

NEWSLINES

Schedules in this edition are valid until December 9, the end of the current timetable period. Our **Winter International Supplement**, which will be found on pages 589 to 620, includes advance versions of all international tables valid from December 10. The upcoming Winter 2023/2024 edition will include new timings for most European countries valid from December 10 and will be available in digital format from Friday December 8, with the printed version being published a week later.

INTERNATIONAL

From October 1 all *Thalys* services were officially rebranded *Eurostar* and so all relevant tables have now been updated accordingly.

FRANCE

As reported last month, a landslide in late August severely damaged the line between St Michel-Valloire and Modane. Initially, it was hoped the line would be able to reopen by early November, but is now expected to remain closed for several months. Domestic regional services will continue to be operated by bus over the affected section while passengers travelling between France and Italy will have to use alternative routes until repairs are completed.

SPAIN

The direct *InterCity* service between Madrid and Algeciras resumed from October 17 following completion of engineering works between Antequera-Santa Ana and Algeciras. There have also been some minor re-timings to *Media Distancia* services along the route, while *Media Distancia* services between Sevilla and Málaga have some more significant alterations. Table 673 has been fully updated to include all of these changes.

The morning *Regional* service from Entroncamento (Portugal) to Badajoz has been re-timed to run 19 minutes earlier. Passengers travelling from Lisboa will need to catch an earlier connecting train as a result (Tables 46, 677 and 691).

Ouigo will run two additional services between Madrid and València from December 10 together with one extra service between Madrid and Alacant (Table 668).

Renfe have announced the 24 kilometre Pajares Base Tunnel between León and Gijón should open on November 30 (Table 685). From this date the journey time between Madrid and Gijón will be reduced by up to 46 minutes. We will include the fully revised timings in the upcoming Winter edition.

GERMANY

The latest phase of work to upgrade the line between Berlin and Dresden is scheduled to be completed on November 10 with schedules returning to normal the following day. Timings from November 11 will be found in a separate version of Table 840 on page 580.

Table 867 has been updated with the winter schedules of the Harz narrow gauge lines. The schedules shown are valid from December 1 as most lines will be closed for planned engineering work during November (rail services will only run Wernigerode – Brocken and Nordhausen – Ilfeld). In addition, services between Quedlinburg and Nordhausen are subject to variation during the first half of December.

POLAND

Zamość has been added to Table 1055 so that through services to Lublin can be better shown, together with connections to Warszawa.

On October 15, Ukrainian Railways introduced a daily connection between Warszawa and Lviv by changing trains at Rava Ruska (Table 1062). The service is only available to international travellers.

WINTER INTERNATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Table 13 (Winter): The two daily *TGV* services from Barcelona to Paris will be re-timed to run one hour earlier.

Table 22 (Winter): The *InterCity* service between Amsterdam and Berlin will be completely re-cast with overall journey times reduced by around 30 minutes. This is achieved by a much shorter stop at the border station of Bad Bentheim (as the locomotive will no longer need to be changed) combined with fewer calling points in Germany.

Table 55 (Winter): Two new *Nightjet* sleeper services will commence between Brussels and Berlin via Köln and Frankfurt (*NJ 425/424*) and between Paris and Berlin via Forbach (*NJ 40469/40424*). These services will initially run three days a week but are expected to run daily from October 1.

Table 58 (Winter): The *Kulturzug/Pociąg do Kultury* between Berlin and Wrocław was threatened with withdrawal from December, but newspaper reports suggest it will continue. There is also a proposal to serve Warszawa in the future.

Table 60 (Winter): *NightJet 457/456* Berlin – Graz (including *NightJet 40457/40476* through cars Berlin – Budapest) will be diverted via Dresden and Praha instead of via Wrocław and Bohumin.

Table 64 (Winter): An additional *ICE* train pair will run between Wien and Hamburg via Passau, Nürnberg and Berlin.

Table 70 (Winter): A regular Berlin – Frankfurt – Stuttgart – München *ICE* service in each direction will be extended to serve Innsbruck via Kufstein on a daily basis. Train 1211 will leave München at 2134, arriving Innsbruck 2318. In the opposite direction train 1218 departs Innsbruck 0840 and arrives München 1029 before continuing its journey in Germany.

From April 8, three pairs of *EuroCity* trains between Germany and Italy (**87/86**, **89/88** and **287/286**) will become *Railjet* services with the remaining four pairs similarly reclassified from October 1.

Table 75 (Winter): An additional through service in each direction between München and Zürich (*EC 195/194*) will start running on certain dates.

Table 77 (Winter): A new *InterCity* service between Berlin and Kraków will be introduced, numbered 55/54.

Table 78 (Winter): The thrice weekly *ES 453/452 European Sleeper* service between Brussels and Berlin Hbf will also serve Berlin Ostbahnhof from December 10. The service frequency will reduce to twice weekly from January 8 to March 24 before resuming its regular three times a week schedule when the service will also extend to Praha.

Table 82 (Winter): Train *EC 150* (renumbered from *EC 52*) Milano – Frankfurt will be diverted to run via the Gotthard Base Tunnel, instead of using the Lötschberg route via Brig (although following the temporary closure of the Gotthard Base Tunnel to passenger services, this change may be postponed to a later date). Note that the equivalent southbound service, *EC 151* Frankfurt – Milano, already operates via the Gotthard route but will also be rerouted to serve Zürich.

Table 99 (Winter): A new daytime *EuroCity 103/102* between Kraków and Wien will be introduced together with a new overnight *EN 407/406* München – Wien – Kraków – Warszawa. However, the through cars between Graz and Warszawa will be withdrawn.

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