

## NEWSLINES

This edition of the European Rail Timetable includes timings valid until December 12, 2026. However, readers should check validity information in the introduction for each country and also notes in individual tables for any variations in validity.

Certain tables in Great Britain and France have different schedules during the high-summer period and full details of these will be available in a free Summer Supplement which should be available on our website by the end of May.

### INTERNATIONAL

**Table 22:** Open-access operator *GoVolta* commenced its services as planned between Amsterdam and Berlin (three days a week from March 19) and between Amsterdam and Hamburg Harburg (three days a week from March 20). However, due to lower than expected passenger numbers on the Hamburg service, this will be withdrawn from June 15. The popular Berlin service will run six days a week from June 30 (and then daily from December 14). A new direct *ICE* service has been introduced between Köln and Oostende on Saturdays and Sundays in June and August. From September 7, two daily *ICE* services will be introduced in both directions between Köln and Antwerpen via Brussels Airport.

**Table 46:** *Alvia* service 190 from Madrid to Badajoz runs 40 minutes later on Saturdays, thereby missing the *Regional* train 482 connection to Entroncamento and Lisboa.

**Table 50:** *Snälltåget* introduced a daily daytime service between Stockholm and Hamburg from May 4 (train 307/306). *Berlin Night Express* resumed its services from April 7 between Stockholm and Berlin with once-a-week extensions to and from Dresden. Three daily *Railjet* services are now operating in each direction between Praha and København. Norwegian operator *Vy* are providing through services between Oslo and Malmö, running twice a day in each direction from June 27 to August 9 with a twice a week weekend service at other times.

**Table 56:** We understand *Kulturzug/Pociąg do Kultury*, which ran between Berlin and Wrocław for ten years, is now withdrawn.

**Table 61:** The upgraded line between Budapest and Kelebia is expected to open soon. We have included a provisional timetable which will be found at the bottom of page 55. We understand that a two-hourly *EuroCity* service will run between Budapest and Beograd, two of which will extend from and to Wien.

**Table 62:** As reported in the Spring edition, *EC 114* became a direct service from Zagreb to München from June 14.

**Table 64:** The Regensburg to Passau route is temporarily closed for engineering work until December 12 and so no direct international services are currently operating via Passau. Additional services are being provided between München and Wien (see Table 65 entry).

**Table 65:** Five additional services are operating in each direction between München and Wien to provide additional capacity during the closure of the route via Passau (see above). Two of these are regular *ICE* trains. The other three are loco-hauled trains classified *EuroCity* and, interestingly, operate via Simbach rather than Salzburg. Journey times of many services between München and Salzburg have been temporarily extended by a few minutes, including those operated by *Westbahn*. The two daily through *Westbahn* services between Stuttgart and Wien do not currently call at München Hbf (but continue to serve München Ost).

**Table 78:** As reported in the Spring edition, *European Sleeper* introduced a new Paris – Brussels – Berlin service from March 26, running three nights per week (in addition to the existing thrice weekly service between Brussels and Berlin). This means an overnight service between Brussels and Berlin is now available six days per week. This table has been moved to page 68 in this edition.

**Table 78a:** *European Sleeper* is planning to introduce a thrice weekly service between Brussels and Milano from September 9. Originally planned to be routed through the Simplon Tunnel, it will now travel via Zürich and the Gotthard Tunnel to Milano Porta Garibaldi. An additional portion serving Amsterdam is planned from December 2026. This table has been moved to page 68 in this edition.

**Table 82:** Engineering work is affecting Genève – Milano and Venezia services on various dates and so readers are advised to check timings before travelling on this route.

**Table 86:** The important cross-border link between Feldkirch and Buchs is closed from June 14 to October 14 with all Zürich services diverted via St Gallen. During this period the journey time between Zürich and Wien will be increased by approximately 60 minutes and the usual five daily services between the two cities are reduced to three eastbound and two westbound (with one further service in each direction between Zürich and Innsbruck and one westbound train between Salzburg and Zürich. Note that direct Zürich – Graz and Zürich – Budapest services will not run during this period.

**Table 89:** It has been confirmed that summer service *EN 1273/1272* Wien – Split will run three days a week from May to September but will no longer extend from or to Bratislava. *IC* train 1205/1204 *Adria* Budapest – Split is running from June to October on almost every other day. We also understand that summer services 1247/1246 *Istra* Budapest – Rijeka / Koper and 1276/1277 Warszawa – Wien – Rijeka / Koper will be running, but this had not been confirmed as we closed for press.

