

NEWSLINES

Tables in this edition are generally valid until December 10 although there are a number of exceptions, most notably in Finland (valid until August 14) and Germany (valid until September 22). In addition, most of our tables covering northern and western France are only valid for the high-summer period until August 28 – schedules from August 29 will be published in the Autumn edition.

IRELAND

From July 18, services between Cork and both Cobh and Midleton will increase from hourly to half-hourly on Monday to Fridays (Table 244). Note that buses will replace trains on both routes from July 2 to 17 so that essential track and bridge work can take place before the improved timetable is introduced.

FRANCE

From July 1 it will be necessary to reserve seats on Normandie TER services branded *Krono+* and *Krono* when travelling to or from Paris. This affects services in Tables 270, 273, 275 and 276. Rail pass holders travelling in this area should take particular note of this new policy.

As some eagle-eyed readers may have noticed in the Summer edition, the Paris – Portbou overnight service no longer crosses the Spanish border, with Cerbère now being the destination/origin (Table 319).

ITALY

We are continuing to verify summer schedules in Italy and all long-distance services have now been checked and updated. However, we are still working our way through checks for regional services and, although major alterations are not expected, readers are advised to confirm timings locally.

Engineering work in the Milano area from August 8 to 26 will result in timing alterations for many long-distance services. Readers travelling to, from or via Milano during this period are advised to confirm timings locally as trains may depart earlier than usual.

SPAIN

Engineering work is taking place between Santander and Torrelavega at weekends until December 31. Travellers intending to catch the 0700 departure from Santander to Valladolid on Saturdays and Sundays will be conveyed by bus as far as Torrelavega to connect with the retimed onward train to Valladolid (Table 684).

More *Regional* services have been reinstated on routes from Valladolid to Medina del Campo, Salamanca and Madrid (Table 689).

A new tunnel linking Madrid's Chamartín and Puerta de Atocha stations was due to open on July 1. However, services will initially be unable to use the platforms at Puerta de Atocha station due to reconstruction work which means *Alvia* services 4172/4043 Santander – Alicante, 4111/4110 Gijón – València and 4181/4140 Gijón – Alicante will only serve Chamartín station in Madrid (Tables 668, 684 and 685).

On July 19 a new high-speed line will open between Plasencia and Badajoz resulting in journey time reductions of up to 51 minutes. The *Regional* service between Badajoz and Madrid Atocha Cercanías will become an *Intercity* train and extended to Madrid Chamartín. The current *Intercity* service between Badajoz and Madrid will be upgraded to the *Alvia* train classification (Table 677).

We also expect a section of high-speed line between Venta de Baños and Burgos to open later this month, although we are still awaiting confirmation of the exact date. A special version of Table 689, which shows the proposed schedules of *Alvia* services once the line opens, will be found on page 36.

FINLAND

Timings in this month's Finnish section are valid until August 14. Updated schedules valid from August 15 to December 10 will be published next month.

During the coronavirus pandemic, timetables issued by Finnish Railways have included warnings of possible cancellations of certain services on specified days of the week. We have been informed by a regular correspondent from Finland that this policy has now ended with the full planned timetable now operating.

GERMANY

Timings in the German section are only valid until September 22 as engineering work on various routes has resulted in some significant alterations to long-distance services. Updated timings from September 23 will be published in the Autumn seasonal edition.

POLAND

Further to last month's report, international service 141/142 *Balti* started running from July 1 between Białystok and Kaunas (Table 1042).

CZECH REPUBLIC

Due to engineering work taking place in Austria, services between Rybník and Linz are wholly or partially operated by bus until the end of August. The amended international service from July 2 to 30 will be found in a special version of Table 1130 on page 560. Further alterations will occur during August, details for which will be published in the August edition.

Services on the international Ostrava – Žilina – Vrútky – Banská Bystrica – Zvolen route have been split and now run Ostrava – Žilina (Table 1160) and Vrútky – Banská Bystrica – Zvolen (Slovakian Table 1185). A single train pair continues to provide a through service between Ostrava and Vrútky.

SLOVAKIA

Due to a landslide between Szob and Nagymaros-Visehrad in Hungary, trains in Table 1175 are either diverted or replaced in part by bus. Disruption is expected to last until the end of August. Readers intending to use services in this table are advised to check locally for alterations as services may depart earlier than shown.

HUNGARY

There are a number of alterations to trains in Tables 1260 and 1261. Most notably, *InterCity* train 529 is renumbered 519 and starts from Nyíregyháza rather than Sátoraljajúhely.

ALBANIA

New timings valid from June 11 to September 18 show the single Durrës to Elbasan out and back service running on Saturdays and Sundays only.

