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Introduction

FIP - *Facilités de circulation Internationales du Personnel des chemins de fer*: (International Travel Facilities for Railway Staff) comprises a group of European rail and shipping carriers who have voluntarily agreed a mutual exchange of staff travel facilities.

This FIP group is part of the UIC and is managed under the FIP Scheme Rules. (UIC = *Union Internationale des Chemins de fer*. International Union of Railways).

Rail Staff Travel is a voluntary member as **GB National Rail**.

Employees of franchised and concessionary National Rail Train Operating Companies are eligible to benefit from FIP facilities after 12 month's service. The FIP facilities are additional to other domestic staff travel concessions granted to GB rail employees and their dependants. They are provided subject to the goodwill of Rail Staff Travel Limited and the reciprocal third parties concerned and may be amended or withdrawn at any time. No person, safeguarded or non-safeguarded, has any contractual right or entitlement to FIP facilities.

The facilities depend on your employer and employment status. If you are eligible for Standard Class National Rail staff travel facilities, then these will be issued as Second Class FIP facilities.

FIP facilities are provided for leisure use only. **It is forbidden to use FIP facilities for journeys undertaken for lucrative purposes (i.e. residential, business or duty) or for journeys serving the interests of a third party.**

The two principal FIP facilities are:

- **FIP International Reduced Rate Card** (FIP Card) for unlimited purchase of discounted tickets
- **FIP Coupons** for limited free travel

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Within the scheme, different levels of exchange are allowed between carriers. The facilities available to GB National Rail employees depends on the level of exchange agreed with each of the rail and shipping carriers.

In general (although there are exceptions) FIP facilities are only available on major carriers, and not local carriers (usually suburban and urban railways) operated by other organisations or local government authorities.

FIP facilities are only available on services of carriers which are members of FIP. New franchises or concessions for services may be awarded which are not communicated to Rail Staff Travel for inclusion in this guide before the change is implemented.

Use of this guide

This is a guide to your FIP travel benefits on the services of each carrier which participates in the FIP scheme. It is taken from the latest FIP rules (2023) but there may be changes which have not been notified to RST. **This guide provides no legal guarantees of the availability and usage of FIP facilities that you hold.**

The facilities on each carrier for each category of employee **is not included in this guide** but is published in the Rail Staff Travel Guides on the Rail Staff Travel website

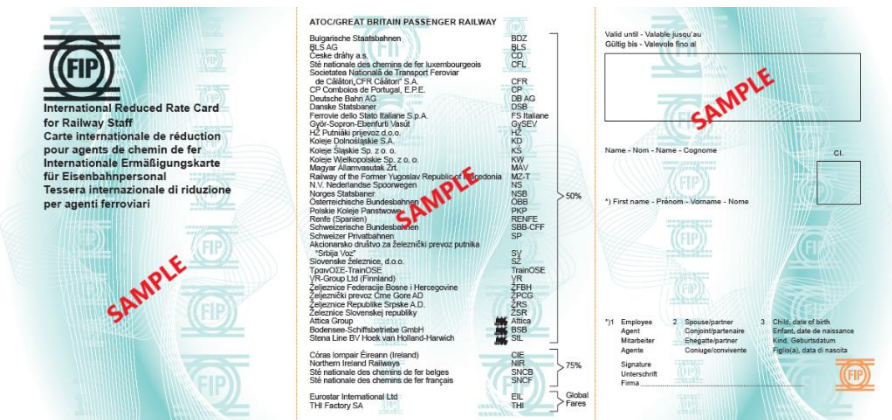
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FIP International Reduced Rate Card

The International Reduced Rate Card (FIP card) provides eligibility to obtain a discount off the full adult public fare on the domestic services of all FIP members except your own.

The discount may be reduced or may not apply on cross-border journeys, depending on the bi-lateral agreements under which these cross-border services operate.

FIP cards are personal issue, must be signed and are not transferable. When buying a discounted ticket and when presenting that ticket for inspection, **the card holder must present the FIP card and their passport as supporting photographic ID.** The name on the passport must match that on the FIP card.



FIP cards issued by RST have a printed period of validity of two calendar years but one additional month is added either side, i.e. from 1 December of the year preceding the dates printed, to 31 January of the year following the dates printed. (i.e. a card for 2023-2024 is valid from 01/12/2022 to 31/01/2025.)

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Discounted ticket purchasing before you leave Britain

FIP discounted tickets can be bought from International Rail Ltd.

- Submit your journey details www.bookmyrst.co.uk
- International Rail prepare the quote and contact you with pricing.

International Rail Ltd can assist with booking travel on Eurostar and Thalys and also for travel in the following countries:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Czechia
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Slovakia
- Switzerland

FIP fares are usually quota controlled. Each operator decides how far in advance quotas for FIP discounted fares are made available to retailers. If your requested journey is not available, you need to amend either the time or date, or pay the full public fare if you can't be flexible.

The FIP card lists the carriers and the discount on the adult fare available. There is no discount on public child fares.

International Rail have access to European rail ticketing systems to sell FIP discounted fares. Sometimes public travel cards, advance purchase fares or promotions are cheaper than the FIP discount on a single/return full fare ticket. The International Rail system cannot guarantee that where a public fare is cheaper than the FIP fare, that this will always be offered.

FIP discounted ticket purchasing whilst travelling abroad

You can buy tickets at railway station ticket offices in the local country.

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Many carriers do not permit the purchase of tickets on-board trains unless boarding from an unstaffed station. The guide highlights where boarding without a ticket is not permitted.

This guide highlights where carriers permit the purchase of tickets:

- at ticket vending machines.
- using smartphone apps or carrier websites.

Conditions of carriage using discounted tickets

The use of discounted tickets is subject to the local conditions of carriage on the carrier concerned. There may be requirements to validate tickets before use or restrictions on freedoms such as break of journey.

FIP fares for children

Children holding the FIP International Reduced Rate Card are eligible for a reduction on the **public adult fare**. This may or may not be less than the public child fare.

For domestic journeys the entries for each carrier show ages at which children can obtain public child fares.

For international journeys children up to the age of 4 may travel free of charge unless the journey requires a mandatory reservation. Children up to the age of 12 are eligible for a reduction on the public adult fare. Where the journey is on an International train and entirely within specific country, a few countries have higher limits up to the age of 16 which apply. International Rail can advise for specific journeys.

Changes to FIP membership during the validity of a card

During the two-year validity of a FIP card, a carrier may resign from FIP membership. This carrier will then not accept the FIP card for purchasing discounted tickets. **RSTL is not liable for any changes which result in inability to purchase discounted tickets.**

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If a carrier joins as an FIP member during the validity of a card, then the discounts should be available from the date of joining the scheme, even if the new carrier is not listed on the FIP card. The RSTL guides and website will contain information of new carriers.

FIP Coupons

FIP coupons provide eligibility to obtain a limited amount of free travel.

Your passport provides the supporting ID document and needs to be presented alongside your FIP coupons when travelling. The name printed on your coupons must match that in the passport.

Each carrier decides how many coupons each employee may apply for in each calendar year. The carriers on which you may obtain coupons and the quotas are shown in the following Rail Staff Travel documents:

- Rail Staff Travel guide for holders of the Staff Travel Card
- Rail Staff Travel guide for holders of the Rail Staff Leisure Card

The documents above are here www.raildeliverygroup.com/rst/where-can-i-go.html

Validity of coupons

FIP coupons are valid for 3 months from the outward date of travel. The start and end validity dates are printed by RSTL on each coupon.

The outward date of travel determines which allocation year the coupons are drawn from. (i.e. if you apply for coupons with an outward travel date of 1 December 2023, these will come from your allocation for 2023).

Unused coupons in your allocation for a particular calendar year, may be applied for for travel up to 31 March in the following year. Submit an

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application to RSTL with an outward travel date of 31 December (even if your actual outward travel date is after this date).

Applications to Rail Staff Travel for coupons

Apply using either of the following forms on the RST website www.raildeliverygroup.com/rst/forms.html#international:

- xx09b – International Coupons Application – Employee only
- xx09c – International Coupons Application – Employee and family members

Submit the form on-line no later than 3 weeks prior to travel.

Issue of coupons by Rail Staff Travel

FIP coupons are issued by Rail Staff Travel around 2 weeks prior to travel.

Use of the coupons for travel

The coupon tickets show your name. Your passport is the supporting identification.

Four numbered boxes when dated by you are valid for 2-days, from 00:01 that day and up to midnight of the following day (unless that day is after the end of validity date of the coupon) for free travel (subject to any supplements or mandatory reservation charges) on the services of the carrier in the class of travel shown on the coupon (1. Cl is 1st Class, 2. Cl. is 2nd Class).

Boxes must be dated in numerical order and completed before boarding the train. You must use a permanent ink pen to complete the date boxes. Use of erasable pens or pencils is a travel irregularity which will result in the permanent withdrawal of both domestic and international travel facilities.

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GB National Rail COUPON-FAHRSCHEIN-TAGLIANDO FIP

1170

VALABLE-GÜLTIG-
VALIDO-VALID: 21/02/2020 - 20/05/2020

DATE	TIME	ÖBB - ÖSTERREICHISCHE BUNDESBAHN	DATE	TIME	KL/CL
					2

COUPON VALABLE LE JOUR INSCRIT (JJ/MM/AA) ET LE LENDEMAIN
FAHRSCHEIN GÜLTIG AM EINGETRAGENEN TAG (TT/MM/JJ) UND AM NÄCHSTEN TAG
TAGLIANDO VALIDO IL GIORNO ISCRITTO (GG/MM/AA) NONCHE' QUELLO SUCCESSIVO
COUPON VALID ON THE ENTERED DAY (DD/MM/YY) AND ON THE NEXT DAY

1: 2: 3:

00334640

SIGNATURE-UNTERSCHRIFT-FIRMA

10125896

Enter the date of travel in the format dd/mm/yy with leading zeros for any number less than 10 – i.e. 01/05/24 for 1 May 2024.

The Global Fares and Specific Countries section of this guide will help to identify whether supplements are payable or reservations are required. International Rail can help with advice and make reservations.

Not all carriers allow independent retailers to make reservations where tickets are not being bought at the same time.

Depending on your journey and the countries that you will be travelling in you may find that you can only use your FIP card to obtain privilege rate tickets rather than using free coupons. If you provide your proposed itinerary to International Rail at sales@bookmyrst.co.uk, they can advise of any restrictions about the services you wish to use.

The maximum age at which children are carried free of charge varies in Europe from country to country. The lowest is 4 years, so we will always issue FIP documents for a child aged 4 or over.

International Free Coupons are issued as a batch for the journey requested.

Transit Points of FIP carriers

Each FIP carrier defines its fare boundaries using Transit Points. These are listed in the relevant section of this document. A Transit Point is a fare location which may or may not be a passenger station of the same name.

This example shows ÖBB Transit Points with DB AG.

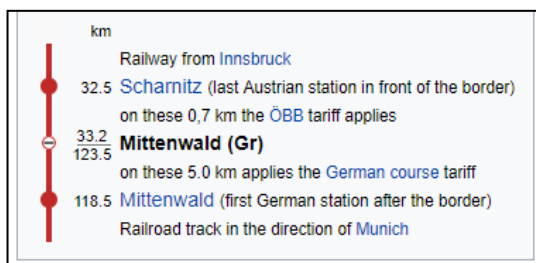
Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which ÖBB coupons are valid
DB AG	Kufstein Lindau Hbf Mittenwald (Gr) Passau Hbf Salzburg Hbf Simbach an Inn

Virtual Border Transit Points

Where a Transit point location has a suffix such as (Gr), (fr), (mp) or (ms), then this is a *Virtual Border Transit Point* and is a location which is not a passenger station.

An example of a location with a suffix is the transit point of **Mittenwald (Gr)**.

This is a location on the geographical border 0.7km north of Schamitz railway station in Austria and 5km south of Mittenwald railway station in the village in Germany.



If you are travelling north from Austria to Germany on this route and are using coupons on ÖBB but need to buy FIP discounted tickets for DB AG, your ÖBB coupon is valid to cover the 0.7km from Schamitz station to Mittenwald (Gr). The Origin of your DB AG ticket must be **Mittenwald (Gr)** and not the first DB AG station in Germany which is **Mittenwald**.

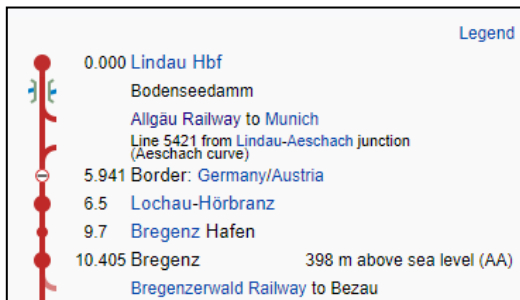
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Please see the Glossary entry for *Transit Points* for the suffix meanings.

Passenger Station Transit Points

Where the Transit Point location has no suffix then coupons are valid for travel to/from that station, even if the station is in a neighbouring country.

As an example of a location with no suffix, the Transit Point for ÖBB with DB AG is Lindau Hbf. This indicates that ÖBB coupons may be used on the Vorarlberg Railway north east as far as Lindau Hbf in Germany.



The illustration shows (bottom to top) the railway from Bregenz in Austria to Lindau Hbf in Germany crossing the border at the 5.941 km point.

Cross-border journeys

The transit points define the geographical extent to which FIP coupons are valid.

On a cross-border journey (where coupons are accepted), FIP coupons are required for each country travelled through, irrespective of the train operator which provides the train service.

As an example, on EN 234/235 services (Vienna <> Venice/Rome) trains cross the border between Austria and Italy at Tarvisio Boscoverde. The table of Transit Points for ÖBB shows that this is the border with FS and the table of Transit Points for FS shows that this is the border with ÖBB. Both ÖBB and FS coupons are required if crossing the border on this service.