**Table 91:** There have been some minor retimings on the Vilnius – Riga – Tallinn service.

**Table 98:** The Warszawa – Rava Ruska – Lviv service, previously shown in Table 1062, has been incorporated into Table 98.

**Table 99:** *Leo Express* introduced two new services between Praha and Warszawa via Kraków from March 1. Departures from Praha h.n. are at 1223 and 2123, returning from Warszawa Wschodnia at 0721 and 2241. From June 25, the 0823 departure from Praha to Kraków will extend to Warszawa and the 1430 service from Kraków to Praha will start back from Warszawa. *Leo Express* will also introduce a five times a week service between Frankfurt and Przemyśl from June 25; it will also run on the other two days of the week, but only between Frankfurt and Bohumin. Timings will be found in a special table on page 68.

### GREAT BRITAIN

Transport for Wales has recast its North Wales Coast services. Trains from Manchester Airport now run to and from Holyhead, whilst most trains from Birmingham now run only to and from Llandudno Junction (Table 150). Additionally, the Liverpool – Chester service (formerly part of Table 163) has been extended to and from Llandudno meaning there are now three trains per hour between Chester and Llandudno Junction for most of the day on Mondays to Saturdays.

In Table 154 we have added details of the new London Euston to Stirling services, introduced by open-access operator *Lumo* from May 25. There will be a phased introduction of services, initially with one train a day in each direction and then gradually adding extra trains until the full service is up and running from July 27.

### FRANCE

Readers planning journeys around northern and western France between July 4 and August 30 should be aware that many services run to an amended timetable during the high-summer period. We do not have enough space to show two versions of all affected tables, so we will publish a separate Summer Supplement on our website with full details of the modified schedules for this two month period. This should be available by the end of May.

### ITALY

Readers should note that, although the general timetable in Italy is valid until December 12, many services shown in this edition are subject to alteration until September 13 due to a significant amount of engineering work taking place across the network during the summer period. In addition, trains to popular holiday destinations such as Lecce and Reggio di Calabria may make additional station calls during the summer meaning journey times may be extended by a few minutes. We therefore advise readers to confirm timings before travelling.

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## SPAIN

Since April 7 *Alvia* **626/622/625/621** Barcelona – A Coruña/Vigo has stopped running direct to A Coruña and now operates daily as a through service between Barcelona and Vigo. Previously this train ran on four days a week to A Coruña (**626/625**) via Ourense and Santiago de Compostela and three days a week to Vigo Guixar (**622/621**) via Ourense and Guillarei. However, due to engineering work taking place between Guillarei and Rendondela, the Vigo portion now runs via Santiago de Compostela (from where there is a connection to A Coruña) and terminates at Vigo Urzáiz. The Barcelona – Zaragoza – Salamanca portion now runs separately as *InterCity* **632/631** running only between Zaragoza and Salamanca in amended timings.

Journey times between Madrid and Barcelona have been extended by up to 25 minutes due to engineering work taking place between Guadalajara-Yebes and Calatayud, affecting all high-speed services. The last two *AVE* services in each direction between Madrid and Barcelona are suspended, while *Iryo* and *Ouigo* are running a reduced service (Table **650**). High-speed services between Barcelona and Sevilla/Málaga/Granada have also been reduced in frequency (Table **660**).

The daily Málaga – Madrid – Murcia *AVE* service (**2913/5862**) has been suspended (Table **668**) and the Huesca – Madrid *AVE* service shown in Table **670** no longer extends to and from Sevilla.

The route between Algeciras and Antequera - Santa Ana is currently closed to allow engineering work to take place. As a result the three *Media Distancia* return services are replaced by bus, two of which are limited stop services. The direct *Alvia* train **9366/9331** between Madrid and Algeciras is suspended with travellers for San Roque-La Línea and Algeciras directed to the *AVE* **2193/2082** service between Madrid and Málaga from where an onward bus connection is provided. Travellers for Ronda should change at Antequera-Santa Ana for a replacement bus service (Table **673**).

The line between Linares-Baeza and Córdoba is undergoing upgrade work which is affecting *Alvia* service **697/694 Torre Del Oro** between Barcelona and Cádiz. The train is currently running between Barcelona and Linares - Baeza, from where a non-stop bus operates to Córdoba. Passengers for other stations on the route are then advised to catch the next available service (Table **672a**).

