

NEWSLINES

INTERNATIONAL

European Sleeper has announced the dates on which a restaurant car will be conveyed on its Brussels – Praha overnight service (Table 78).

GREAT BRITAIN

Table 106 has been updated with Island Line timings between Ryde and Shanklin valid from October 7. Note that the section between Ryde Pier Head and Esplanade will operate as a minibus shuttle until May 2025.

The West Highland bus services in Table 228 have reverted to winter schedules, although are only currently confirmed until October 20.

FRANCE

The line between Besançon and La Chaux de Fonds will reopen on November 1 after an eight-month closure to allow route upgrade work to take place (Table 376a). Timings from November 1 will be found on page 218 with the rail replacement bus schedules, valid until the line reopens, relocated to page 590.

SWITZERLAND

The line between Interlaken and Meiringen is currently closed to all rail traffic owing to recent storm damage in the Brienz area (Table 561). Rail replacement bus services will be operating until at least November 24.

ITALY

To allow for the installation of the ERTMS signalling system, the railway between Sibari and Crotona will be closed until January 19, 2025. During this period local trains will be replaced by buses and InterCity trains will be diverted. Table 637 has been updated with the amended schedules.

SPAIN

Spanish Railways has added a third direct AVE service between Barcelona and Málaga (Tables 650 and 660).

Minor retimings have been implemented on Regional services between Madrid and Soria (Table 651), between León and Ponferrada (Table 682) and between Valladolid and Santander (Table 684).

On Mondays to Fridays, AVE service 3062 from Barcelona to Madrid extends to Málaga, running with train number 3862. The return service 2183 from Málaga to Madrid extends to Barcelona on Sundays to Fridays, running with train number 2883 (Tables 650 and 660).

Engineering work is taking place between Tarragona and Sant Vicenç de Calders from October 1, 2024 to March 2, 2025. Regional services are either diverted or replaced by buses over the affected section (Table 652). Some services in Table 672 are also affected by this engineering work. Trains IC463/460 Barcelona – Murcia are retimed with a change of trains also required at València (the connecting services between València and Murcia are renumbered 1463/1460 and are extended to and from Cartagena). Trains IC264/165 Barcelona – Cartagena are suspended for the duration of the works (Table 672).

The afternoon Intercity service from Madrid to Algeciras now departs Madrid at 0738 and runs with train number 9366 (Tables 660 and 673).

The two Media Distancia services in each direction between Madrid Príncipe Pio and Irún will not call at Palencia until June 11, 2025 due to engineering work. A bus connection is provided, running to and from Venta de Baños (Table 689).

AUSTRIA

The high-speed line between Wien and St Pölten has been temporarily closed because of flooding caused by recent extreme weather conditions. An amended and much reduced timetable will operate between Wien and Salzburg until further notice with services diverted via the slower classic route (which is also operating with a single track in places). The following changes will apply until October 9 after which it is hoped an increasing level of service can be offered:

- An hourly RJ service between Wien Hbf and Salzburg together with an hourly Westbahn service from Wien Westbahnhof.
- RJX services heading west towards Innsbruck and München are starting from Salzburg while ICE services to/from Germany are only running as far as Wels or Linz.
- The Wien – Brussels (40468/40425) and München – Wien – Warszawa (406/407) overnight services are cancelled.

Local services in the area are also being affected and readers are strongly advised to check any journeys plans in this part of Austria over the next few weeks.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Recent heavy rainfall has damaged the railway in the Ostrava area meaning some rail services are currently replaced by buses. We strongly advise that you check locally for timings if you intend to travel in this area.

TURKEY

On September 23 Turkish Railways opened two more new stations on the high-speed line between Ankara and Sivas. The first, Elmadag YHT, is 35 kilometres east of Ankara. Note that the new station is separate from the original Elmadag station, which is located on the parallel classic line (Tables 1575 and 1582), with the two stations being approximately four kilometres apart. The second new station is Yildezli YHT which is located 46 kilometres west of Sivas and, once again, is separate from the existing Yildezli station on the Sivas to Samsun line (Table 1577). However, in this case, the station on the high-speed line is only around two kilometres from the town centre and its existing station. Two of the three services in each direction serve the new stations and Table 1570 has been updated with the revised schedules.

LATVIA

Pasažieru vilciens has a number of minor updates to schedules on most of its routes, all of which are included in this edition.

WINTER INTERNATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Our Winter International Supplement has been expanded further with versions of selected international tables valid from December 15. It will be found at the back of this edition, on pages 592 to 600. It will be expanded and updated further next month as more information becomes available.

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.

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. EC 297 will depart Zürich at 0535 with EC 296 forming an evening departure from München at 2051.

Table 77 (Winter): A second InterCity service will commence between Berlin and Przemyśl 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.

BEYOND EUROPE UPDATE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

From November 10 Amtrak will combine its Capitol Limited and Silver Star trains to form a through Chicago – Washington – Miami train named the Floridian. The service is being combined due to engineering work in the East River Tunnel in New York. Timings for this new service will be found on page 580.