Loss or theft of FIP Travel documents

FIP Coupons which are lost or stolen cannot be replaced. Neither RST nor any other FIP carrier is liable for any refund of fares paid after loss or theft of FIP cards or coupons.

Theft

Theft of FIP Travel cards or coupons must be reported immediately to

- the police in the country in which the theft took place and a certificate obtained from the police to confirm the report was submitted.
- RST in the form of a notification giving the circumstances of the theft along with a copy of the certificate received from the police.

Loss

Any loss of cards or coupons must be reported immediately to RST in writing or by e-mail giving the circumstances of the loss and steps undertaken to recover the cards or coupons.

FIP Travel Irregularities

FIP travel facilities are provided for leisure use only. It is your responsibility to ensure you only use them for the purposes that they are intended. Where a Travel Irregularity is detected, then the facilities holder will be subject to Travel Irregularity proceedings by both the local carrier and Rail Staff Travel.

Examples of Travel Irregularities include:

- non-leisure travel, i.e. travelling for residential, business or duty purposes, or for journeys serving the interests of a third party
- travelling with FIP Coupons or discounted tickets bought with an FIP Card and unable to support their use with a passport

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- attempting to buy a discounted ticket with the FIP Card and unable to support its use with a passport
- modifying a date box on an FIP coupon
- travelling after the expiry date of an FIP coupon
- travelling on restricted services
- travelling in a class of accommodation not covered by the FIP facilities
- travelling on mandatory reservation or supplement services without having reservations or supplements
- transfer of FIP facilities to non-eligible persons
- using FIP facilities when not eligible
- travelling in breach of the Conditions of Travel of the carrier

This list of examples is not comprehensive.

Travel Irregularities reported to RST by any FIP member will be dealt with following the same procedure in force for the National Rail domestic schemes.

When an FIP Travel Irregularity warrants temporary or permanent withdrawal of travel facilities, RST will apply this to domestic travel facilities as well as international travel facilities allocated to the employee and/or dependants.

Neither RST nor any FIP carrier is liable for any refund of fares paid after seizure of FIP cards or coupons during a Travel Irregularity investigation.

General Tips

Not all FIP discounted tickets can be obtained from Travel Agents. Some are only available in the country of the carrier.

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Most carriers require you to purchase a ticket before boarding a train (and will refuse to sell discounted tickets on board) unless boarding from a station with no ticket office.

On long distance and high-speed journeys, supplements may be payable, and reservations required. Carriers may not permit payment of supplements on-board trains.

Tickets are subject to the Conditions of Carriage imposed by the carrier.

Business Class is usually not available.

Unlike in Britain and on Eurostar, it is usually possible to hold 2nd class FIP facilities and upgrade to 1st class on payment of the difference between the public 2nd class and 1st class fares. Any charge due for transferring to a higher class of travel must be paid before departure.

Some carriers do not permit break of journey. Other carriers which permit break of journey require you to get tickets stamped (within a time limit) at the station at which you break your journey.

FIP facilities are not available on Airport express services, buses, suburban services, rapid transit services, underground services, mountain railways, funicular railways, cable cars, boats and ferries, unless stated.

Carriers may require tickets to be validated before travel using at station stamping machines (known in France as *compositeurs* and Italy as *obliteratrici*) before travel.

Problems using FIP facilities

If you encounter difficulty with FIP facilities, buying or using discounted tickets, or experience problems using free FIP coupons, Rail Staff Travel can only raise this with the carrier concerned if we can pass on full details.

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As a minimum please provide:

- the main passenger name and number of FIP passengers travelling (adults and children)
- the location of the incident (station or train service)
- the name of the employee of the FIP company (if possible)
- the date and time of the incident
- which aspect of the FIP facilities was not accepted

Issues should be submitted in writing (by e-mail) to Rail Staff Travel using the contact details on the Rail Staff Travel website.

Rail Staff Travel can make no guarantees about getting satisfactory responses from FIP member carriers. The arrangements with FIP are based on a mutual exchange of facilities managed through goodwill, rather than a formal contractual agreement.

International journeys to and from Great Britain

For FIP purposes there are three entities relevant for International journeys **to and from Great Britain** and also between Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

- EIL – **Eurostar Limited**
- SLL – **Stena Line Limited (Irish Sea services)**
- StL – **Stena Line BV Hoek van Holland - Harwich**

The following table defines the boundaries for GB National Rail with neighbouring FIP carriers.

Neighbouring carrier	Transit Points
EIL	St Pancras International, Ebbsfleet International, Ashford International
SLL	Cairnryan, Fishguard Harbour, Holyhead, Liverpool
StL	Harwich P.Q.

Eurostar International – EIL

Eurostar International operate passenger services from London St Pancras, Ebbsfleet International and Ashford International through the Channel Tunnel to destinations France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 11 years old are eligible for a child fare. Persons aged 11 up to 26 pay a youth fare. Persons aged 26 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by EIL defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the EIL railway network.

Routes	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
London – Bruxelles	London Ebbsfleet Ashford	GB GB GB

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	Lille Bruxelles	SNCF, THI SNCB, THI
London – Amsterdam	London Bruxelles Rotterdam Amsterdam	GB SNCB, THI NS, THI NS, THI
London - Paris	London Ebbsfleet Ashford Calais Paris	GB GB GB SNCF SNCF, THI
London – Disneyland Paris (Marne La Vallée)	London Ebbsfleet Ashford Lille Disneyland Paris	GB GB GB SNCF, THI SNCF
London – Avignon - Marseille	London Ashford Lyon Avignon Marseille	GB GB SNCF SNCF SNCF
London – Bourg-St. Maurice	London Ashford Moûtiers Aime La Plagne Bourg-St. Maurice	GB GB SNCF SNCF SNCF

FIP coupons are not valid for free travel on Eurostar services.

Eurostar FIP fares are priced globally to include unavoidable supplements such as the tunnel charge.

Eurostar FIP fares and booking information is published on the RST website here www.raildeliverygroup.com/rst/offers.html

If you hold a 2nd class FIP card you can only book in Standard accommodation on Eurostar. ¹

¹ Source RST Ref:90-035-51/D7740INC

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If you hold a 1st class FIP card, you can book in either Standard or Standard Premier accommodation on Eurostar.

There is no FIP reduction in Eurostar Business class. To travel in Business class, the full public fare must be paid.

Stena Line BV Hoek van Holland - Harwich - StL

Passenger and vehicle ferry services between Harwich and the Hook of Holland.

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 14 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 14 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by SLL defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the SLL network.

Routes	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Hoek van Holland–Harwich P.Q.	Harwich P.Q. Hoek van Holland	GB NS

The RET metro Hoekse Lijn from Hoek Van Holland to Schedam Centrum does not accept FIP facilities.

FIP discounted tickets must be bought in advance of travel. FIP discounted tickets cannot be bought on-board ships. For overnight journeys, the reservation of a cabin is mandatory.

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Stena *Hollandica* in Hoek van Holland ²

Port fees and the environmental charge must be paid. More details on the environmental charge are here:

www.stenaline.co.uk/faqs/book-quote-online/what-is-the-environmental-charge

There is no 1st class accommodation.

Stena Line Limited – SLL (Irish Sea routes)

Stena Line operate passenger and vehicle ferry services on the Irish Sea.

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 16 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 16 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by SLL defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the SLL network.

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Routes	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Holyhead–Dublin Bay	Holyhead Dublin Bay	GB CIE
Fishguard–Rosslare	Fishguard Rosslare	GB CIE
Cairnryan–Belfast	Cairnryan Belfast	GB NIR
Liverpool–Belfast	Liverpool Belfast	GB NIR

FIP discounted tickets must be bought in advance of travel. FIP discounted tickets cannot be bought on-board ships.

Port fees must be paid.

The Enviromental Charge must be paid. More details are available on the Stena Line website here: www.stenaline.co.uk/faqs/book-quote-online/what-is-the-environmental-charge

There is no 1st class accommodation.

No FIP discount is given for the carriage of cars, bicycles and caravans.

Austria – ÖBB, GySEV and BSB/VSU

The following carriers are relevant for Austria:

- ÖBB – **Österreichische Bundesbahnen** (Austrian Federal Railways)
- GySEV – **Győr-Sopron-Ebenfurti Vasút** (Győr-Sopron-Ebenfurti Railway) known as *Raaberbahn*, operating services in south-east Austria and Western Hungary
- BSB/VSU – **Bodensee-Schiffsbetriebe / Vereinigten Schifffahrtsunternehmen für den Bodensee und Rhein** (Lake Constance shipping services)

ÖBB FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 15 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 15 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by ÖBB defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the ÖBB railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which ÖBB coupons are valid
CD	Bernhardthal Grenze, Gmünd (Gr), Summerau (Gr), Retz (Gr)
DB AG	Kufstein, Lieferring, Lindau Reutin, Mittenwald (Gr), Passau Hbf, Salzburg Hbf, Simbach an Inn
FS	Brennero/Brenner, San Candido/Innichen, Tarvisio Boscoverde
GySEV	Bahnhof Pamhagen, Sopron, Szentgotthárd (Gr)
MÁV	Hegyeshalom (Gr)
SBB, (including BLS and SP)	Buchs SG, St. Margrethen SG
SŽ	Bleiburg (Gr), Jesenice (Gr), Spielfeld (Gr)
ŽSR	Kittsee (Gr), Marchegg (Gr)
BSB (including VLB, SBS, URh)	Bregenz

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For traffic going from one part of Austria to another and crossing through Germany (Salzburg Hbf - Kufstein via Rosenheim) ÖBB coupons are valid as long as ÖBB corridor trains or corridor coaches are used.

ÖBB coupons are valid on services in Lichtenstein. See the pages for Lichtenstein for more details.

When buying FIP discounted tickets for ÖBB services, a service charge is levied on on-train payments.

For trains designated **IC**, **ICE**, **EC** and **RJ** a supplement of €15 (1st class) or €10 (2nd class) must be paid. Supplements are valid for the same period as an FIP coupon dated box (i.e. max. 48 hours) and are available both from ÖBB ticket offices and conductors on trains. The supplement does not include seat reservations which must be made and paid for separately.

On Railjet (**RJ**) services on ÖBB sections of route:

- holders of 2nd class FIP facilities may use Economy Class subject to payment of the supplement above.
- holders of 1st class FIP facilities may use First Class subject to payment of the supplement above. This does not apply to holders of coupons endorsed with **No Supplement Necessary** or holders of the International Senior Manager Free Pass
- Premium/Business class in *railjet* services may not be used by holders of any FIP travel facilities.

Business compartments are provided on some services other than Railjet;

- these may be used by holders of 1st class FIP discounted tickets by payment of the business surcharge
- these may be used by holders of personal International Senior Manager Free Passes by payment of the business surcharge
- these may **not** be used holders of FIP coupons or impersonal (bearer) International Senior Manager Free Passes (even by paying the business class surcharge)

FIP coupons are valid on S-Bahn services operated by ÖBB.

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ÖBB Railjet on the Krausel Klause viaduct of the Semmering Railway. The Kalte Rinne viaduct is on the left.³

FIP coupons are NOT valid on bus services operated by ÖBB unless these are clearly shown as rail replacement services.

Break of journey is not permitted on journeys of up to and including 100km. For journeys of 101km or longer, break of journey is valid without formality.

ÖBB coach services Klagenfurt/Villach and Udine/Venezia

Special FIP fares apply and a mandatory seat reservation is included.

FIP coupons and International Senior Manager Free Passes may also be used but a surcharge applies and a seat reservation is mandatory.

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Austria to Italy via Tarvisio

Special 'global' fares apply for journeys in the International trains between Austria and Italy via Tarvisio. If using coupons, then the following rules apply for travel in either 1st or 2nd class:

- For international journeys where FIP coupons are held for both Austria and Italy, a supplement must be paid before the start of the journey for each person aged 6 and over. The supplement includes the seat reservation but is also payable when couchettes or sleeper berths are being used.
- For international journeys where an FIP coupon for either Austria or Italy is being used, but a coupon is not held for both countries, then where the train is subject to compulsory reservation a supplement must be paid before the start of the journey for each person aged 6 or over. No supplement is payable if the train is not subject to compulsory reservation. For the portion of the journey where no coupon is held, an FIP discounted fare is available.

DB-ÖBB Eurocity München – Innsbruck – Bolzano – Venezia

With FIP free coupons on DB-ÖBB Eurocity services operated jointly by DB, ÖBB and FS via the trans-Alpine Brenner Railway (München – Innsbruck – Bolzano – Verona):

- a DB, ÖBB or FS coupon is required for travel in the country concerned
- for journeys crossing the Italian border, or entirely within Italy the supplement is payable even if the coupon is endorsed **No Supplement Necessary** or when holding an International Senior Manager Free Pass
- for journeys in or between Austria and Germany, no supplement is payable
- holders of a 1st class coupon not endorsed by a stamp stating **No Supplement Necessary** and travelling 1st class within Austria must purchase a seat reservation ticket or travel authority ticket

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Travel to and from Wien (Vienna) Airport

FIP facilities are not valid on the CAT (City Airport Train) service between Wien Airport and Wien Mitte.

ÖBB also operate local trains as S-Bahn line S7 which can be used without payment of a supplement if using FIP coupons.

The ticket offices for ÖBB and CAT are in terminal 3.

Non-FIP advice: If using Vienna area public rate transport tickets on the S-Bahn (i.e. singles or 24/48/72-hour tickets through the WienMobil app) these are only valid as far as the city boundary at Schwechat. You will need an additional ticket from a ticket office or vending machine between Schwechat and Vienna Airport. WienMobile app public rate tickets are only valid on CAT services or Vienna Airport Lines (VAL) bus services to and from the airport with the CAT or VAL add on product in the app.

Discounted ticket purchase from the ÖBB contact centre

ÖBB provide a contact centre for enquiries and booking FIP discounted and non-FIP tickets. Tel: +43 (0) 5 1717. Calls to this number from the UK are at the standard international rate. ÖBB does not charge any additional costs.