In Table **677** there has been some retimings between Madrid and Badajoz. Three direct *Media Distancia* services are now available between Madrid and Plasencia, operating as portions attached to other services on the Madrid to Cáceres route. Other connecting buses are available between Monfragüe-Plasencia and Plasencia. The Fridays only *Media Distancia* service between Zafra and Huelva has been retimed to run one hour later in both directions.

*Avant* services on the Granada – Sevilla and Granada – Málaga routes have seen some minor timing alterations (Table **678a**).

Since May 20 there have been some significant timing alterations to some services in Tables **680** and **682**. *Alvia* service **4114** Lugo – Madrid now departs Lugo six hours earlier than before, at 0518. *AVE* **4475** Madrid – Vigo departs Madrid over an hour later, at 0826. *Avlo* **4295** Madrid – A Coruña departs Madrid nearly two hours earlier, at 0630. *AVE* **4565** Madrid – Vigo departs Madrid at 1532 (previously 1605).

## SWEDEN

Engineering work is taking place in many locations across the Swedish network which is resulting in frequent timing changes on many routes. We have generally tried to show the standard timetable on all routes, but readers are strongly advised to confirm any journey plans before travelling.

Services on the main line between Stockholm and Göteborg continue to be affected by work to upgrade the section of line between Alingsås and Göteborg. Journeys are frequently disrupted at weekends, but there will also be changes every day between June 22 and August 16. Long-distance services in Table **740** are generally diverted via Borås resulting in extended journey times. Regional trains in Table **756** are replaced by a bus service between Alingsås and Göteborg. We do not have enough space to include full details of these complex changes, so readers are advised to confirm timings before travelling.

Major alterations affecting services on the far north route between Luleå and Narvik were implemented from April 13 and are expected to remain in place until further notice. The overnight Stockholm – Narvik service (**94/93**) is currently only running between Stockholm and Luleå; passengers travelling to or from stations on the Narvik line now have to change trains at Boden. The overnight Stockholm – Luleå service (**92/91**) is now only running between Stockholm and Umeå. Table **767** has been updated with these new arrangements. A reduced daytime service is also operating on the Luleå – Kiruna – Narvik route and Table **765** has been updated with the high-summer service from June 22 to August 2. Readers intending to travel on the once a day Luleå – Narvik train should be aware that it is often subject to partial bus replacement.

Services in Table **758** are subject to major changes from August 10 to October 4 when the section of line between Sala and Avesta Krylbo is temporarily closed to rail traffic. During this period all *IC* services are diverted via alternative routes. A special version of Table **758** will be found on page 572 with the amended schedules.

## NORWAY

There is some good news for travellers planning to head north from Trondheim with the expected reopening of the line between Åsen and Levanger (north of Stjørdal) from June 29. This section of line was closed late in August 2025 following a landslide. Table **787** has been updated with timings from June 29. Note that the overnight service between Trondheim and Bodø remains suspended due to a shortage of locomotives, but it is hoped that the service may be able to resume in early autumn.

A number of routes around Oslo will operate to an amended timetable from June 27 to August 9. Special versions of the affected tables will be found on page 573.

## FINLAND

Our Finnish section has been updated with timings valid until August 9, although a similar service is expected to continue beyond this date.

All services on the Helsinki to Turku line will be operated by bus between Helsinki and Karjaa from June 22 to July 26 with journey times extended by approximately 30 minutes (Table **791**).

A much reduced rail service will operate between Kouvola and Joensuu on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings until September 27 (Table **797**). Rail replacement buses will be provided and readers should check with the operator for timings if travelling during these times.

## GERMANY

Services on the Berlin – Hamburg main line are expected to return to normal from June 14 following an extended period of engineering work (which started in August last year). This has overlapped with work on the Hannover to Hamburg route which is scheduled for completion on July 10. As a result we have published schedules in the German section that are valid from July 11. However, it will be possible to use this edition to plan journeys until July 10 in most tables that are not affected by these major changes in northern Germany.

There are numerous other infrastructure projects that will affect services during the second half of the year and the most significant of them are outlined below.

The Berlin Stadtbahn between Charlottenburg and Ostbahnhof stations (via Berlin Hbf high-level) is closed to all but S-Bahn traffic affecting both regional and long-distance services that normally use this important route across Berlin. Long-distance trains are diverted to the low-level platforms at Berlin Hbf or serve other Berlin stations such as Gesundbrunnen. Regional services that normally run via the Stadtbahn do not run along the affected section, although travellers may still transfer using frequent S-Bahn services that run on a separate pair of tracks. All relevant tables have been updated to reflect these temporary arrangements.

