

INTERNATIONAL

From November 4, Eurostar will align the names of the three classes of service available across its entire network. The new names will be *Eurostar Premier*, *Eurostar Plus* and *Eurostar Standard*. These will replace *Business Premier*, *Standard Premier* and *Standard* on its services to and from London. On its services between Paris, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany (formerly known as Thalys) the new names will replace *Premium*, *Comfort* and *Standard* classes.

GREAT BRITAIN

Scottish long-distance bus Tables **227** and **228** have been fully updated for the winter period with timings valid until March 27.

IRELAND

Belfast's new central rail and bus transport hub, Grand Central Station, opened in October. It is located on the site of the old Great Victoria Street station. All services to and from Larne, Bangor, Londonderry and Portrush now serve the new station (Tables **231** and **233**). *Enterprise* services on the Belfast to Dublin route increased in frequency from every two hours to hourly from October 29. Northern Ireland Railways services between Lisburn and Portadown and Iarnród Éireann services between Dundalk and Dublin were recast at the same time (Table **230**).

FRANCE

The whole of the Sud-Est high-speed line between Paris and Marseille will be temporarily closed for four days from November 9 to 12 so that work to upgrade the signalling system can take place. During this period a much reduced service will operate with journeys taking considerably longer than usual; readers intending to travel to destinations in south-eastern France using *TGV* services are advised to confirm timings before travelling.

A new timetable has been introduced between Paris and Granville with most trains having extended journey times, some by as much as 20 minutes (Table **273**). The bus connection to Mont St Michel now runs from Villedieu les Poêles.

Updated bus timings between Rennes and Mont St Michel, operated by *Keolis Armor*, have been added to Table **274**. These are valid from November 4 to March 31.

Bus journeys between Bedous and Canfranc are suspended until further notice as the RN 134 road has been damaged by recent bad weather (Table **324**).

The bus substitution between Neussargues and St Chély d'Apcher has now ended meaning the daily through rail service between Clermont Ferrand and Béziers is running once again (Table **332**).

The railway between Drap and Breil-sur-Roya is closed for long-term engineering work meaning rail replacement bus services will be operating between these stations until further notice (Table **581**).

ITALY

Operation of passenger services on the branch line between Rovigo and Chioggia (Table **620**) has passed to *Trenitalia*. Note that services between Adria and Chioggia are currently operated by bus.

Ferrovie Appulo Lucane introduced a revised timetable from October 24 on its route between Bari and Matera (Table **636**).

SPAIN

From December 15, the morning *Intercity* service from Almería to Madrid will be retimed to depart Almería later in the afternoon, at 1530, running with train number **279** (Table **661**).

NORWAY

A derailment at Bjerka on October 24 has resulted in temporary changes on the Nordlandsbanen. The section between Mosjøen and Mo i Rana is currently closed to rail traffic, but is expected to reopen by mid-afternoon on November 4.

AUSTRIA

Tables **950** and **950a** have both been updated with temporary timings that will apply until December 14 following the flooding of the high-speed line between Wien and St Pölten. Until this date all trains will operate via the classic route resulting in extended journey times. Other tables have not been fully updated so please consult Table **950** for confirmed timings from and to Wien. The high-speed section between Wien and St Pölten is expected to fully re-open from the start of the new timetable on December 15.

The 8371m Tauern Tunnel (located between Bad Gastein and Mallnitz-Oberveellach) will be closed to all rail traffic from November 18, 2024 to July 13, 2025 so that modernisation work can take place. Infrastructure work will also take place at other locations along the route between Schwarzach-St Veit and Villach. The work will take place in three phases, the first running until March 2. During this period rail services will continue to run as far as Bad Gastein (north of the blockade) and to Mallnitz-Oberveellach (south of the tunnel). For longer distance journeys a fast bus connection will be provided between Bischofshofen and Spittal-Millstättersee. Overnight services that normally use this route are either suspended or diverted. The following overnight services will be suspended from November 17 to July 13 (Table **71**):

- **NJ237/236** Stuttgart – Venezia
- **NJ295/294** München – Roma
- **NJ40295/40235** München – La Spezia

The following overnight services will be retimed and diverted via Graz for the duration of the work:

- **EN40237/414** Stuttgart – Zagreb (Table **62**)
- **EN40465/40414** Zürich – Zagreb (Table **86**)

Full details of the amended timetable will be published in a special version of Table **970** in the December edition.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Owing to severe flooding that affected many parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina early in October, the section of line between Ostrožac and Grabovica (17 kilometres) was severely damaged. As a result, Bosnian Federation Railways has suspended all services on the Sarajevo to Čapljina line until further notice (Table **1355**).

WINTER INTERNATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Our Winter International Supplement has been expanded and updated further with new timings for selected international tables valid from December 15. It will be found at the back of this edition from page 591.

Table **13** (Winter): There will be some significant retimings on the Paris to Barcelona route. Southbound *TGV 9713* will run two hours earlier, departing Paris at 0742. The afternoon northbound service will run three hours later, departing Barcelona at 1625 and will be allocated train number **9706**.

Table **18** (Winter): The *Intercity* service between Amsterdam and Brussels will be completely revised and operated by Dutch Railways' recently introduced *Intercity New Generation* trains. Branded *Eurocity Direct*, the revised hourly service will run from and to Amsterdam Zuid and will call only at Schiphol, Rotterdam and Antwerpen en route. Certain services will actually run from and to Lelystad, thus providing the Flevoland province with a direct link to Brussels. An hourly *EuroCity* service will also operate between Rotterdam and Brussels which will make additional station calls omitted by the new *Eurocity Direct* service, including Breda, Noordekempen, Mechelen and Brussels Airport.

Tables **21** and **70** (Winter): European Sleeper plan to run an overnight service conveying sleepers, couchettes and a restaurant car between Brussels and Venezia via Innsbruck on five dates in February and March. Two additional trips will be made between Brussels and Innsbruck.

Table **55** (Winter): A new daytime *ICE* service will be introduced between Paris and Berlin via Strasbourg and Frankfurt. Train *ICE 9591* will depart Paris at 0955 with return service *ICE 9590* setting off from Berlin Hbf at 1154. The journey time will be just over eight hours.

Table **58a** (Winter): This new table contains four new daily *Baltic Express* services operating between Praha and Gdynia via Lichkov and Miedzylesie from the timetable change.

Table **75** (Winter): An additional pair of *EuroCity* services will be introduced between München and Zürich. *EC297* will depart Zürich at 0535 with *EC296* forming an evening departure from München at 2051.

Table **77** (Winter): A second *InterCity* service will commence between Berlin and Przemysł via Kraków.

Table **82** (Winter): There has been no major change on the international routes between Switzerland and Italy except that the train numbers on services between Zürich and Milano will be amended from three digit numbers to two.

Table **99** (Winter): Independent operator *Leo Express* plans to introduce a second service between Praha and Kraków.