Discounted ticket purchase at Vending Machines in Austria

For domestic journeys within Austria tickets may be purchased from a ticket vending machine. Select *Fahrkarte Inland mit Zielwahl* (inland destination), followed by the '*Ermäßigung* (reduction) and *ändern* (change) buttons should be used with the code *Mitarbeiterticket 50% / FIP-Inland*.⁴

⁴ Source RST Ref:90-081-009/ D7741INC

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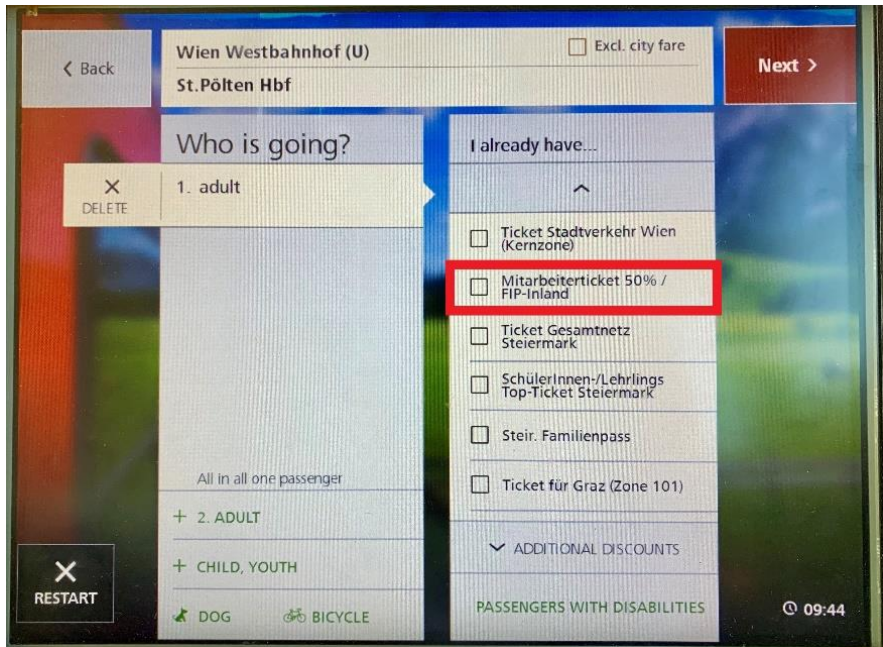


Figure 1 - ÖBB ticket machine using the English language display option with the FIP discount highlighted in the red box.⁵

Motorail

FIP facility holders may use motorail services. The public cost of transporting the vehicle is payable. There is no FIP discount on special fares.

Tunnel shuttles

FIP free coupon holders may use the tunnel car shuttle (*Autoschleuse* or *Tauernschleuse*) through the Tauern tunnel (Böckstein-Mallnitz-Obervellach) if the tunnel shuttle permits the vehicle and the vehicle is registered in the name of one of the passengers holding FIP free coupon facilities.

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FIP coupon holders are transported free of charge. The vehicle and passengers without FIP coupons are charged at the full public rate.

No reduction is offered for the FIP International Reduced Rate Card.

GySEV FIP facilities

(The entry for Hungary covers GySEV services. Conditions listed here are specific to Austria.)

In Austria, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 15 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 15 and older pay the adult fare. *(Note that the child ages are different for GySEV services operated in Hungary. See the GySEV entry in Hungary.)*

BSB/VSU FIP facilities

See separate entry for Lake Constance Ferries.

Non-FIP companies

FIP travel facilities are NOT valid on these services in Austria:

- Achenseebahn
- CAT (City Airport Train) service in Wien
- Graz–Köflacher Bahn
- Montafonerbahn
- NÖVOG
- Pinzgauer Lokalbahn
- Salzburger Lokalbahn
- Steiermärkische Landesbahnen
- WESTbahn
- Wiener Lokalbahn (Badner Bahn)
- Zillertalbahn

Belgium – SNCB/NMBS

The following carriers are relevant for Belgium:

- SNCB - **Société nationale des chemins de fer belges** (National Railway Company of Belgium)
- EIL – **Eurostar International** (see separate entry)
- THI – **THI Factory** operating Thalys (separate entry in Global Fares)

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by SNCB defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the SNCB railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which SNCB coupons are valid
CFL	Athus, Gouvy (fr), Sterpenich (fr)
DB AG	Aachen Süd (Gr)
EIL	Bruxelles (fr)
NS	Roosendaal (fr), Visé (fr)
SNCF	Blandain (fr), Givet (fr), Jeumont (fr), Quévry (fr), Tourcoing (fr)
THI	Antwerpen, Bruxelles, Liège

FIP coupons and FIP discounted tickets are valid without restrictions on SNCB services.

A supplement is payable by holders of FIP coupons (even if endorsed **No Supplement Necessary**), the International Senior Manager Free Pass, and tickets bought with the FIP International Reduced Rate Card when travelling on SNCB services from Brussels Airport.

FIP discounted tickets may only be purchased on-board where the customer joins a train at a station with no ticket office and approaches the train conductor of their own accord..

Bosnia - Herzegovina – ŽFBH, ŽRS

The following carriers are relevant for Bosnia-Herzegovina:

- ŽRS - **Željeznice Republike Srpske** (Republika Srpska Railways)
- ŽFBH - **Željeznice Federacije Bosne i Hercegovine** (Railways of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina)

ŽRS FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by ŽRS defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the ŽRS railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (mp) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Brčko (Gr) – Brčko (mp)	Brčko (Gr)	HŽ
	Brčko (mp)	ŽFBH
Slavonski Šamac (Gr) – Doboј – Maglaj (mp)	Slavonski Šamac (Gr)	HŽ
	Maglaj (mp)	ŽFBH
Doboј – Petrovo (mp)	Petrovo Novo (mp)	ŽFBH
Volinja (Gr) – Novi Grad-Doboј	Volinja (Gr)	HŽ
Novi Grad – Blatna (mp)	Blatna (mp)	ŽFBH

FIP facilities are not available on ŽRS motorail or bus services.

ŽFBH FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

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The following table supplied by ŽFBH defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the ŽFBH railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (mp) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Metković (Gr) – Sarajevo - Maglaj (mp)	Metković (Gr)	HŽ
	Maglaj (mp)	ŽRS
Brčko (Gr) – Bosanska Poljana – (Tuzla) – Bosansko Petrovo Selo / Petrovo Novo (mp)	Brčko (Gr)	HŽ
	Bosansko Petrovo Selo/Petrovo Novo (mp)	ŽRS
Brčko (Gr) – Tuzla – Banovići	Brčko (Gr) (HŽ
Martin Brod (Gr) – Bihać – Blatna (mp)	Martin Brod (Gr)	HŽ
	Blatna (mp)	ŽRS

FIP discounted tickets (for travel within Bosnia-Herzegovina only) are available, including on ŽFBH rail replacement bus services.

FIP discounted tickets may only be purchased on-board ŽFBH trains if arriving into Bosnia-Herzegovina and continuing a journey in the same train which crossed the frontier, or when starting a journey at a station where the ticket office is unstaffed.

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Bulgaria – BDZ

The following carrier is relevant to Bulgaria:

- BDZ - Български държавни железници or **Balgarski darzhavni zheleznitsi** (Bulgarian State Railways)

Journey type	Free travel for children up to	50% reduction for children up to	Adult fare for persons aged
Domestic	7 years old	10 years old	10 and older
International	7 years old	12 years old	12 and older

The following table supplied by BDZ defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the BDZ railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which BDZ coupons are valid
CFR	Ruse (fr) (also as Rousse or Russe) (Bulgarian: РусЕ)
TrainOSE	Kulata (fr) (Bulgarian: Кулата) Svilengrad (fr) (Bulgarian: Свиленград)
SV	Dimitrovgrad (fr) (Bulgarian: Цариброд, Tsaribrod)
TCDD	Kapikule (fr)

On mandatory reservation services, reservations must be obtained prior to departure.

FIP ticket purchase on-board trains is only permitted when the journey starts at an unmanned station.

If you travel beyond the ticket destination and purchase a ticket to cover the additional distance, a supplement is payable.

Break of journey is permitted twice. At each break, the ticket must be endorsed by station staff within one hour of arrival.

Croatia – HŽ

The following carrier is relevant to Croatia:

- HŽ - **Hrvatske željeznice** (Croatian Railways)

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by HŽ defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the HŽ railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which HŽ coupons are valid
MÁV	Koprivnica (Gr), Kotoriba (Gr) (Hungarian: <i>Kotor</i>), Magyarbóly (Gr)
SV	Erdut (Gr) (Serbian: Ердут), Šid (Gr) (Serbian: Шид)
SŽ	Buzet (Gr), Čakovec (Gr), Dobova (Gr, Kumrovec (Gr), Metlika (Gr), Mursko Središće (Gr), Rogatec (Gr), Šapjane (Gr)
ŽFBH	Brčko (Gr), Martin Brod (Gr), Metkovic (Gr)
ŽRS	Brčko (Gr), Slavonski Šamac (Gr), Volinja (Gr)

Supplements are payable for travel on EC and “high comfort” services. Reservations are mandatory on IC and ICN trains for which a reservation fee is payable.

FIP discounted tickets may only be purchased on-board trains if arriving into Croatia and continuing a journey in the same train which crossed the frontier, or when starting a journey at a station where the ticket office is unstaffed.

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Zagreb Glavni kolodvor by the Hungarian architect Ferenc Pfaff 1891-92 ⁶

Break of journey is permitted within the period of validity of the ticket, and with the following conditions:

- At staffed stations it must be confirmed by station staff on leaving the station where the break of journey starts
- At stations which are temporarily not staffed when break of journey occurs, confirmation can be provided at the next major station, or at the same station on the next working day, as appropriate
- At stations which are permanently unstaffed, confirmation of break of journey is to be made by on-train staff.

Luggage may not weight more than 30kg. If the luggage cannot be stowed over or under a seat, a fee will be charged.

FIP facilities are not valid on HŽ bus services except on rail replacement services.

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Czechia – ČD

The following carrier is relevant to Czechia:

- ČD - **České dráhy** (Czech Railways)

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 18 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 18 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by ČD defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the ČD railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which ČD coupons are valid
DB AG	Bayerisch Eisenstein (Czech: <i>Bavorská Železná ruda</i>), Cheb (Gr), Furth Im Wald (Gr), Hrádek nad Nisou (Gr), Potůčky (Gr), Schöna (Gr), Vejprty (Gr), Vojtanov (Gr)
ÖBB	Břeclav (Gr), Gmünd (Gr), Summerau (Gr), Retz (Gr)
PKP	Bohumín (Gr), Cesky Tesin (Gr), Głuchołazy (Gr) (Czech: <i>Hlucholazy</i>), Lichkov (Gr) (or Plhy City), Zebrzydowice (Gr), Silesian Voivodeship
ŽSR	Čadca (Gr), Hodonín (Gr), Horní Lideč (Gr), Kúty (Gr), Myjava (Gr), Nemšová (Gr), Skalica na Slovensku (Gr)

FIP discounted tickets can only be purchased on board trains when travelling from stations where the ticket office is closed.

FIP discounted tickets cannot be purchased from the ČD app, as the discounts in the app which give 50% reduction are not from FIP quotas.

Seat reservations are needed by holders of FIP discounted tickets for travel on SC services.

FIP facilities are not available:

- in Business Class on *RailJet* services (not to be confused with *RegioJet*, an independent operator)
- on cable car services operated by ČD
- on special and historic trains

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- on ČD trains where the service is provided as a result of ČD winning a public tendering process ⁷

FIP travel documents are valid for through journeys that leave and re-enter the Czechia on routes 083 and 098 (Děčín - Rumburk via Dolní Žleb and Dolní Poustevna and return).

Break of journey

Break of journey is not permitted on domestic services where the ticket is for a distance of up to 100km. Break of journey is permitted on domestic services where the ticket is for a distance of 101km or greater (except when their train is passing through German territory. Leaving or joining these trains in Germany is also not permitted).

Supplements on Commercial Services

A supplement is payable on trains classified as “commercial” i.e. outside the Public Service Obligation requirement, and:

- is payable when travelling with an FIP leisure coupon (but not an FIP duty coupon or using tickets purchased with an FIP International Reduced Rate Card)
- it costs the equivalent of €6 as of December 2022. A receipt will show the number of the travel document (coupon) to which it relates.
- is valid from 00.01hrs on the 1st day to midnight the following day i.e. 48 hours. It can be purchased up to 60 days in advance from UNIPOK 2G ticket counters, ČD ticket offices, the ČD eShop or on-train where the conductor has the appropriate equipment.
- is issued to each traveller. It will show the number of the FIP coupon to which it relates and is non-transferrable.

⁷ ČD have not provided any details on which services this exception applies to. FIP facilities holders should check before boarding whether FIP facilities are accepted on any service they intend to use.