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## GERMANY

Following the reopening of the Nürnberg to Regensburg line on June 13 after a four month closure, the adjacent section of line between Regensburg and Passau will be closed from June 14 to December 12 affecting all services, including important international connections to and from Austria. During this period there are no daytime through trains between Frankfurt and Wien, although these trains will continue to run within Germany as far as Nürnberg. Passengers making international journeys will need to travel via München to complete their journey by train (some additional trains have been introduced between München and Wien as mentioned in the earlier international news item for Table 65). For journeys to and from stations on the closed section of line, rail replacement bus services will operate between Regensburg and Passau and timings for these have been included in Table 921. There will also be three express bus services per day in each direction between Regensburg and Passau, although these require advance reservation (Table 920).

Following the usual pattern in recent years, many services in the Stuttgart area will be affected by engineering work during the summer, this year from July 20 to September 11. Various long-distance trains will not call at Stuttgart Hbf during this period and relevant notes have been added to clearly indicate these. Some regional trains are also affected, so please check the warnings and notes that have been added to the relevant tables.

Later in the year, from October 2, the high-speed line between Wolfsburg and Berlin will be closed resulting in significant changes to services that normally use this line. To help readers plan journeys during this period, we have included special versions of Tables 810 and 902 on pages 574 to 576. The Amsterdam to Berlin services will also be affected by this closure. Two of the six daily services will run as normal between Amsterdam and Hannover only; the other four will divert between Osnabrück and Berlin via Hamburg. Details of these changes will also be found in the special version of Table 810 on pages 574 and 575.

There are many other periods of engineering work that are planned across the German network and we endeavour to inform readers when and where these affect services. However, it is not always possible to include full details, particularly for short-term changes.

## AUSTRIA

Engineering work between Salzburg and Wörgl, combined with the diversion of international trains between Feldkirch and Zürich from June 14 to October 14 (as mentioned in the international news item for Table 86) means that most services on the Salzburg – Innsbruck – Feldkirch – Bregenz main line have been temporarily retimed and are operating with different train numbers. Table 951 has been fully updated with the amended timings valid until October 14. Note that the *EuroCity Transalpin* service between Zürich and Graz is temporarily withdrawn between Zürich and Innsbruck.

## POLAND

Open-access operator Leo Express has introduced a number of Praha – Krakow trains (Tables 99 and 1065) and also a Frankfurt – Przemysl service which is only available for international journeys to and from Poland (so timings are only shown in the International section).

## CZECH REPUBLIC

Due to engineering work, services between Vsetín and Púchov are operated by bus until December (Table 1160a). Through services to and from Žilina via this route are suspended for the duration of the works.

Leo Express has recast its services on the Praha – Slovakia corridor, affecting Tables 1160, 1161 and 1180. Trains to and from Slovakia now terminate at/start from Prešov rather than Košice. Leo Express has also reintroduced trains from Praha to Bratislava via Olomouc and Břeclav with two return pairs running daily (Tables 1160 and 1162).

Czech Railways has reinstated the *SuperCity Pendolino* service between Praha and Opava that it withdrew in December (Table 1160). The train works from Praha on Friday and returns on Sunday (train numbers 513/502).

## SLOVAKIA

Three Bratislava – Košice *Ex* trains in each direction are extended from/to Wien from July 1 and are reclassified *EC* (Table 1180). Note that most services in this table are retimed between Bratislava and Žilina.

## GREECE

Hellenic Train has introduced a new daily return *Regionale* service between Lianokládi and Athina. The outbound train departs Lianokládi at 0520, returning from Athina at 1950 (Table 1400).

## ROMANIA

The section of line between Braşov and Miercurea Ciuc is closed to rail traffic from May 26 to September 15 (Table 1610). Most services are replaced by bus over the affected section, although the overnight service between Bucureşti and Satu Mare is diverted via Cluj Napoca. The seasonal overnight service between Satu Mare and Mangalia is also diverted between Gheorghieni and Constanţa via Adjud, Buzău and Făurei (Table 1685).

## EUROPE BY RAIL

The 19th edition of *Europe by Rail: The Definitive Guide*, the popular guide to rail travel around Europe written by Nicky Gardner and Susanne Kries, will be published in June 2026. It has been thoroughly updated with new routes in the Baltic States and Balkans. Featuring 52 routes in 33 countries, this guidebook is the perfect companion to the European Rail Timetable when planning adventures around Europe by train. It is available to purchase directly from our website as well as in all good bookshops and online retailers.