



## **NEWSLETTER NO. 1**

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#### **More Reasons to Travel in Europe in 2007 – with Rail Europe**

Rail Europe, the leader distributor of European Rail Travel, is proud to propose a wider range of products than ever before. With new passes and new routes, travellers will find the tailor-made rail products suited to their needs and budget, for an efficient, stress less and authentic trip in Europe. Travelling in Europe has never been so easy!

#### **New Passes**

There are now a lot more possibilities to visit European countries in depth and in total freedom, thanks to the new Eurail passes.

Discover Dubrovnik and beautiful Croatia, thanks to the Eurail Croatia Pass. You can also choose to explore Portuguese coasts and dive into the vast and diversified historic and cultural heritage of this country with the Eurail Portugal Pass or enjoy Irish hospitality and magnificent landscapes with the Eurail Ireland Pass.

There are also 2 new regional passes, the Eurail Austria & Hungary Pass and Eurail Italy & Spain Pass. Benelux TourRail pass and Trenitalia pass have been taken over by Eurail and have become the Eurail Benelux Pass and Eurail Italy Pass.

Like all other Eurail Passes, these passes offer unlimited rail travel in the countries where they are valid, and exist in different validities with adult, child or youth prices, and for individuals or small groups ("saver").

All these passes are part of the Rail Europe large choice of passes, also including for instance the France RailPass, the Swiss Pass, the Balkan FlexiPass and the Eurail Global Pass, previously named Eurailpass.

More than 18 000 new routes!

Passes offer great value for money, but for travellers who do not want to travel intensively and just need to visit one or two cities, point-to-point tickets are ideal.

The great news is that now, almost all European routes are available from Rail Europe, as Euronet has been enriched with more than 18 000 routes! In a nutshell, Rail Europe and Euronet allows you to virtually go everywhere in Europe!

Travel from Firenze to Siena for only 12 EUR, from Salzburg to Wien for 45 EUR or between Krakow and Warsaw for only 21,60 EUR! Fares on these routes are set until 08 December 2007 and benefit from adapted after-sales policy, specifically designed to suit foreign travellers needs.

Besides that, Rail Europe keeps on offering the best possible fares on revenue managed trains, thanks to Euronet's real-time connection to European inventories. Overseas travellers have access to domestic fares and can make substantial savings when booking enough in advance.

#### **Travelling in Germany**

It will be quicker and easier to travel in Germany in 2007, thanks to the German railway network improvements!

- **Nuremberg and Munich are now linked in only 1 hour by ICE trains** (compared to 1 hour and 40 minutes previously). Not only is the travel time cut by 40%, but the connections are now much faster.
- **A new ICE Sprinter service now links Cologne to Munich** in less than 4 hours, with only 1 intermediate stop at Frankfurt.
- **Travel from Germany to Vienna is now more convenient!!!** In addition to the already existing ICE services from Hamburg, Frankfurt and Nuremberg, a new ICE service from Munich to Vienna is now operational.
- After a six-year refurbishment period, **Dresden Hauptbahnhof was officially reopened** in November 2006. Discover the new architectural highlight of the building (dating from 1898): the translucent roof covering all three sections of the station concourse, designed by the great British architect, Lord Norman. Dresden is really an important station with about 50,000 travellers, 500 trains per day and ICE trains to Leipzig and Frankfurt am Main every hour.

## BritRail range

Good news for people planning to visit families and friends in England. The BritRail Guest Pass promotion is now available in 2<sup>nd</sup> class. As a reminder, this pass allows its holder, as well as a UK citizen of his/her choice, to benefit from a 20% discount on the price of the pass. More details available upon request.

## Eurail Select Pass - Early Bird Promotion - February & March 2007

The "Early Bird" promotion, offering a free travel day on the Eurail Selectpass, has been extended. The terms and conditions of the promotion remain the same, i.e. sales period from 01 February to the 31 March. As in the current campaign, the pass may be issued open date.

Please note that, due to Eurail range's renaming, this pass becomes the "Eurail Select Pass" as from January 2007.

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