



## With sweet dreams to the destination.

By night train through Europe – comfortable and climate-friendly.

**Connected in the heart of Europe: right after Vienna, Zurich is currently the second-largest hub for night train traffic in Europe. Guests travel to the Alpine nation directly from Hamburg, Berlin, Vienna, Graz, Budapest, Prague and Zagreb – and back. With sweet dreams and in highest comfort.**

### The three travel classes.



Stepping on the train in Vienna, alighting in Zurich – right at the city centre. That's how easy travelling by night train is. Passengers can dream away the time in the sleeper cabins, couchettes or seating coaches.

The seating coach is the most affordable travel class on the Nightjet. Each coach offers washing and toilet facilities, which are not located directly in the compartment. In the couchettes, guests enjoy even more comfort: the compartments contain four or six bunks (including blanket, sheets and pillow) and are ideal for families, groups and economical individual travellers. Specific ladies' compartments are available in this category.

The most extensive range of services awaits travellers in the sleeper cabins. These can be booked as singles (for one person), doubles (for two persons) and triples (for three persons). Every compartment is equipped with appealingly crisp bedclothes as well as a washing facility, towels and toiletries (soap, slippers and earplugs, among other things). The deluxe compartments even offer a private bathroom with shower (including shower gel) and toilet.

### Catering and further on-board services.



Nobody has to step off the train with an empty stomach. Depending on the chosen travel class, the fare includes food and beverages. In the couchette, the ticket entitles holders to mineral water as well as breakfast. Sweets, an aperitif in the evening and a refill with the individually selectable breakfast are additional treats that await guests in the sleeper cabins.

Regardless of the travel class, passengers can choose from a list of beverages and a menu, which are available in each compartment. Everything is served to the compartment and charged directly.

Passengers can also make use of a wake-up service in couchettes and sleeper cabins. And for additional privacy, a complete compartment can be booked at a flat rate in all three travel classes (seating coach, couchette and sleeper cabin). Everything for the wellbeing of the guests.

## Climate-friendly travelling.



Night trains not only allow passengers to save time and accommodation cost, they also make for particularly climate-friendly travelling. Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) estimates the reduction in CO2 emissions thanks to the existing night train connections at about 50,000 tons per year. That roughly equals the annual CO2 emissions of 30,000 cars.

Such a more deliberate, environmentally friendly approach to travelling also appeals to the population. The demand for international train connections rose significantly in 2019: in comparison to the previous year, the occupancy on night trains increased by 25%. This obvious trend motivates SBB and Austrian Federal Railways (OeBB) to invest heavily in extension plans and thus react to the increasing demand.

## Extension plans 2022+.



Night trains have a verifiable and positive impact on the climate. In order to contribute further to the reduction of CO2 emissions in the travel sector, SBB and OeBB are pursuing the common goal of shifting more travel to rail. The two companies have therefore presented their extension plans and signed a letter of intent: night train services are to be expanded from six to ten lines.

## Capacity increase towards the north.



In a first step, new night train connections will be introduced between Zurich and Amsterdam in 2022 (status March 2021). The already existing connections from Berlin and Hamburg via Basel to Zurich are also seeing a growth in demand. With additional trains, the capacity on these lines will increase considerably. This step is planned to start in 2023.

Furthermore, the connection to Prague will now also be routed via Germany. The adapted routing allows for new direct connections to Leipzig and Dresden.

## Night trains to Barcelona and Rome.



In another step, daily connections are planned for Zurich–Bern–Lausanne–Geneva–Barcelona and back. Not only will this tie one more European metropole to the night train network, it will also integrate western Switzerland. A milestone. At the same time, the line Rome–Zurich is to be re-established. All of Europe is moving closer together – overnight.

The exact introduction date of these lines has not yet been defined, but commissioning should take place by 2025 at the latest.

## Investment in new rolling stock.



In order to facilitate the medium- and long-term expansion of the night train network, OeBB is investing in new rolling stock. The new night train compositions will be employed step by step. From 2024, they are expected to be used increasingly in Switzerland as well.

## Reservation and tickets.



Booking for night trains is open no earlier than 180 days prior to the travel date (except for Zurich–Prague, where the period is 60 days). The booked ticket comprises the fare as well as the seat reservation for the booked train. The fare is fully refunded in case of cancellation up to 15 days prior to the travel date. A saver ticket does not allow for exchange or refund. Travelling by night train is also possible for smaller wallets: all categories (seating coach, couchette and sleeper cabin) can be booked at reduced rates. These saver tickets are only valid on the selected travel date and on the selected public transport connection (tied to a certain train) – offer depending on availability. Clever as well as economical travelling.

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