

NEWSLINES

INTERNATIONAL

Eurostar schedules from and to London have been further updated and are now valid until November 3 (Table 10). Eurostar will once again run a weekly ski train, branded *Eurostar Snow*, between London and Bourg St Maurice this winter. It will depart London St Pancras on Saturday mornings, returning from Bourg St Maurice the following day. A change of trains at Lille Europe will be required in both directions (Table 9).

GREAT BRITAIN

All rail services on the Island Line between Ryde Pier Head and Shanklin will be suspended from September 6 to October 6. Services will be operated by bus during this period. Rail services will be restored from October 7 except for the section between Ryde Pier Head and Ryde Esplanade which will remain closed until May 2025. Amended timings will appear in the Autumn edition (Table 106).

Timings of certain services in Tables 119 and 188 were adjusted from July 22 following the latest phase of upgrade work taking place on the Trans Pennine route.

Cross Country has announced that it will be operating a reduced timetable on Mondays to Saturdays from August 10 to November 9 so that a driver training backlog can be addressed. This should provide a more robust service during this period, avoiding the need to cancel services at short notice. Most services operating between Newcastle and Reading will be temporarily withdrawn as will the small number of services that operate north of Edinburgh (Tables 107 and 119). There will also be some cancellations on the Nottingham – Birmingham – Cardiff route (Table 117). A small number of other services may be partially cancelled. We have indicated the alterations that are planned on Mondays to Fridays, but the Saturday changes are complicated further by other engineering work and so we have not been able to confirm all of the longer term Saturday alterations in time for this edition. We hope to have a clearer picture in time for the Autumn edition.

IRELAND

Iarnród Éireann are planning to introduce a new timetable from August 25 and we hope to include full details in the Autumn edition.

SWITZERLAND

Owing to a technical issue, *Golden Pass Express* services between Montreux and Interlaken will require a change of trains at Zweisimmen until further notice (Tables 563 and 566).

SPAIN

Avlo branded (low-cost) services have replaced certain *AVE* trains between Madrid and Barcelona (Table 650).

An additional *Media Distancia* service has been introduced in each direction between Sevilla and Huelva meaning there are now four trains per day each way. Note that some existing services have been retimed (Table 671).

From July 22, a daily return *avlo* service started running between Madrid and either A Coruña or Vigo. It runs to A Coruña four days a week and to Vigo on the other three days (Table 680). From the same date *avlo* also started running a daily service between Madrid and Gijón and a through *AVE* service was introduced between Madrid and Avilés, running six days a week (Table 685).

ALBANIA

On Saturdays and Sundays, a new morning service is provided from Lushnjë to Rrogozhinë, where there is a connection with the existing Elbasan to Plazh train. A similar service operates on the opposite direction later in the day. Details of the latest timings will be found in Table 1390.

TURKEY

Turkish Railways has recently reinstated a service on the short section of line between Gümüşgün and Burdur which had not seen passenger traffic for over twenty years. The daytime Güller Express, which operates between Izmir and Isparta, is now diverted to run via the Burdur branch line, although this does mean the journey time to and from Isparta is extended by approximately 50 minutes. Note that the bus link to and from Burdur connecting with the overnight Güller Express has been discontinued. Table 1572 has been updated with the amended timings.

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