will also run on Sundays. We have had to expand Table **240** to accommodate these new services which has meant we have had to renumber a couple of tables as follows: Table **242** (Limerick Junction – Galway) is now **239a** and Table **243** (Limerick Junction – Limerick Colbert) becomes **239b**.

Additional services have been introduced on Saturdays between Cork and Cobh to create a half-hourly service throughout the day. On Sundays there is now an hourly service on the routes from Cork to Cobh and Cork to Midleton (Table **244**).

FRANCE

The whole of the French section has been fully updated with autumn timings valid from September 2 to December 14.

Due to there being particularly complex variations to services on the high-speed routes heading west from Paris Montparnasse, we have included two separate versions of Tables **280** and **300** with the service from September 30 found on pages 602 to 605.

The line between St Michel-Valloire and Modane, which was severely damaged by a landslide in August 2023, is not now expected to reopen until spring 2025. Until then, local services will continue to be operated by bus over the affected section (Table **367**). The international service between Paris and Milano will continue to be limited to a single journey in each direction involving a bus connection between St Jean de Maurienne and Oulx (Table **44**).

We have utilised some available space to improve the presentation of Tables **383** (Metz and Nancy – Strasbourg) and **384** (Nancy – Metz – Luxembourg). Note that timings in the revamped Table **384** are valid from September 16 as cross-border journeys between Thionville and Luxembourg continue to be affected by engineering work until September 15 with rail replacement bus services operating between Bettembourg and Luxembourg.

SWITZERLAND

The Gotthard Base Tunnel will fully reopen from September 2, just over one year after a freight train derailment in the tunnel caused major infrastructure damage. International Table **82** and Swiss Table **550** have been fully updated with schedules from this date.

ITALY

Our Italian section has been further updated and is generally valid from September 16. All long-distance trains (those shown with train numbers) have been fully checked and updated. Notable changes include:

- Trains **9647/9620** Milano Centrale – Benevento are extended to and from Foggia, and will be further extended to Bari from December (Tables **600** and **615**).
- Trains **9409/9430** Napoli – Udine are extended to and from Gorizia Centrale (Tables **600** and **601**).
- Trains **IC 558/562** Taranto – Reggio di Calabria are extended from and to Bari Centrale (Table **637**).

SWEDEN

InterCity services between Stockholm and Mora/Falun are subject to alteration from September 2 to October 27 with most services diverted between Stockholm and Avesta Krylbo (via Västerås). We have included a separate version of Table **758** with the amended timings during this period which will be found on page 580.

GERMANY

Services on the Harz narrow gauge route between Alexisbad and Eisfelder Talmühle are temporarily suspended from September 30 to November 3. Amended schedules during this period will be found in a special version of Table **867** on page 608.

POLAND

Polish Railways publishes its annual timetable in five periods during the year, the fourth of which is valid from September 1. Unfortunately, timings for the latest period were received too late for inclusion in this edition (except for international services which have been checked). Readers are therefore advised to confirm timings for any domestic journeys from September 1.

TURKEY

Yerköy YHT station, located on the high-speed line between Ankara and Sivas, opened on August 23. Two daily services call there in each direction (Table **1570**).

WINTER INTERNATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

We have only received limited information regarding international services valid from December 15, so we have only been able to include a small number of tables with advance timings this month and these will be found on pages 609 and 610. The supplement will be expanded further over the next two months as more information becomes available.

Table **82** (Winter): There has been no major changes on the international routes between Switzerland and Italy except that the train numbers on services between Zürich and Milano will be amended from three digit numbers to two.

BEYOND EUROPE

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