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ČD Commercial Services December 2023 ⁸ to December 2024

			CD Commerical service			
			From	Dept	To	Arr
EC	112	Silesia	Ostrava hl. n.	18:12	Praha hl. n.	21:44
EC	113	Silesia	Praha-Vršovice	06:09	Ostrava hl. n.	09:48
Ex	114	Cracovia	Ostrava hl. n.	14:12	Praha hl. n.	17:44
Ex	115	Cracovia	Praha hl. n.	10:19	Ostrava hl. n.	13:48
EC	116	Silesia	Ostrava hl. n.	10:12	Praha hl. n.	13:34
EC	117	Silesia	Praha-Vršovice	14:09	Ostrava hl. n.	17:48
Ex	140	Ostravan	Ostrava hl. n.	16:12	Praha hl. n.	19:44
Ex	141	Ostravan	Praha hl. n.	08:19	Ostrava hl. n.	11:48
Ex	142	Ostravan	Ostrava hl. n.	12:12	Praha hl. n.	15:34
Ex	143	Ostravan	Praha-Vršovice	12:04	Ostrava hl. n.	15:48
EC	144	Ostravan	Ostrava hl. n.	08:12	Praha hl. n.	11:44
EC	145	Ostravan	Praha-Vršovice	16:09	Ostrava hl. n.	19:51
SC	240	Košičan	Čadca Gr.	18:37	Praha hl. n.	22:33
SC	241	Košičan	Praha hl. n.	06:00	Čadca Gr.	09:57
EN	406/8	Chopin	Břeclav Gr.	00:00	Zebrzydowice Gr.	04:00
EN	407/9	Chopin	Zebrzydowice Gr.	00:47	Břeclav Gr.	03:59
EN	442	Slovakia	Čadca Gr.	02:22	Praha hl. n.	07:48
EN	441/3	Slovakia	Praha hl. n.	22:14	Čadca Gr.	03:44
NJ	456	nightjet	Břeclav Gr.	23:00	Schöna Gr.	05:17
NJ	457	nightjet	Schöna Gr.	22:44	Břeclav Gr.	05:52
SC	500	Pendolino	Ostrava hl. n.	17:10	Praha hl. n.	20:19
IC	502	Opavan	Opava východ	15:54	Praha hl. n.	19:18
SC	503	Pendolino	Praha hl. n.	09:32	Ostrava hl. n.	12:44
SC	504	Pendolino	Ostrava hl. n.	15:10	Praha hl. n.	18:19
SC	505	Pendolino	Praha hl. n.	11:32	Ostrava hl. n.	14:44
SC	506	Pendolino	Ostrava hl. n.	13:10	Praha hl. n.	16:19
SC	507	Pendolino	Praha hl. n.	13:32	Ostrava hl. n.	16:44
IC	508	Ostravan	Ostrava hl. n.	11:10	Praha hl. n.	14:19
IC	509	Ostravan	Praha hl. n.	14:32	Bohumín	18:09
IC	510	Ostravan	Bohumín	09:01	Praha hl. n.	12:19
IC	511	Ostravan	Praha hl. n.	15:32	Bohumín	18:53
IC	512	Ostravan	Bohumín	07:01	Praha hl. n.	10:19
IC	513	Opavan	Praha hl. n.	16:32	Opava východ	20:08
IC	514	Opavan	Opava východ	05:55	Praha hl. n.	09:18
IC	515	Ostravan	Praha hl. n.	17:32	Bohumín	20:53
SC	516	Pendolino	Bohumín	05:01	Praha hl. n.	08:19
SC	517	Pendolino	Praha hl. n.	19:32	Bohumín	22:53
IC	518	Ostravan	Bohumín	03:54	Praha hl. n.	07:18
IC	519	Opavan	Praha hl. n.	21:27	Opava východ	00:53

⁸ Source 90-081-025/D8600INC

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			CD Commerical service			
			From	Dept	To	Arr
IC	546	Ostravan	Bohumín	05:53	Praha hl. n.	09:44
IC	547	Ostravan	Praha-Vršovice	18:09	Bohumín	22:04
IC	549	Ostravan	Praha-Vršovice	20:09	Bohumín	23:57
R	642	Dny NATO	Mošnov, Ostrava Airport	15:55	Olomouc hl. n.	16:59
R	643	Dny NATO	Olomouc hl. n.	07:59	Mošnov, Ostrava Airport	09:21
rj	644	Dny NATO	Mošnov, Ostrava Airport	16:59	Praha hl. n.	20:23
rj	645	Dny NATO	Praha hl. n.	06:32	Mošnov, Ostrava Airport	09:49
R	646	Dny NATO	Mošnov, Ostrava Airport	17:20	Brno hl.n.	19:44
R	647	Dny NATO	Brno hl.n.	07:57	Mošnov, Ostrava Airport	10:08
Sp	1531	Český ráj	Jičín	10:39	Turnov	11:51
Sp	1532	Český ráj	Turnov	16:01	Jičín	17:18

Between the locations specified and back		
Os	20980 - 20990	Vojtanov - Vojtanov Gr.
Os	2206 - 2291	Znojmo – Unterretzbach Gr.
Os	2960 - 2971	Bohumín - Bohumín Gr.
Os	2300 - 2379	Břeclav - Břeclav Gr.
Os	2102 - 2193	České Velenice – Gmünd Gr.

Linka	Kraj	Trat'	Track section and trains
P2	Středočeský	170	Beroun – Kačez in passenger trains
P1 západ	Karlovarský	178, 140	Chodová Planá – Cheb – Karlovy Vary in express trains
S6	Moravskoslezský	323	Ostrava hl. n. – Frenštát pod Radhoštěm in trains driven by a push pull set

Regional services in South Moravia (Brno area) 2023-24

FIP facilities are not valid on regional services in South Moravia, even if operated by ČD.⁹

⁹ Source RST Ref: 90-081-025/D7956INC

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FIP facilities remain valid on long-distance services (category R, Ex, EC / IC, EN, Railjet and Nightjet) in South Moravia unless included in the list of Commerical Trains above.

ČD has provided a list of the regional services in South Moravia.¹⁰

Trať	Section	Trains	Applies
240	Brno hl. n. – Náměšť nad Oslavou	Os, Sp	Yes
241	Znojmo – Moravské Budějovice	Os, Sp	Yes
244	Brno hl. n. – Ivančice / Hrušovany nad Jevišovkou-Šanov	Os, Sp	No
246	Znojmo – Břeclav	Os, Sp	No
248	Znojmo – Unterretzbach Gr.	Os	Yes
248	Znojmo – Šatov	Sp	No
250	Tišnov – Křižanov	Os	No
251	Tišnov – Hustopeče u Brna/Židlochovice	Os, Sp	No
252	Šakvice – Břeclav	Os, Sp	No
252	Břeclav – Břeclav Gr.	Os	Yes
255	Zaječí – Hodonín	Os, Sp	No
256	Tišnov – Rovné-Divíšov - Žďár nad Sázavou	Os, Sp	No
260	Křenovice horní nádraží - Letovice	Os, Sp	No
260	Letovice – Březová nad Svitavou	Os, Sp	Yes
262	Skalice nad Svitavou – Boskovice	Os	No
300	Vyškov na Moravě – Nezamyslice	Os	Yes
300	Brno hl. n. – Kojetín	Os 4088/89 a Sp 1783/84	No
303	Kojetín – Valašské Meziříčí	Os 4088/89 a Sp 1783/84	No
330	Břeclav – Hodonín	Os 4250 - 4268 a 4269, Sp except 821 a 830	No
330	Břeclav – Staré Město u Uh. Hradiště	Os 4200-4223, 4244 - 4247	Yes
330	Staré Město u Uh. Hradiště – Hulín	Os 4248/49	No
340	Brno hl. n. – Uherské Hradiště	Os except Os 4238, 4241 a Sp	No
340	Veselí nad Moravou – Uherské Hradiště	Os 4238, 4241	Yes
341	Uherské Hradiště – Staré Město u Uh. Hradiště	Os except Os 4238, 4240, 4242 a Sp	No
341	Uherské Hradiště – Staré Město u Uh. Hradiště	Os 4238, 4240 a 4242	Yes
341	Kunovice – Vlárský průsmyk	Os, Sp	No
342	Bzenec – Moravský Písek	Os	No
343	Vrbovce – Hodonín	Os	No

¹⁰ Source RST Ref: 90-081-025/D8601NC

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Regional services in Pilsen (Plzeň) area 2023-24

FIP facilities are not valid on regional services on Line P2 in the Pilsen (Plzeň) area, Western Bohemia, even if operated by ČD.¹¹

FIP facilities remain valid on long-distance services (category R, Ex, EC / IC, EN, Railjet and Nightjet) in the Pilsen area unless included in the list of Commercial Trains.

ČD have provided a list of the regional services in the Pilsen area.¹²

Train		From	Dep	To	Arr
Os	7840	Rokycany	04:27	Plzeň hl. n.	04:41
Os	7800	Kažez	04:46	Přeštice	05:47
Os	7860	Kažez	05:01	Plzeň hl. n.	05:33
Sp	7842	Rokycany	05:25	Plzeň hl. n.	05:37
Os	7802	Kažez	05:46	Přeštice	06:47
Os	7844	Rokycany	06:27	Plzeň hl. n.	06:38
Os	7846	Rokycany	06:41	Plzeň hl. n.	06:55
Os	7804	Kažez	06:46	Přeštice	07:47
Sp	7848	Rokycany	07:22	Plzeň hl. n.	07:33
Sp	7850	Rokycany	07:42	Plzeň hl. n.	07:54
Os	7806	Kažez	07:46	Přeštice	08:47
Os	7808	Kažez	08:46	Plzeň hl. n.	09:18
Os	7870	Rokycany	10:03	Přeštice	10:47
Os	7810	Kažez	10:46	Plzeň hl. n.	11:18
Os	7872	Rokycany	12:03	Přeštice	12:47
Os	7812	Kažez	12:46	Plzeň hl. n.	13:18
Sp	7852	Rokycany	13:42	Plzeň hl. n.	13:54
Os	7814	Kažez	13:46	Přeštice	14:47
Sp	7854	Rokycany	14:42	Plzeň hl. n.	14:54
Os	7816	Kažez	14:46	Klatovy	16:18
Os	7818	Kažez	15:21	Plzeň hl. n.	15:54
Os	7874	Rokycany	16:03	Přeštice	16:47
Sp	7856	Rokycany	16:42	Plzeň hl. n.	16:54
Os	7820	Kažez	16:46	Přeštice	17:47
Os	7822	Kažez	17:21	Plzeň hl. n.	17:54
Os	7876	Rokycany	18:03	Přeštice	18:47
Os	7824	Kažez	18:46	Plzeň hl. n.	19:18
Os	7826	Kažez	19:21	Přeštice	20:47

¹¹Source RST Ref: 90-081-025/D8301INC

¹²Source RST Ref: 90-081-025/D8602INC

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Train		From	Dep	To	Arr
Os	7828	Kařez	20:46	Plzeň hl. n.	21:18
Os	7830	Kařez	22:44	Plzeň hl. n.	23:16
Os	7841	Plzeň hl. n.	00:51	Rokycany	01:05
Os	7801	Rokycany	04:55	Kařez	05:12
Os	7843	Plzeň hl. n.	05:03	Rokycany	05:18
Os	7871	Přeštice	05:08	Rokycany	05:56
Os	7803	Plzeň hl. n.	06:03	Kařez	06:37
Os	7805	Přeštice	06:08	Kařez	07:13
Os	7845	Plzeň hl. n.	07:03	Rokycany	07:18
Sp	7847	Plzeň hl. n.	07:27	Rokycany	07:38
Os	7807	Klatovy	06:40	Kařez	08:38
Os	7809	Přeštice	08:08	Kařez	09:13
Os	7873	Přeštice	09:08	Rokycany	09:56
Os	7811	Plzeň hl. n.	10:41	Kařez	11:13
Os	7875	Přeštice	11:08	Rokycany	11:56
Os	7815	Plzeň hl. n.	12:41	Kařez	13:13
Sp	7849	Plzeň hl. n.	13:03	Rokycany	13:15
Os	7817	Přeštice	13:08	Kařez	14:13
Sp	7851	Plzeň hl. n.	14:03	Rokycany	14:15
Os	7819	Plzeň hl. n.	14:41	Kařez	15:13
Sp	7853	Plzeň hl. n.	15:03	Rokycany	15:15
Os	7821	Přeštice	15:08	Kařez	16:13
Sp	7855	Plzeň hl. n.	16:03	Rokycany	16:15
Os	7823	Přeštice	16:08	Kařez	17:13
Sp	7857	Plzeň hl. n.	17:03	Rokycany	17:15
Os	7825	Přeštice	17:08	Kařez	18:13
Sp	7859	Plzeň hl. n.	18:03	Rokycany	18:15
Os	7827	Přeštice	18:08	Kařez	19:13
Os	7861	Plzeň hl. n.	19:41	Rokycany	19:56
Os	7877	Přeštice	19:28	Plzeň hl. n.	19:59
Os	7831	Plzeň hl. n.	20:41	Kařez	21:13
Os	7833	Plzeň hl. n.	22:47	Kařez	23:19

Train		From	Dep	To	Arr
Os	7303	Planá u Mar. Lázní	05:45	Chodová Planá	05:50
Os	7305	Planá u Mar. Lázní	06:53	Chodová Planá	06:58
Sp	1660/80	Plzeň hl. n.	07:07	Chodová Planá	08:09
Sp	1662	Plzeň hl. n.	09:07	Chodová Planá	10: 09
Sp	1664	Plzeň hl. n.	11:07	Chodová Planá	12: 09
Sp	1666	Plzeň hl. n.	13:07	Chodová Planá	14: 09
Sp	1668/88	Plzeň hl. n.	15:07	Chodová Planá	16: 09
Sp	1670	Plzeň hl. n.	17:07	Chodová Planá	18: 09
Sp	1672	Plzeň hl. n.	19:07	Chodová Planá	20: 09
Os	7320	Plzeň hl. n.	22:45	Svojšín	23:27

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Train		From	Dep	To	Arr
Os	7321	Svojšíň	04:29	Plzeň hl. n.	05:11
Sp	1661	Chodová Planá	05:50	Plzeň hl. n.	06:49
Sp	1663	Chodová Planá	07:50	Plzeň hl. n.	08:49
Sp	1665	Chodová Planá	11:50	Plzeň hl. n.	12:49
Sp	1667	Chodová Planá	13:50	Plzeň hl. n.	14:49
Sp	1669/89	Chodová Planá	15:50	Plzeň hl. n.	16:49
Sp	1671/91	Chodová Planá	17:50	Plzeň hl. n.	18:49
Os	7308	Chodová Planá	20:45	Planá u Mar. Lázní	20:49

ČD Bus services

FIP coupons and International Senior Manager Free Passes are not valid on any ČD bus service.

