

What's new this month

WELCOME

This edition of the *European Rail Timetable* covers schedules up to the major timetable change, which this year takes place on December 10. Most European countries will introduce revised schedules from this date and these will be shown, where possible, in the next edition (which will be available for dispatch from Thursday December 14).

As well as a few final updates to current rail schedules, this month we have also included advance versions of all our international tables valid from the December timetable change and these will be found in our Winter International Supplement on pages 585 to 625. A summary of the key changes will be found at the end of this news section.

ROUTE OF THE MONTH

The town of Lienz, the administrative centre of Austria's Osttirol region, is located on a rail route which follows the scenic Drau valley, linking two of Europe's major trans-Alpine routes. Eastbound services link the town with the main Salzburg to Villach route at Spittal-Millstättersee. In the opposite direction, trains pass into Italian territory at San Candido before joining the Brenner main line at Fortezza. In this month's feature (which will be found on page 36) our regular travel correspondents, Nicky Gardner and Susanne Kries, describe the journey west from Lienz.

GREAT BRITAIN

The line between Preston and Blackpool North will be temporarily closed from November 11 to March 25 to allow electrification and other route improvement work to take place. During the closure a replacement bus service will operate every 15 minutes from 0630 on weekdays and from 0930 on Sundays.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Northern Ireland Railways has issued a new timetable on the Belfast to Londonderry and Portrush routes. The majority of services on Mondays to Saturdays now run direct between Belfast and Londonderry with passengers for Portrush having to change trains at Coleraine.

SPAIN

Services between València and Zaragoza have been accelerated by a few minutes. Also, *Media Distancia* train **18506** has been retimed to depart Valencia Nord 78 minutes earlier.

GERMANY

The winter schedules of the Harz narrow gauge railway are included in this edition. The service to November 5 will be found in its usual location on page 409, whilst the full winter schedules, valid from December 2, will be found in a second version of Table **867** on page 567. Please note that from November 6 to December 1 virtually all services on the network are suspended to allow maintenance work to take place. However, a limited service will continue to operate on the popular section of line between Wernigerode and Brocken during this period.

POLAND

Further schedule changes were made during October and a full update of tables has been completed which are now valid until December 9.

HUNGARY

Between November 1 and December 9 there will be engineering work on the Budapest – Debrecen – Nyiregyháza route (Table **1270**) with extended journey times. Those *IC* trains which normally continue beyond Nyiregyháza to Miskolc (continuing towards Budapest in a loop) will terminate at Nyiregyháza during this period, whilst separate trains will run in normal timings Nyiregyháza – Miskolc – Budapest (Table **1261**). Both tables show the revised timings.

SERBIA-MONTENEGRO

Engineering work continues on the Beograd – Bar route. Until November 15, passengers using the day train will be transported by bus for approximately 50 kilometres between Vreoci and Valjevo (Table **1370**).

KOSOVO

Services between Priština/Prishtinë and Peć/Pejë resumed on October 9 following introduction of additional rolling stock (Table **1375**).

BALTIC STATES

A new timetable has been introduced in Lithuania, with less trains running on certain routes, including Vilnius – Kaunas (Table **1811**) and Vilnius – Trakai (Table **1812**). New early morning trains have been introduced in both directions between Vilnius and Klaipeda on Mondays to Fridays (Table **1810**).

Estonia has many retimings from October 29, including Tallinn to Narva (Table **1870**) and Tallinn to Tartu (Table **1880**).

BEYOND EUROPE

This month's Beyond Europe section features North America and all tables have been checked and updated with the latest available information.

A significant change is the welcome return of rail services to Roanoke in Virginia and Table **9215** has been adapted to include the new schedules. Trains last served Roanoke 38 years ago, in October 1979.

There are notable alterations to Amtrak's *Hiawatha* services between Chicago and Milwaukee (Table **9270**) and *Pacific Surfliner* trains shown in Tables **9320** and **9354**. There are also various amendments to services in Table **9210**, particularly affecting *Ethan Allen Express* trains between New York and Rutland.

WINTER INTERNATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Tables 10, 12 (Winter): Eurostar timings between London and Paris / Brussels are valid until March 31.

Table 17 (Winter): Eurostar will run from London to Marseille three days a week from May 4 and four days a week during the summer.

Tables 18, 20 (Winter): Thalys timings shown in our tables are valid until March 31.

Table 24 (Winter): The weekly train **24/23 TransEuropean Express** Paris – Moskva will run on different days. Train **23/452** will run one day earlier, departing Moskva on Tuesdays and arriving Paris on Thursday mornings. The reverse train (**24/453**) will also be adjusted with a Thursday evening departure from Paris, arriving Moskva on Saturdays.