TURKEY

A number of changes to Turkish schedules were implemented from June 20. High-speed services in Table 1570 have been re-timed, along with associated bus connections between Eskişehir and Bursa. Table 1571 includes updated ferry schedules between Istanbul Yenikapi and Bandırma. Two train pairs between Izmir and Denizli have recently been reinstated (Table 1572). Minor alterations have also been made to local services between Konya and Karaman (Table 1581), *Ada Express* trains between Gebze and Adapazarı (Table 1584) and to services on the Mersin to Adana line (Table 1585).

The Sivas to Samsun line has partially reopened with services now running on the Amasya – Sulova (for Amasya airport) – Havza section (Table 1577). Timings for a return service Amasya – Havza – Samsun are also included in the table but we are unsure when this particular train will start running.

BALTIC STATES

We have recast and expanded our Lithuanian section to include routes and important towns not previously shown. Our Latvian and Estonian tables are also undergoing a similar review and we hope to have this completed in time for next month's edition.

RUSSIA AND BELARUS

Readers should note that timings for Russia and Belarus were last updated for the Winter (December) 2021 edition. However, due to the ongoing conflict in the region and the implementation of Europe-wide sanctions against Russia and Belarus, we will not be updating any of our Russian and Belarusian tables until further notice.

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BEYOND EUROPE

NORTH AMERICAN UPDATE

The *Maple Leaf* service between New York and Toronto restarted on June 27. However, Amtrak's journey planner appears to indicate that a change of trains is required at the Canadian/US border point.

From July 11 Amtrak will introduce additional daily return services from Washington to Norfolk, Newport News and Roanoke.

Amtrak, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and New York State Department of Transportation have introduced a trial summer seasonal service from New York to Pittsfield via Albany. The new service, known as the *Berkshire Flyer*, leaves New York on Friday afternoon and returns from Pittsfield on Sunday afternoons.

km	Berkshire Flyer	1235 ⑤ A	Berkshire Flyer	1244 ⑦ B
0	New York Penn.....d	1515 ...	Pittsfield.....d	1500 ...
24	Yonkers.....d	1539 ...	Albany Rensselaer.....a	1610 ...
54	Croton Harmon.....d	1558 ...	Albany Rensselaer.....d	1630 ...
118	Poughkeepsie.....d	1640 ...	Hudson.....d	1652 ...
142	Rhinecliff Kingston.....d	1655 ...	Rhincliff Kingston.....d	1714 ...
184	Hudson.....d	1715 ...	Poughkeepsie.....d	1730 ...
229	Albany Rensselaer.....a	1745 ...	Croton Harmon.....d	1810 ...
229	Albany Rensselaer.....d	1805 ...	Yonkers.....d	1838 ...
307	Pittsfield.....a	1912 ...	New York Penn.....a	1910 ...

A – ⑤ July 8 - Sept. 2.

B – ⑦ July 10 - Aug. 28.

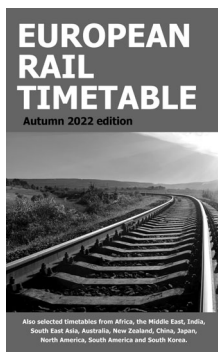
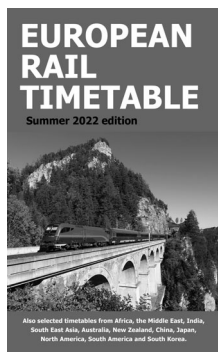
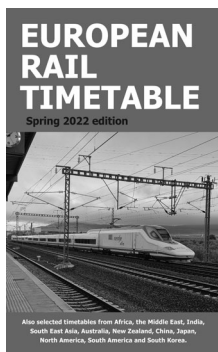
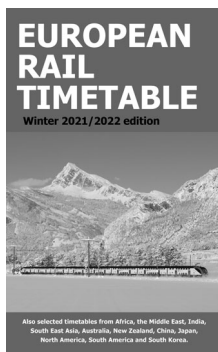
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MADRID - BILBAO and IRÚN

Below is a provisional summary of the new *Alvia* service expected to be introduced during July (the exact date had not been confirmed as we closed for press).

	Alvia	Alvia	Alvia	Alvia	Alvia	Alvia		Alvia	Alvia	Alvia	Alvia	Alvia	Alvia	
	4085	4087	4157	4177	4175	4197		4076	4056	4084	4086	4366	4164	4166
Madrid Chamartin †	680	681	d	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ávila	680	681	d	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Salamanca	680	681	d	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medina del Campo	680	681	d	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Valladolid Campo Grande	681	d	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Venta de Baños	681	d	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palencia	681	d	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burgos Rosa Manzano	681	d	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miranda de Ebro	654	d	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bilbao Abando	654	a	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vitoria/Gasteiz	654	d	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Barcelona Sants 653	654	a
Altsasu	654	d
San Sebastián/Donostia	654	d
Irún	654	a

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