FIP discounted facilities are available on the following bus services:

- between Václav Havel Airport Prague and Praha hlavní nádraží (abbreviated Praha hl. n.) (Prague main station)
- between Hranice na Moravě and Frýdek-Místek via Nový Jičín and Příbor

FIP discounted facilities are not valid on other ČD bus services.

You must buy a ticket (reservations compulsory) at least 15 minutes before boarding from ČD ticket offices, ticket machines, or from the ČD eShop.

Refunds on supplements

Refunds can be made up to 23.59hrs on the day prior to the first day of validity (no deduction applicable) or within 15 minutes of purchase (no deduction applicable). If an unused supplement is returned by 08.00hrs on the first day of validity, an admin charge of 100 CZK is applied. In any other cases, no refund is possible.

Other Operators

ČD FIP facilities are not available on other operators including

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- *Desná Railway (Arriva Morava)*
- *GW Train Regio*
- *Jindřichohradecké místní dráhy (JHMD)*
- *Leo Express*
- *RegioJet*

This is not a comprehensive list.

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Denmark – DSB

The following carrier is relevant to Denmark:

- DSB - **Danske Statsbaner** (Danish State Railways)

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 15 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 15 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by DSB defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the DSB railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which DSB coupons are valid
DB AG	Flensburg (Gr), Puttgarden [via Rødby Faerge], Tønder, Warnemünde [via Gedser]
SJ (Sweden)	Helsingborg (formerly <i>Hälsingborg</i>) (via Helsingør)

Reduced rate tickets cannot be bought for travel wholly within the Greater København, and Aarhus-Grenå areas. FIP coupons are valid without restriction in these areas.

Break of journey is permitted but tickets must be endorsed by train control staff.

FIP coupons and FIP discounted tickets are only valid on *Scandlines* ships in connection with a rail journey.

FIP facilities are not valid on

- Øresundståg trains leaving Denmark over the Øresund Bridge
- DSB bus services
- *Arriva Tog A/S*
- *Lokaltog A/S*
- *Midtjyske Jernbaner A/S*
- *Nordjyske Jernbaner A/S*

Finland – VR

The following carrier is relevant to Finland:

- **VR – VR Group** – formerly Suomen Valtion Rautatiet (Finnish State Railways)

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 16 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 16 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by VR defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the VR railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which VR coupons are valid
RZD (Russian State Railways)	Vainikkala (Gr)

On *Pendolino* and IC trains there is a compulsory supplement which includes the seat reservation. This is payable whether travelling with an FIP Coupon or a FIP discounted ticket.

FIP discounted tickets may not be purchased on-board trains. A Penalty Fare is charged in addition to the public fare if a passenger is inspected and found without a valid ticket.

FIP discounted tickets cannot be purchased from ticket vending machines at stations.¹³

FIP discounted tickets can be purchased from ticket offices, or by calling VR customer service. The phone number can be found on the VR website at : www.vr.fi/cs/vr/en/customer-service

¹³ Source RST Ref:90-081-018/D7601INC

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FIP discounted tickets are not valid when travelling only in commuter trains within the HSL area, even if they are branded VR. If you have a long-distance ticket which includes travel in the commuter trains (HSL area) it is valid.¹⁴

Break of journey is not permitted except where changing onto connecting services.



VR Class Sr2 and Sm4 at Helsinki Central railway station ¹⁵

¹⁴ Source RST Ref:90-081-018/D7595INC

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France – SNCF

The following carriers are relevant to France:

- SNCF - **Société nationale des chemins de fer français** (National Railway Company of France)
- EIL – **Eurostar International** (see separate entry)
- THI – **THI Factory** operating Thalys services (see separate entry)

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by SNCF defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the SNCF railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which SNCF coupons are valid
CFL	Bettembourg (fr), Rodange (fr)
DB AG	Apach (fr), Forbach (fr), Hanweiler (Gr), Kehl (Gr)
EIL	Paris, Lille
FS	Limone-Confine, Modane (fr), Pienne (fr), Ventimiglia (fr)
RENFE	Canfranc (fr), Hendaye (fr), Port-Bou (fr), La Tour-de-Carol-Enveitg
SBB-CFF (including BLS and SP)	Basel SBB, Genève [via Bellegarde], Genève-Eaux-Vives [via Annemasse], Le Châtelard-Frontière (fr)
SNCB	Blandain (fr), Givet (fr), Jeumont (fr), Quévy (fr), Tourcoing (fr)
THI	Paris, Lille

Seat reservations are compulsory and supplements payable on TGV and most *Intercité* services. Reservations are also compulsory on night trains.

FIP facilities are valid on the following services, however local authorities are responsible for fares and conditions of use. Information should be obtained at ticket offices concerning validity of tickets bought with the FIP international Reduced Rate Card.

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- TER (*Trains Express Régionaux*) trains operated by SNCF (however see the section below on *Franchised TER passenger services in France*)
- bus services operated by SNCF

Global Fares apply for travel on *Lyria* services, and services between Belgium and the South of France.

On the following NOMAD routes only:

- Paris - Caen Cherbourg/Trouville Deauville
- Paris - Rouen Le Havre
- Paris - Granville
- Paris- Evreux Serquigny
- Caen - Le Mans - Tours

all tickets must be validated before starting any outward or return journey, and also before departure after a break of journey, using the endorsing machines (*compositeurs* or *compostage de billets*) provided for passengers at stations

This requirement to validate does not apply to use of FIP coupons.



*Compositeur*¹⁶

FIP discounted tickets may be purchased on-board trains but a 20% service charge is payable in addition to the ticket. This service charge is not imposed if arriving on international trains from outside France.

Upgrading from 2nd class to 1st class by payment of the difference in fares is available at station or on-board. There is no additional charge to upgrade on-board.

SNCF TGV services are branded as *TGV inOui*.

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An SNCF train branded as TGV inOui ¹⁷

FIP travel facilities are **not valid** on

- services operated by *Ouigo* ¹⁸
- rail services in Corsica
- coach services provided by SNCF

Domestic journeys on TGV and IC services operated by SNCF

On SNCF domestic journeys (i.e. entirely within France), the reservation fee payable depends on whether the service is classified as peak or off-peak.

The designation of a train as peak or off-peak is made in the fares distribution system, so it is not possible for RST or individuals to check specific examples.

Seat reservations on off-peak services are €1.70 in either 1st or 2nd class (correct as of January 2024).

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¹⁸ Source RST Ref:90-081-001/D7604INC

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Seat reservations on peak services are €10.00 in 2nd class and €15.00 in 1st class (correct as of January 2024).

FIP discounted tickets bought for domestic TGV and IC services which have a mandatory seat requirement include the seat reservation.

International journeys TGV services operated by SNCF

On cross-border journeys on International TGV services, global fares apply. FIP coupons and the FIP International Senior Manager Free Pass are not valid for free travel on these journeys but can be used to purchase FIP discounted fares.

The FIP discounted fares vary by route but may be up to €130.00 (correct as of January 2024).

Travel in the Paris area

Île-de-France Mobilités (*ÎDF Mobilités*) is the authority that controls and coordinates different transport companies operating in the Paris-area including RATP (*Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens*) and SNCF.

RATP operates Paris Métro (*Métro de Paris*), tram and bus services and part of the RER (*Réseau Express Régional*) network. SNCF operates the rest of the RER network.

Transilien and Île-de-France tramways

Transilien is the branding identity covering the network of commuter services operated by SNCF in the Paris area.

FIP facilities are valid on all Transilien routes, H, J, K, L, N, P, R, U, and V.

FIP facilities are also valid on Tramway Line T4, T11 Express, T12 Express and T13 Express. However, if using FIP discounted tickets rather than FIP

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coupons or the International Senior Manager Free Pass, tickets can only be purchased at Transilien ticket offices at railway stations.

FIP facilities are not valid on the other Tramway Lines, T1, T2, T3, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, and T10.

If using FIP Coupons or the FIP International Senior Manager Free Pass to travel on Transilien railway routes, you will need a *Contremarque de Passage* obtainable from the Transilien ticket office. The *Contremarque de Passage* is used for entry at the start of the journey and exit at the end.



If using FIP discounted tickets with the FIP International Reduced Rate Card, these tickets can only be purchased at Transilien ticket offices at railway stations (including tickets for use on the tramway services).

RER (Réseau Express Régional)

The SNCF, RER and RATP services in the Paris suburban area accept FIP travel facilities on the following stretches of line operated by SNCF:

- RER Line A – SNCF from Nanterre Préfecture to Poissy or Cergy-le-Haut
- RER Line B – SNCF from Gare du Nord to Aéroport Charles de Gaulle or Mitry-Claye.
- RER Line C – SNCF in its entirety.
- RER Line D – SNCF in its entirety.
- RER Line E – SNCF in its entirety.

Please note that if travelling between Gare du Nord and Chatelet les Halles, only RER Line D operated by SNCF can be used. FIP is not valid on RER Line B operated by RATP on the same route.

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To get through automatic gates on these routes with an SNCF FIP coupon, you will need a *Contremarque de Passage* from the Transilien ticket office. The *Contremarque de Passage* is used for entry at the start of the journey and exit at the end.

FIP cards and FIP Coupons are not accepted on RER lines A1, A2 & A4 east from La Défense and RER Line B south of Gare du Nord as these are operated by RATP.

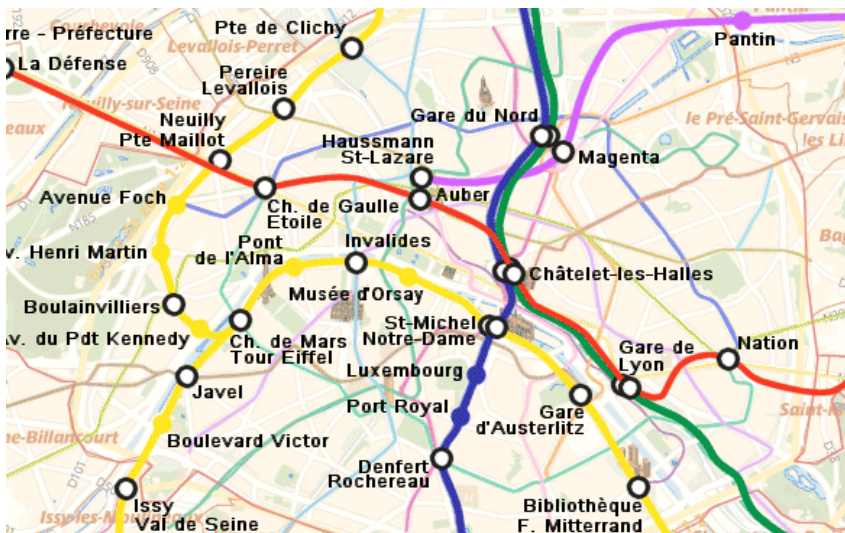


Figure 2 – RER lines in central Paris

Line A in Red, Line B in Blue, Line C in Yellow, Line D in Green, Line E in Purple. FIP facilities are only available on the sections indicated in the text above.¹⁹

Paris Metro (*Métro de Paris*)

The *Métro de Paris* (short for Métropolitain) provides a metro rail service mostly underground in central Paris.

FIP facilities are not valid on any sections of the *Métro de Paris*.

¹⁹ Image: Author: Metropolitain. Source: Wikicommons: commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Central_RER_network.png

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Léman Express

The Léman Express is the network of international RER services operated jointly by SNCF and SBB-CFF linking the Haute Savoie and Ain districts to the canton of Vaud via the Geneva metropolitan area.

FIP facilities are available on the whole of the Léman Express network. SNCF coupons are valid for travel, even in the parts of the service which operate in Switzerland into Geneva.

Booking tickets and reservations for SNCF services

Tickets and reservations may be obtained from the English-speaking SNCF Voyageurs Call Centre. Please note that payment is only by Visa or American Express cards. Mastercard and other payment cards are not accepted.

The telephone number is +33 1 84 94 36 35

At the end of the menu options presented in French, there is the option to connect to an English-speaking operator – press #85.

There is then another voice menu. Select “Voyages/Journey” by pressing 1.

There is then another voice menu. Select “Voyages on TGV” by pressing 1.

You will then be in the queue to speak to an operator.

Please confirm the travel dates and times, the number of passengers holding FIP facilities (and whether coupons or FIP cards), and the origin and destination of your journey.

You will need to provide your telephone number, personal information and an e-mail address.

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Payment is by Visa or American Express card only.

Once the tickets/reservations are confirmed, you will receive a PNR (booking confirmation reference) by e-mail and the eTicket.

When travelling by train, you will need to present the eTicket along with your FIP coupon or FIP card.

Franchised TER passenger services in France

French regional authorities have started a programme of inviting tenders to operate regional TER services currently provided by SNCF.

Tenders currently in the bidding process include Marseille – Toulon – Nice, and the Azur concession. The likely start date for the first concession is 2025.

No information is available yet on whether FIP facilities will be available on TER services once concessions are in operation.

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TER service from Marseille to Miramas on the *La Vesse* viaduct ²⁰

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Germany – DB AG and BSB/VSU

The following carriers are relevant for Germany:

- DB AG – **Deutsche Bahn AG** (German Railways)
- BSB/VSU - **Bodensee-Schiffsbetriebe / Vereinigten Schifffahrtsunternehmen für den Bodensee und Rhein** (See entry for Lake Constance)
- THI – **THI Factory** operating Thalys services (see separate entry under Global Fares)

DB AG FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 14 are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare (but see the section below on free accompanying children). Persons aged 14 and older pay the adult fare.

Free accompanying children

DB AG have national travel discount rules for accompanying children (aged 6 to 13) to travel free with a FIP holder provided that the FIP holder is aged 15 or over and has a valid ticket or FIP permit to travel.²¹

Accompanied children taken free of charge do not have to be the children of the accompanying adult. This means that children travelling for free with an accompanied adult do not need to carry any kind of documentation.

On Long-Distance DB trains

Maximum 4 children per FIP traveller's ticket:

- FIP Discounted long-distance travel ticket with the FIP card
- FIP coupon
- FIP International Senior Manager free pass

²¹ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-005/D8239INC

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These rules also apply if the long-distance ticket is used on local transport before or after the journey.