Table 25 (Winter): Train **18/17 Nice** – Moskva has been considerably retimed. Train **17/409** will depart Moskva 9 hours later on Thursday evenings, arriving Nice early evening on Saturdays. In the reverse direction train **18/408** will depart Nice Sunday mornings with a Moskva arrival midday on Tuesdays.

Table 54 (Winter): The Zürich – Berlin – Hamburg overnight *nightjet* service (**470/471**) will run as two portions serving Berlin and Hamburg separately. The two parts of the train will split/join during an unadvertised stop at Hildesheim. The main benefit of this change will be a 40 minute earlier arrival in Hamburg (and a 20 minute later departure southbound).

Table 56 (Winter): The running days of Talgo train **14/13 Berlin** – Moskva will be altered. Train **441/14** will depart Berlin on Mondays and Saturdays instead of the present Mondays and Sundays. The return service **440/13** will depart Moskva on Fridays and Sundays instead of Saturdays and Sundays.

Table 60 (Winter): Train **477/476 Metropol** Berlin – Praha – Budapest will be withdrawn between Berlin and Praha.

The two-hourly daytime trains between Praha and Budapest will now serve Budapest Nyugati station instead of Keleti, reducing the journey time by 15 minutes.

Table 66 (Winter): Most *ICE* services between Wien and Frankfurt are accelerated by up to 25 minutes.

Tables 73, 82 (Winter): A new *EC* train, numbered **151**, will provide a new through service from Frankfurt to Milano. Departing Frankfurt at 0801, the service will operate via Basel and Lugano, arriving Milano Centrale at 1535. There will also be a new northbound through train but this will be formed by extending the existing train *EC 52* Milano – Bern – Basel through to Frankfurt.

Table 76 (Winter): The number of services between München and Praha will increase from four to seven each day thus providing a service every two hours throughout the day.

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WINTER INTERNATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Table 88 (Winter): The existing Wien – Venezia daytime train (EC 31/30) is expected to be operated as a *railjet* service, numbered 131/130. A second daily service will be added in each direction: RJ 132 will leave Venezia Santa Lucia at 0955 for a late afternoon arrival in Wien, whilst RJ 133 will depart Wien Hbf at 1225, arriving Venezia at 2005.

Connections to and from Praha and Budapest have been added to this table to clearly show the new daytime journey opportunities that will be available between the Czech and Hungarian capitals and Venezia following the introduction of the additional trains mentioned above.

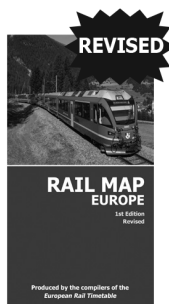
Table 95 (Winter): Weekly train 405/404 Vitava Moskva – Praha will depart Moskva on Monday evenings instead of Friday mornings. The return service will depart Praha early Wednesday mornings instead of early Saturday evenings. Moskva – Wien and St Peterburg – Praha/Wien timings are yet to be confirmed.

Table 96 (Winter): The through sleeping cars from both Praha and Bratislava to Lviv and Kyiv are withdrawn, but there is a new service from Kosice to Kyiv. The Budapest – Kyiv train is extended to run Wien – Budapest – Kyiv.

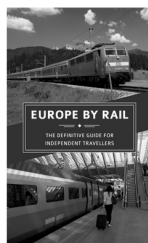
Table 99 (Winter): Train 407/406 Budapest – Warszawa and 403/402 Budapest – Kraków will be combined and routed Budapest – Kraków – Warszawa (Table 99). Please note, this service will no longer call at Katowice. Train 101/100 Moravia Wien – Břeclav – Ostrava – Bohumin will be extended to Katowice. Train 115/114 Cracovia Praha – Bohumin (which has been extended to Kraków during the summer only) will now run to Kraków all year. Train EC 105 Sobieski Gdynia – Warszawa – Wien will be retimed to run two hours later, thereby breaking the connection to Budapest. However, a connection to Bratislava will be maintained at Břeclav.

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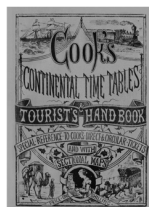
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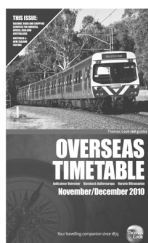
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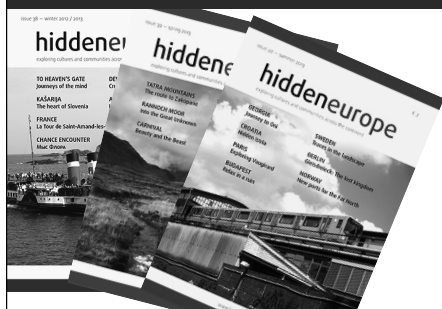
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