

NEWSLINES

INTERNATIONAL

Eurostar will introduce a fourth through service between London and Amsterdam from September 8 and, subject to approval, a fifth service will start running from December. The proposed timings will be found in a special version of Table 10 on page 47.

ES 453/452 European Sleeper Brussels – Amsterdam – Berlin – Praha is now open for bookings until January 4, 2026 (Table 78).

GREAT BRITAIN

Major engineering work will be carried out on the Transpennine route between Stalybridge and Mirfield from August 30 to September 28 (Table 188). During this period no trains will serve Huddersfield station with rail services either diverted or suspended. Various rail replacement bus routes will be in operation for journeys to and from Huddersfield.

FRANCE

The railway between Montréjeau-Gourdan-Polignan and the Pyrénéan resort of Bagnères-de-Luchon reopened on June 22. The new schedules will be found in Table 325. The 36-kilometre line to Luchon, sometimes referred to as the "Queen of the Pyrénées", was closed in 2014 after the infrastructure was damaged by adverse weather.

Table 369 has been updated with Corsican Railways' summer schedules valid from June 30 to August 31.

The latest phase of work to electrify the line between Paris and Troyes will affect all services on this route until August 31 with all trains replaced by bus between Nogent and Troyes. A limited number of through trains will continue to run Paris – Chaumont – Belfort – Mulhouse, operating via Châlons en Champagne. A special version of Table 380 will be found on page 588 with amended timings during this period.

SWITZERLAND

The main line between Bern and Fribourg is temporarily closed from June 28 to August 24 so that essential engineering work can be carried out (Table 500). During this period a frequent non-stop rail replacement bus service operates every ten minutes between Bern and Fribourg (every 15 minutes after 2000). Passengers making long-distance journeys between Bern and Lausanne are advised to travel via Neuchâtel.

ITALY

As is usual with the Italian section, we had not received full details of summer schedules as we closed for press for our Summer edition. This information is now available and so all long-distance and high-speed trains (those shown with train numbers) have been rechecked, as have the majority of regional and local trains. It should be noted that there is a considerable amount of engineering work taking place this summer, especially during August, and that these changes are generally not reflected in our tables. Therefore we strongly advise that readers confirm timings before travelling during the summer period.

In order to reduce the increasing amount of duplication that occurs in the Italian section, we have recast Tables 595, 600, 601, 605, 610, 615, 620, 625 and 640. Some of these have been split in to two or three smaller tables with local trains now shown alongside the long-distance and high-speed trains rather than in separate panels.

With the start of the summer timetable, the single daily direct *Intercity* service between Napoli and Bari (**IC 715/716**) has been withdrawn. At the moment it is unknown if it will return for the autumn, or if it has been permanently withdrawn.

Details of trains serving Palermo Aeroporto station have been added to Table 645.

SPAIN

Through AVE services between Barcelona and both Sevilla and Málaga have increased to four in each direction on Mondays to Fridays (Tables 650 and 660).

Alvia train pair **706/705** Madrid – Logroño, which previously ran on Saturdays and Sundays, has been withdrawn (Table 650a).

Engineering work at Sant Vicenç de Calders station has now been completed meaning services can call there once again (Table 652).

Some Pamplona/Iruña - Vitoria/Gasteiz *Regional* services have been extended to Miranda de Ebro (Table 654).

All *Alvia* services between Madrid and Salamanca now call at Medina del Campo AV (Table 679).

The 114-kilometre high-speed line between Palencia and León is largely single track, but work is underway to add a second track for an additional 41 kilometres of the route. When completed, about three-quarters of the route will be double track. However, the work will cause delays until the end of September, particularly between July 6 and 11 when services will operate along the parallel classic line (Table 681).

PORTUGAL

One *Alfa Pendular* service in each direction on the Lisboa to Porto route will run additionally on Saturdays from July 5 (Table 690). The 0923 from Lisboa Santa Apolónia (train 123) will run Mondays to Saturdays, whilst the 1140 from Porto Campanhã (train 122) will become a daily service.

FINLAND

Our Finnish tables have been fully updated for the summer period and are valid until August 10. Readers intending to travel on day trains to Rovaniemi should note that certain services are operated by bus on Mondays to Thursdays between Oulu and Rovaniemi (Table 794). Certain trains between Jyväskylä and Pieksämäki are replaced by bus on Mondays to Fridays (Table 795), while on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings, trains between Kouvola and Joensuu are also operated by rail replacement buses (Table 797).

CROATIA and SLOVENIA

Croatian Railways and Slovenian Railways have worked together to introduce a new direct train between Zagreb and Pula via Ljubljana which will run once a week in each direction until the end of the current timetable period. This is the first direct service between Zagreb and Pula for over thirty years. The service runs from Zagreb on Fridays, returning from Pula on Sundays and timings will be found in Tables 1300, 1303 and 1305.

ESTONIA

There have been various updates to services in Estonia and Tables 1870 to 1876 have been updated accordingly.

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