On Local DB trains

Maximum 3 children per FIP traveller's ticket:

- FIP Discounted local travel ticket with the FIP card
- FIP coupon
- FIP International Senior Manager free pass

The following applies to the travel tickets mentioned above:

- The accompanying children who are travelling free of charge do not have to be recorded on the ticket.
- Children who are not accompanied by persons over the age of 15 who are entitled to a travel concession must buy their own ticket.
- Children under the age of 6 continue to travel free of charge and do not need their own ticket.



DB service at Oberammergau ²²

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The table supplied by DB AG defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the DB AG railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which DB AG coupons are valid
CD	Bayerisch Eisenstein, Cheb (Gr), Furth i. Wald (Gr), Kraslice (Gr), Potůčky (Gr), Rumburk (Gr), Schöna (Gr), Sebnitz (Gr), Selb-Plößberg (Gr), Vejprty (Gr), Vojtanov (Gr), Waidhaus (Gr), Zittau (Gr)
CFL	Igel (Gr), Saarbrücken Hauptbahnhof, 'Hbf'
DSB	Flensburg (Gr), Rostock Seehafen Fähre (Scandlines), Puttgarden (MS), Tønder (Gr)
NS	Bad Bentheim (Gr), Emmerich (Gr), Gronau (Westf) (Gr), Herzogenrath (Gr), Venlo (Gr), Weener (Gr)
ÖBB	Kufstein, Lindau Reutin, Mittenwald (Gr), Passau Hbf, Salzburg Hbf, Simbach am Inn
PKP	Alhlbeck (Gr), Forst (Gr), Frankfurt (Oder) (Gr), Grambow (Gr), Gubin (Gr), Kostrzyn nad Odrą (Gr), Tantow (Gr), Zgorzelec (Gr)
SBB (including BLS and SP)	Basel Bad Bf, Konstanz, Schaffhausen, Waldshut
SJ	Lübeck-Travemünde Hafen, Lübeck-Travem, Skandinavienkai, Sassnitz (Gr)
SNCB	Aachen Süd (Gr)
SNCF	Apach (fr), Forbach (fr), Hanweiler (Gr), Kehl (Gr), Lauterbourg (Gr), Neuenburg (Baden) (Gr), Wissembourg (Gr)
THI	Aachen, Duisburg, Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf Airport, Essen, Köln
BSB	Friedrichshafen, Langenargen, Lindau, Konstanz, Radolfzell, Schaffhausen, Überlingen

Most long-distance services within Germany are provided by DB AG. No supplement is necessary for travel on ICE, EC and IC trains for holders of FIP coupons, the International Senior Manager Free Pass or FIP International Reduced Rate card discounted tickets.

For journeys on High Speed Services between Germany and France, special conditions of use apply.

- For journeys entirely within Germany, FIP facilities may be used without seat reservation.

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- For cross border journeys, a global price ticket and seat reservation endorsed 'FIP Leisure' is required. The International Senior Manager Free Pass is valid, but FIP coupons are not valid. Children aged 6 – 14 must also have a ticket with inclusive seat reservation. No child reduction on the FIP discounted fare is available. For security reasons, luggage must be labelled with labels downloaded from www.bahn.de.
- Cycles are not carried
- Luggage must be labelled with a luggage tag bearing the traveller's name. Tags are required for all luggage placed in the luggage compartments located at the end of each carriage, above and between the seats. This rule does not apply to hand luggage which is kept on the the traveller's person, such as handbags.

On Railjet services

- holders of 2nd class FIP facilities may use Economy Class
- holders of 1st class FIP facilities may use 1st class or Economy Class
- under no circumstances can Business Class be used by holders of any FIP facilities, even if the Business Class supplement is paid.

DB-ÖBB Eurocity München – Innsbruck – Bolzano – Venezia

If using FIP free coupons on DB-ÖBB Eurocity services operated jointly by DB, ÖBB and FS via the trans-Alpine Brenner Railway (München – Innsbruck – Bolzano – Verona):

- a DB, ÖBB or FS coupon is required for travel in the country concerned
- for journeys which cross the Italian border, or entirely within Italy the supplement is payable even if the coupon is endorsed **No Supplement Necessary** or the holder has an International Senior Manager Free Pass
- for journeys between Austria and Germany, or entirely within Austria or Germany, no supplement is payable
- holders of a 1st class coupon not endorsed by a stamp stating **No Supplement Necessary** and travelling 1st class within Austria must purchase a seat reservation ticket or travel authority ticket

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Planning journeys on DB AG services

When planning journeys, please look at the *Auslastungsanzeige* (i.e. **Loading Indicators**) at www.bahn.de and in the DB Navigator app. DB AG request you choose alternative services to those ones marked with *the red icon*.²³

Ticket purchase for DB AG services

FIP discounted tickets cannot be purchased on-board DB AG trains. This applies even when boarding a service from a station which has no open ticket office. FIP discounted tickets must be purchased in advance either from DB travel centres or travel agents.²⁴

Those found on a train without a ticket will receive a penalty fare charge of double the fare (at least €60.00) for the route already covered plus the flex price for the distance to the destination station.

Ticket vending machines offer 50% discounted tickets for other German schemes such as *Bahncard*. These tickets are not valid with the FIP Card.²⁵

In some areas of Germany a *Verkehrsverbund* (combined fares structure) is in operation. In many of these areas FIP coupons and FIP reduced rate tickets are not valid if your journey is entirely within the area concerned. There is no official list available to Rail Staff Travel of which *Verkehrsverbund* areas accept FIP facilities. Local ticket offices will be able to advise.

Restricted DB-AG trains

Some services are subject to staff restriction. DB AG publish a list here db-mobidig.deutschebahn.com/md-home/Navigation/Sperrliste

²³ Source RST Ref: 90-081-005/D8198INC

²⁴ Source RST Ref: 90-081-005/D8274INC

²⁵ Source RST Ref: 90-081-005/D7683INC

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Where a train is listed on specific days then the ban on using FIP facilities applies on the days listed including public holidays.

Use of a restricted train is a Travel Irregularity, and the passenger is deemed to be holding no ticket for the recovery of fare revenue and application of penalty.

Ferries

FIP discounted tickets are valid without restriction on the Harlesiel to Wengerooge ferry services.

FIP coupons and FIP discounted tickets are only valid on *Scandlines* ships in connection with a rail journey.

DB-AG IC Coach services

FIP reduced rate tickets are available but must be purchased in advance from staffed booking offices. They cannot be bought from ticket vending machines or on-board coaches.

FIP coupons may be used but reservations must be paid for in advance from manned booking offices. FIP coupons must be held for the carrier concerned when the IC Coach service is on a foreign section of route outside of Germany.

For journeys within Germany, DB family travel rules apply and accompanied children aged 6 to 14 travel free. Reservations are required for all children, including those under 6 years old.

For journeys on a foreign section of route outside of Germany, Children aged 6 to 14 must have a ticket and all children must have a reservation.

DB-AG bus services

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FIP facilities are accepted only where the bus provides a rail replacement service arising from operational occurrences such as accidents.

Other operators

‘Global’ fares apply for travel on Thalys international services in France, Germany and the Netherlands. See **THI Factory – Thalys**.

FIP facilities are not available on other operators in Germany. This list of non-FIP operators comprises: ²⁶

Abbreviation	Operator
Abellio	Abellio Deutschland
AG	agilis Verkehrsgesellschaft mbH&Co KG
AKN	Altona-Kaltenkirchen-Neumünster Eisenbahn AG (AKN Eisenbahn AG)
ALX	Alex (Länderbahn)
AVG, S, E	Albtal-Verkehrs-Gesellschaft mbH
BLB	Berchtesgadener Land Bahn GmbH
BOB	Bodensee-Oberschwaben-Bahn GmbH&Co KG
BRB	Bayerische Regiobahn GmbH
BSB	Breisgau S-Bahn GmbH
CAN	cantus Verkehrsgesellschaft GmbH
CB, CBC	City-Bahn Chemnitz GmbH
DAB	Westerwaldbahn des Kreises Altenkirchen GmbH (Daadetalbahn)
DLB	Die Länderbahn GmbH
EB	Erfurter Bahn GmbH
ENO	enno (Metronom)
ERB	eurobahn (Keolis Deutschland GmbH&Co KG)
erixx	erixx GmbH
EVB	Eisenbahnen und Verkehrsbetriebe Elbe-Weser GmbH
FEG	Freiberger Eisenbahngesellschaft mbH
GA	Go Ahead
FLIX	Flixbus
HANS	Hanseatische Eisenbahn GmbH
HEX	Harz-Elbe-Express (Transdev Sachsen-Anhalt GmbH)
HLB	Hessische Landesbahn GmbH
HSB	Harzer Schmalspurbahn
HZL	Hohenzollernische Landesbahn GmbH
ME	metronom Eisenbahngesellschaft mbH

²⁶ Information updated 2 June 2023. Source RST Ref: 90-081-005/D8520INC

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Abbreviation	Operator
M	Meridian
Molli	Mecklenburgische Bäderbahn Molli GmbH
MRB	Mitteldeutsche Regiobahn (Transdev Regio Ost GmbH)
NBE	Nordbahn Eisenbahngesellschaft GmbH & Co. KG
NEB	Niederbarnimer Eisenbahn
NEG	Norddeutsche Eisenbahngesellschaft Niebüll GmbH
NEX	National Express Rail GmbH
NWB	NordWestBahn GmbH
ODEG	Ostdeutsche Eisenbahn GmbH
OPB	Oberpfalzbahn (Länderbahn)
OSB	Ortenau S-Bahn GmbH
PEG	Prignitzer Eisenbahn GmbH
Press	Rügensch Bäderbahn (Rasender Roland)
RBE	Rheinisch-Bergische Eisenbahn (Transdev Rheinland GmbH)
RBG	Regentalbahn Bahnbetriebs-GmbH
RNV	Rhein-Neckar-Verkehr GmbH
Rtb	Ruhrthalbahn GmbH
SBB	SBB Deutschland GmbH
SBS	Städtebahn Sachsen GmbH
Start	Regionalverkehre Start Deutschland GmbH
STB	Süd Thüringen Bahn GmbH
STR 66	66 SWB Bonn Verkehrs GmbH
SWEG	Südwestdeutsche Landesverkehrs-AG (Regionalbahn Ortenau, Regionalbahnen Ortenau Zell, Verkehrsbetriebe Breisgau-Kaiserstuhl, Verkehrsbetrieb Breisgau-Staufen)
TL, TLX	Trilex (Länderbahn)
TR	trans regio Deutsche Regionalbahn GmbH (MittelrheinBahn)
VBG	Vogtlandbahn GmbH (Länderbahn)
VEN	Rhenus Veniro GmbH&Co KG
VIA	VIAS GmbH
vlexx	vlexx GmbH (Länderbahn)
WBA	Waldbahn (Länderbahn)
WEG	WEG Württembergische Eisenbahn-Gesellschaft GmbH (Nebenbahn Korntal-Weissach, Nebenbahn Nürtingen-Neuffen, Schönbuchbahn, Wieslaufbahn)
WFB	WestfalenBahn GmbH

Greece – Hellenic Train, Attica

The following carriers are relevant for Greece

- Hellenic Train (formerly TrainOSE)
- Attica – **Superfast Ferries** and **Blue Star Ferries**

Hellenic Train FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The table supplied by Hellenic Train defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the Hellenic Train railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which Hellenic Train coupons are valid
BDZ	Kulata (fr), Svilengrad (fr)
ŽRSM	Gevgelija (fr)
TCDD	Pythion (Greek: Πύθιο), (also known as Pythio)
Attica	Patras [>Ancona, >Bari]

Supplements are payable by holders of FIP coupons and FIP discounted tickets for travel on IC services. The full supplement is payable by children between the ages of 4 and 12.

FIP facilities are **not valid** on the Pelion railway from Volos to Pelion ²⁷

FIP facilities are accepted on bus services operated by Hellenic Train.

FIP free and discounted travel facilities are valid on Hellenic Train suburban services without restriction.

²⁷ Source: RST Ref:90-081-019/D8171INC

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FIP discounted tickets can be purchased at Hellenic Train ticket offices, via the Hellenic Train official website and via the Hellenic Train mobile app.

FIP discounted tickets may only be purchased on-board trains if arriving into Greece and continuing a journey in the same train which crossed the frontier, or when starting a journey at a station where the ticket office is unstaffed.

Break of journey is not permitted.

Attica FIP facilities

Children under 4 years of age who do not occupy a bed, bunk or chair pay €5.50 per crossing.

On services to and from Ancona and Venice, children between 4 and 16 pay 50% of the adult fare. Persons aged 16 and older pay the adult fare.

On services to and from Bari, children between 4 and 12 pay 50% of the adult fare selected. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The table supplied by Attica defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the Attica ferry routes.

Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Ancona-Patras	Ancona Patras	FS TrainOSE
Ancona-Igoumenitsa	Ancona	FS
Bari-Patras	Bari Patras	FS TrainOSE
Bari-Igoumenitsa	Bari	FS

FIP discounted travel only is available on Attica Ferries routes between Italy and Greece (*Superfast Ferries*) and on ferry routes in the Aegean (*Blue Star Ferries*).

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For *Superfast Ferries* use **Attica Ferries Bari Form 90030** or **Attica Ferries Ancona form 90031**. www.raildeliverygroup.com/rst/forms.html#other

Aegean routes – On *Blue Star Ferries* only active staff are entitled to discounts. No reductions are granted in July and August.

On international routes

- there is no distinction in the facilities available to holders of 1st class and 2nd class FIP travel facilities.
- cabins are available at 50% reduction. Book at the Purser's office.

On internal (domestic) ferry journeys on Blue Star Ferries:

- holders of 1st class tickets are eligible for reclining chairs
- holders of 2nd class tickets are eligible for deck facilities.
- cabins are available at 25% reduction. Book at the Purser's office.

As registration at the port office is mandatory, tickets may not be purchased on-board.

No reduction is granted for the conveyance of vehicles.

FIP facilities are not available on any other Attica subsidiary including *Africa Morocco Link* and *Hellenic Seaways*.

Attica Agents in the UK recognising FIP facilities

The Travel Gateway

2morrow Court, Appleford Road, Sutton Courtenay, Oxon OX14 4FH

Tel: +44 (0) 8445 765503

ttgateway@superfast.com

Viamare LTD

Suite 3, 447 Kenton Rd., Harrow, Middlesex HA3 OXY

Tel: +44 (0)208 206 3420

dale.meyer@viamare.com

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Attica agents in Greece recognising FIP facilities

Adriatic Sea route agents:

www.superfast.com/en-gb/premium-sales-agents

Greek Domestic Lines agents:

www.bluestarferries.com/en-gb/network

FIP reservations are possible through Premium Sales agents or Port Agents.

Alternatively, FIP card holders may book via e-mail at: helpdesk@attica-group.com or helpdesk@attica-group.com or by phoning the Call Centre in Athens: +30 210 8919800 or +30210 8919700.²⁸

²⁸ Source: RST Ref: 90-085-009/D8375INC

Hungary – MÁV, GySEV

The following carriers are relevant for Hungary:

- MÁV – **Magyar Államvasutak** (Hungarian State Railways)
- GySEV – **Győr-Sopron-Ebenfurti Vasút** (Győr-Sopron-Ebenfurti Railway) operating services in Western Hungary and also in South East Austria (known as **Raaberbahn**)

MÁV FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free (providing a separate seat is not required ²⁹). Children up to 14 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 14 and older pay the adult fare.

On international journeys children under 10 years of age cannot travel without an adult. ³⁰ Children aged 10 years and above must have a signed Parental Declaration (available from the RSTL website ³¹). MÁV is not responsible for children travelling alone. Parents are responsible for all damages caused by the child. If a child is found travelling without an adult and without a Parental Declaration, the authorities will be informed.

The table supplied by MÁV defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the MÁV railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which MÁV coupons are valid
CFR	Biharkeresztes (fr), Curtici (Gr), Nyirábrány (Gr), Salonta (Gr)
GySEV	Győr (German: Raab), Hegyeshalom, Porpác, Zalaszentiván
HŽ	Koprivnica (Gr), Kotoriba (Gr), Magyarbóly (Gr)
ÖBB	Hegyeshalom (Gr), Szentgotthárd (Gr)
SV	Röszke (Gr), Subotica (Gr)
SŽ	Hodos (Gr)
UZ (Ukraine)	Záhony (Gr)
ŽSR	Bánréve (Gr), Čaňa (Gr), Fil'akovo (Gr), Komárom (Gr), Rajka (Gr), Sátoralújhely (Gr), Szob (Gr)

²⁹ Source RST Ref: 90-081-023/D7968INC

³⁰ Source RST Ref: 90-081-023/D7968INC

³¹ Source RST Ref: 90-081-023/D7969INC

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For international journeys tickets and reservations cannot be issued more than 6 months before the first day of validity.

For domestic journeys with FIP discount, the presale period is 60 days.³²

Changes (refund and new ticket sale) to international tickets purchased at ticket offices in Hungary can only be made on the same day as purchase and at the same station.

FIP facilities on MÁV domestic services are subject to supplements and reservation charges. Details of train categories (*Fast*, *Express*, *IC*, *EN* and *RJ*) are shown in the MÁV-START timetable.

- Fast train supplements (for *Fast* trains). These are not payable.
- Seat reservation charge (for *Express* trains). These are payable.
- Supplement and seat reservation charge (for *IC*, *EN* and *RJ* trains). These are payable.
- TELEVNAT surcharge (for trains with special fare conditions). The seat reservation includes the surcharge. The supplement is payable.

On cross-border journeys in compulsory supplement international trains:

- holders may occupy empty seats without paying for a reservation or pay the seat reservation charge to secure a seat.
- a supplement is payable unless the coupons are endorsed “no supplement necessary”.

FIP facilities are not available on MÁV bus services unless they are providing rail replacement services.

Surcharges apply to the following transactions on board a train:

- Buying FIP discounted tickets
- Upgrading from 2nd class to 1st class

³² Source RST Ref:90-081-023/D8129INC

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Change of route is not possible on board a train. It is only available at a ticket office before starting a journey. The original ticket will be invalid, and a surcharge will be applied to purchase the new ticket.³³

Supplements and reservation charges are payable in Forint (HUF). Euro/Forint conversion rates are published in international ticket offices and on the company website.³⁴

Payments in cash are rounded to the nearest 5 Forint (HUF).³⁵

Break of Journey is permitted without formality.

FIP facilities are valid

- between Szeged and Hódmezővásárhely (advertised as *TramTrain*)
- the Balatonfenyves GV narrow-gauge railway line



Budapest Keleti (east) railway station designed by Gyula Rochlitz and János Feketeházy and constructed between 1881 and 1884³⁶

³³ Source RST Ref:90-081-023/D7968INC

³⁴ Source RST Ref:90-081-023/D8129INC





³⁵ Source RST Ref:90-081-023/D8292INC

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commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Budapest_East_Station_1.jpg

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Bicycles

Bicycles (excluding those with auxiliary motors, recumbent bicycles and those with cycle trailers) can be carried only on trains which are designated for this purpose and marked with a bicycle sign in the timetable.³⁷ Tandems can only be transported in a luggage van which is equipped for bicycle transport. Bicycle tickets must be purchased in advance.

	Timetable	Factual /Estimated	Platform	Information	Train ⓘ	Services
Budapest-Keleti	18:30		12		5508 (S87) (- Eger)	 2.    Budapest-Keleti - Hatvan  @
Hatvan	19:44		4			

Example of a MÁV timetable entry showing the bicycle sign in the Services column.

Foldable bicycles can be carried without fee as hand luggage only if folded and wrapped and can be stored in a luggage rack or under a seat. It cannot be left in a corridor or where it may disturb free movement around the train. Passengers who leave a bicycle in an area in contravention of this requirement will be excluded from the train.

Dogs and small pets

Each adult may carry two dogs or small pets. Dogs must be either in a closed pet transport container, or on a lead with a muzzle. All dogs must have a certificate of vaccination not older than 1 year.

If transporting a dog or small pet in a closed pet transport container, then carriage is free. If transporting a dog on a lead, then the animal transport fee must be paid. The only exception is an assistance dog with an official certificate.

³⁷ Source RST Ref: 90-081-023/D7968INC

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With the exception of assistance dogs, animals are not allowed in any first class coach or restaurant car. Those not in closed containers are not allowed in any car or train with compulsory reservation.

Dogs over 20kg can only be carried in the luggage van.

MAV smartphone app

MAV provides FIP discounted facilities through their mobile app now called **MAV** (formerly *Vonatinfó*).

The default language is Hungarian. You can change to English as follows.

- Go to menu
- Choose **Beállítások** (settings)
- Choose **Nyelv** (language)
- Choose **English** (pop up)
- Click in OK in the new pop up to restart the MAV application

When purchasing a ticket, a code will be sent to activate the ticket. The code is not valid for travel. The ticket must be generated from the code.

Mobile tickets valid only for domestic journeys are acceptable only within the application (i.e. you cannot print out the booking – you must display it within the app). Tickets purchased through the app do not contain the usual FIP protections so may not be changeable or refundable.

Mobile tickets valid for international journeys may be displayed in the app or printed out on A4 paper by the passenger.

Refunds of international tickets are only possible in writing from MAV Customer Service.³⁸

³⁸ Source RST Ref:90-081-023/D8129INC

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GySEV FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 14 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 14 and older pay the adult fare. *(Note the ages for children are different on GySEV services operated in Austria – see the Austrian section.)*

FIP discounted tickets may not be purchased on-board.

In the event of a break of journey, tickets must be endorsed at the station where the break is made.

FIP facilities are not valid on GySEV bus services.

The following table supplied by GySEV defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the GySEV railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Győr – Sopron – Ebenfurth	Győr	MÁV
	Sopron	ÖBB [> Wiener Neustadt] ÖBB [> Deutschkreutz]
	Wulkaprodersorf	ÖBB
	Ebenfurth	ÖBB
Sopron – Szombathely	Sopron	ÖBB [> Wiener Neustadt] ÖBB [> Deutschkreutz]
Szombathely – Szentgotthárd	Szentgotthárd (Gr)	ÖBB
Szombathely - Zalaszentiván	Zalaszentiván	MÁV
Szombathely – Csorna – Hegyeshalom	Porpác	MÁV
Szombathely – Csorna – Hegyeshalom	Hegyeshalom	MÁV [> Győr] MÁV [>Hegyeshalom]
	Hegyeshalom	MÁV [> Győr] MÁV [>Hegyeshalom]
Hegyeshalom – Rajka	Rajka (Gr)	ŽSR
	Neusiedl am See	ÖBB
Fertőszentmiklós – Pamhagen – Neusiedl am See		

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In addition to the boundary table above, GySEV have confirmed that GySEV FIP coupons are valid on their services in Austria which operate between Deutschkreuz and Wien (Vienna).³⁹

³⁹ Source: RST Ref:90-081-023/D8332INC

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Ireland – CIE

The following carrier is relevant to the Republic of Ireland

- CIE - **Córas Iompair Éireann** (Irish Transport System)

Passenger train services on which CIE FIP facilities are valid are provided by Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail).

For public fares, children up to 5 years old travel free. Children up to 16 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 16 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by CIE defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the CIE railway network.

Line	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carrier	Neighbouring Transport Carrier
Dublin – Dundalk – Belfast	Dundalk	NIR

If using FIP Coupons for free travel on the *Enterprise* service to Northern Ireland, then both CIE and NIR coupons must be held.

If you have FIP coupons you must not use Citygold class (Peak hour services between Dublin and Cork).

Holders of 2nd class FIP facilities may travel in 1st class on payment of the Superstandard supplement. In some large stations this can be paid before departure, in other cases it has to be paid on the train.

The holder of 1st class FIP coupons only has to pay the 1st class supplement if a seat reservation is required.

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You can pay the supplement at www.irishrail.ie. To make a seat reservation or purchase an upgrade, choose the Seat Reservation button, which is called 'Free Travel Pass or Valid Ticket'.⁴⁰



A CIE commuter service crosses Laytown viaduct, County Meath⁴¹

FIP reduced rate tickets must be endorsed at the station where a break of journey is made.

FIP facilities are valid on DART suburban services in the Greater Dublin Area.

FIP facilities are **not valid** on

- the Dublin light rail network (LUAS)
- buses

Non-FIP benefits available to Staff Travel Card holders.

Safeguarded staff with a Staff Travel Card may buy reduced rate tickets.

Non-safeguarded holders of Rail Staff Leisure Cards cannot use this to buy reduced rate tickets but can use an FIP card.

⁴⁰ Source 90-081-010/D9143INC

⁴¹ Author Offdaw. Licence: Creative Commons CC-BY-SA 4.0. Source: Wikicommons: commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:County_Meath_-_Laytown_Viaduct_-_20180830171507.jpg

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Italy – FS

The following carrier is relevant to Italy:

- FS - **Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane** (Italian State Railways) ⁴²

TrenItalia, a subsidiary of Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane, operates the passenger rail services on which FS FIP facilities are valid.

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free.

On local trains children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

On long distance trains, children up to 15 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 15 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by FS defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the FS railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which FS coupons are valid
ÖBB	Brennero/Brenner, San Candido/Innichen, Tarvisio Boscoverde
SBB (including BLS and SP)	Chiasso, Domodossola [> Locarno], Iselle transito [> Brig], Pino transito, Porto Ceresio [> Lugano]
SNCF	Limone-Confine, Modane (fr), Piene (fr), Ventimiglia (fr)
SŽ	Nova Gorica (fr), Villa-Opicina (fr)
Attica	Ancona [>Igoumenitsa, >Patras], Bari [>Igoumenitsa, >Patras]

On long-distance services (i.e. *Frecciabianca*, *Frecciarossa*, *Frecciargento*, *EC*, *EN*, *IC*, *ICN*):

- With FIP coupons, seat reservations are compulsory and supplements are payable (except on IC and ICN where FIP coupons are endorsed **No Supplement Necessary**)
- With FIP discounted tickets, seat reservation and supplements included in the fare.
- Break of journey is not permitted.

⁴² Passenger services on which FS FIP facilities are valid are provided by *TrenItalia*, a subsidiary of FS.

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Frecciarossa entering Milan Rogoredo station ⁴³

If supplements or boarding fees are not purchased before the start of journey an additional on-train fee is levied (except in cases where there are no booking offices or ticket machines at the departure station).

There is no restriction or supplement for use of FIP coupons on R or RV services.

Tickets must be validated using at station stamping equipment (*obliteratrici*) before travel.

FIP facilities are only valid to cross the Straits of Messina when the journey is on the train using the Villa San Giovanni to Messina train-ferry.



Obliteratrici ⁴⁴

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Train ferry at Villa San Giovanni ⁴⁵

Global fares are payable for travel on the night services between Italy and Austria via Tarvisio.

FIP facilities are **not valid** on:

- International *Frecciarossa* services between Paris and Italy
- *Leonardo Express* services to/from Aeroporto Internazionale di Roma–Fiumicino *Leonardo da Vinci*
- *Trinacria Express* services to/from Aeroporto Falcone Borsellino (Palermo)
- services provided by other operators in Italy (including open-access operator *Nuovo Trasporto Viaggiatori* and commuter railways of

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Naples: *Circumflegrea*, *Circumvesuviana*, *Cumana*, and *Naples–Aversa*)

- *Ferrovie Sud Est* services in Puglia⁴⁶
- R and RE services in the Bolzano/Bozen area or the Milano area operated by *Trenord* (even if trains have FS markings)
- Bus services operated by TrenItalia (unless providing a temporary rail replacement service)

DB-ÖBB Eurocity München – Innsbruck – Bolzano – Venezia

If using FIP free coupons on DB-ÖBB Eurocity services operated jointly by DB, ÖBB and FS via the trans-Alpine Brenner Railway (München – Innsbruck – Bolzano – Verona - Venezia):

- a DB, ÖBB or FS coupon is required for travel in the country concerned
- for journeys which cross the Italian border, or entirely within Italy the supplement is payable even if the coupon is endorsed **No Supplement Necessary** or when using an International Senior Manager Free Pass
- for journeys between or entirely within Austria and Germany, no supplement is payable
- holders of a 1st class coupon not endorsed by a stamp stating **No Supplement Necessary** and travelling 1st class within Austria must purchase a seat reservation ticket or travel authority ticket

Sardinia

FIP travel facilities are valid on *TrenItalia* services in Sardinia.

FIP travel facilities are not valid on *Azienda Regionale Sarda Trasporti* (ARST) services.⁴⁷

How to book seat reservations on FS trains if using FIP coupons

⁴⁶ Source: RST Ref:90-081-008/D8374INC

⁴⁷ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-008/D8367INC

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For FIP Coupon holders travelling on leisure journeys, reservations and supplements can be purchased in Trenitalia tickets offices and in all authorised travel agencies (including those operating outside Italy) with the following conditions: ⁴⁸

Frecciarossa trains with 4 service levels:

- No FIP facilities in “Business” or “Executive” service level
- 1st class FIP ticket can access “Premium” service level
- 2nd class FIP ticket can access “Standard” service level
- Customers need to buy “Cambio Servizio TO/AV” (upgrade from base tariff to HS) ticket for the relevant service level. Price depends on route

Frecciarossa and Frecciargento (1st and 2nd class):

- Buy a “Cambio Servizio TO/AV” (upgrade from base tariff to HS) ticket for the relevant class. Price depends on route

Frecciabianca:

- Buy a “Cambio Servizio TO/FB” (upgrade from base tariff to Frecciabianca) ticket for the relevant class. Price depends on route

IC:

- Buy a “Cambio Servizio TO/IC” (upgrade from base tariff to IC) ticket for the relevant class. Price depends on route

ICN (seat places):

- Buy a “Cambio Servizio TO/ICN” (upgrade from base tariff to IC) ticket for the relevant class. Price depends on route

Couchette:

- Buy a “Cambio Servizio Cuccetta” (upgrade to couchette) ticket. Price depends on route

Wagon Lit:

⁴⁸ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-008/D7656INC

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- Buy a “Cambio Servizio VL” (upgrade to wagon lit) ticket. Price depends on route

Express trains (seat places):

- Free access without seat assignment or buy a non-refundable reservation for a fixed price (as of 2019 this is €3.00)

Regional trains:

- free access



The Genoa–Ventimiglia railway at Cervo ⁴⁹

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commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:FS_E_444R_Cervo_2.jpg

Kosovo

Kosovo is the subject of a territorial dispute between the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Serbia. The Republic of Kosovo unilaterally declared independence on 17 February 2008, but the Republic of Serbia continues to claim it as part of its own sovereign territory.

Serbian Railways (Srbija Voz) has in the past operated services on the routes now controlled by Trainkos a (Albanian: *Operimet me Trena të Hekurudhave të Kosovës sh.a*).

Due to the ongoing political situation, Rail Staff Travel is unable to verify whether Srbija Voz (SV) FIP facilities are still available within Kosovo.

In the FIP rules, Srbija Voz (SV) still claim an FIP border with Macedonian Railways (MŽ-T) at Elez Han (formerly *Djeneral Jankovic* - Serbian: *Ђенерал Јанковић*, Albanian: *Han i Elezit*), which is in the Republic of Kosovo. However, this appears to be an historic statement which may not be updated until the Republic of Serbia formally accepts the independence of the Republic of Kosovo.

Trainkos is not a member of FIP.

Lake Constance Ferries

Lake Constance (German: *Bodensee*) is situated in Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

BSB/VSU FIP facilities

Coupons are issued under the VSU label and provide free passenger travel on all timetabled shipping services on Lake Constance on the following companies:

- BSB (Bodensee-Schiffsbetriebe GmbH)
- VLB (Vorarlberg Lines Walter Klaus Bodenseeschiffahrt GmbH)
- SBS (Schweizerische SBS Schifffahrt AG)
- URh (Schweizerische Schifffahrtsgesellschaft Untersee und Rhein)

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 16 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 16 and older pay the adult fare.

The table supplied by BSB defines the boundaries of FIP across the services operated under the VSU label.

Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Konstanz – Meersburg – Friedrichshafen – Lindau – Bregenz	Konstanz Friedrichshafen Lindau Bregenz	DB AG, SP (THURBO) DB AG DB AG ÖBB
Konstanz – Meersburg – Überlingen	Konstanz Überlingen	DB AG, SP (THURBO) DB AG
Kreuzlingen Hafen – Konstanz – Reichenau – Stein am Rhein – Schaffhausen	Kreuzlingen Hafen Konstanz Stein am Rhein Schaffhausen	SP (THURBO) DB AG, SP (THURBO) SBB, SP (THURBO) DB AG, SP (THURBO), SBB
Kreuzlingen Hafen – Konstanz – Reichenau – Radolfzell	Kreuzlingen Hafen Konstanz Radolfzell	SP (THURBO) DB AG, SP (THURBO) DB AG
Friedrichshafen – Romanshorn	Friedrichshafen Romanshorn	DB AG SBB, SP (SOB, THURBO)

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Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Lindau – Rorschach Hafen – Arbon – Langenargen - Friedrichshafen	Lindau Rorschach Arbon Langenargen Friedrichshafen	DB AG SBB, SP (RHB) SBB DB AG DB AG
Rorschach Hafen – Horn Arbon – Romanshorn – Kreuzlingen Hafen – Mainau Island	Rorschach Horn Arbon Romanshorn Kreuzlingen Hafen	SBB, SP (RHB) SBB SBB SBB, SP (SOB, THURBO) SP (THURBO)

There is no reduction for vehicles between Friedrichshafen and Romanshorn.



PS Hohentwiel (1913) at Bregenz harbour ⁵⁰

There is no 1st class accommodation on VSU shipping services.

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commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Bregenz_Hafen_Hohentwiel_und_Sonnenk%C3%B6nig.jpg

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Tickets may be purchased at ticket offices on land and on-board ships.

The full standard public fare for bicycles is payable.

Break of journey is permitted without formality.

A reduction may be available to FIP facilities holders on certain excursions.

Liechtenstein

The passenger rail service in Liechtenstein is operated by Austrian railway company ÖBB. ÖBB FIP facilities are valid on ÖBB services in Liechtenstein.

The following table supplied by ÖBB defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the ÖBB railway network relevant to Liechtenstein.

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which ÖBB coupons are valid
SBB	Buchs SG

Please see **Austria – ÖBB** for using FIP facilities on their services.

FIP coupons from SBB, BLS and SP are not valid on rail services in Liechtenstein.



Buchs SG railway station ⁵¹

⁵¹ Author: NAC. Licence: Creative Commons CC-SA 4.0. Source: Wikicommons: commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:FFS_Re_4-4_II_11143_Buchs_SG_280609_EC164_KAISERIN_ELISABETH_Salzburg-Zuerich_HB.jpg

Lithuania – LTG-Link

The passenger rail service in Lithuania is operated by LTG-Link.

More information will be added to this guide once received by Rail Staff Travel.

Luxembourg – CFL

The following carrier is relevant to Luxembourg:

- CFL - **Société nationale des chemins de fer luxembourgeois**
(National Railway Company of Luxembourg)

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare (*but see below for general public free travel*).

The following table supplied by CFL defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the CFL railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which CFL coupons are valid
DB AG	Igel (Gr)
SNCB	Athus, Gouvy (fr), Sterpenich (fr)
SNCF	Bettembourg (fr), Rodange (fr)

Luxembourg offers free public transport for domestic journeys. This includes the Pfaffenthal-Kirchberg funicular.

On train, travel is free in 2nd class.

On train, travel in 1st class requires either a 1st class CFL FIP coupon or if travelling with a FIP card the upgrade on the FIP fare. The upgrade must be paid in advance of boarding the train.

Montenegro – ŽPCG

The following carrier is relevant to Montenegro:

- **ŽPCG - Жељезнички превоз Црне Горе** or **Željeznički prevoz Crne Gore** (Railway Transport of Montenegro)

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 14 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 14 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by ŽPCG defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the ŽPCG railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which ŽPCG coupons are valid
SV	Bijelo Polje (Gr) (Montenegrin Cyrillic: Бијело Поље)

FIP discounted tickets may be purchased on train, but a supplement will be payable. No supplement is charged when the journey starts at a station with no booking office.

Berth reservations in international sleeper trains incur a 10% service tax.

Holders of FIP Coupons must pay a supplement for travel on trains which are priced with Global Fares. The FIP discount is applied to global fare tickets for holders of the FIP International Reduced Rate Card.

Break of journey is allowed during the validity of the ticket.

Charges apply to the transport of luggage. Enquiries should be made at a station booking office before boarding a train.

FIP facilities are valid on rail replacement buses, but not valid on any other bus services operated by ŽPCG.

Netherlands – NS

The following carriers are relevant to the Netherlands:

- NS - **Nederlandse Spoorwegen** (Netherlands Railways)
- EIL – **Eurostar International** (see separate entry)
- THI – **THI Factory** operating Thalys services (see separate entry)

For public fares, the ages for child fares are as follows:

- All children up to 3 years old travel free (if not occupying a seat themselves)⁵²
- For children up to 11 years old, the Railrunner ticket is usually better value than an FIP 50% discount on the public adult fare.
- Persons aged 11 and older pay the public adult fare

In 2nd class children can travel independently with a Railrunner-ticket. In 1st class children can travel if accompanied by an adult aged 18 or over (each accompanying adult can take 3 children with them, each with their own Railrunner). A Railrunner ticket can be purchased online or from a ticket machine. More information on Railrunner:

www.ns.nl/producten/en/meest-gekocht/p/railrunner

The following table supplied by NS defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the NS railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which NS coupons are valid
DB AG	Bentheim (Gr), Emmerich (Gr), Herzagenrath (Gr), Venlo (Gr), Weener (Gr)
SNCB	Roosendaal (fr), Visé
THI	Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Schiphol

NS FIP facilities are **not valid** on

- the *Hoekse Lijn* from Hoek van Holland to Schiedam Centrum, on either the bus or metro system

⁵² Source: RST Ref: 90-081-003/D7569INC

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- other operators' services (e.g. Arriva Netherlands, Breng, Connexxion, Keolis Nederland, Qbuzz, and Abellio Rail NRW)
- Thalys international services to Belgium and France
- Eurostar international services to Belgium and the UK



NS service from Amsterdam to The Hague near the mill in Lisse ⁵³

In International express trains (designated 'D' in the Netherlands timetable), holders of FIP reduced rate tickets must pay a supplement which may be settled on the train. (No supplement is payable if using FIP coupons).

From Amsterdam Airport Schiphol to Rotterdam:

www.ns.nl/en/season-tickets/other/intercity-direct-supplement.html

- Supplements are payable on FIP reduced rate tickets.
- No supplement is payable if you are using FIP free coupons.

Ticket purchase in the Netherlands

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FIP discounted tickets may only be purchased at full service and full-service light stations with ticket desks.⁵⁴ As of December 2023 these are:

Amsterdam Centraal	Eindhoven Centraal	Rotterdam Centraal
Amsterdam Sloterdijk	Enschede	Schiphol Airport
Amsterdam Zuid	Haarlem	Utrecht Centraal
Arnhem Centraal	Leeuwarden	Zaandam
Breda	Leiden Centraal	Zwolle
Den Haag Centraal	Maastricht	

FIP discounted tickets cannot be bought on train.⁵⁵

NS gate pass barcode coupons for FIP coupon holders

FIP coupon holders are issued with a NS gate pass barcode coupon for opening barriers at NS stations. The following information has been provided by NS.⁵⁶

The NS gate pass barcode coupon is valid only in combination with an FIP country coupon for NS. It is a gate pass, not a travel pass.

It is valid for use on 8 separate days (00:00 to 23:59) within a 3-month period from the date of first use. The first presentation at a gate sets the start date.

Within each day:

- you can enter 6 times and exit 6 times at the same station
- you can enter 12 times and exit 12 times nationally in total

⁵⁴ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-003/D8583INC

⁵⁵ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-003/D7569INC

⁵⁶ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-003/D7550INC

North Macedonia – ŽRSM

The following carrier is relevant to the Republic of North Macedonia:

- ŽRSM - **Železnici na Republika Severna Makedonija** (Railways of the Republic of North Macedonia)

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by ŽRSM defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the ŽRSM railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which ŽRSM coupons are valid
TrainOSE	Gevgelija (fr) (Macedonian: <i>Гевгелуја</i>)
SV ⁵⁷	Đeneral Jankovic (Gr) (now <i>Elez Han</i> - Serbian: <i>Ђенерал Јанковић</i> , Albanian: <i>Han i Elezit</i>) ⁵⁸ , Tabanovci (Gr) (Macedonian: <i>Табановце</i> ; Albanian: <i>Tabanoc</i>)

FIP discounted tickets cannot be purchased on-board trains.

FIP facilities are not available on bus services, or for the transport of vehicles on motorail trains.

⁵⁷ The transit point of Elez Han may no longer be valid, given the political situation between the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Serbia. Please see the Serbia and Kosovo entries for more details. However, it is the northern limit of ŽRSM FIP facilities on the Skopje to Pristina line.

⁵⁸ In 2012, the Kosovo Assembly approved the renaming of the town to Елез Хан for publications in Serbian and Elez Han for publications in English

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Northern Ireland – NIR

The following carrier is relevant to Northern Ireland

- NIR – **Northern Ireland Railways**

For public fares, children up to 5 years old travel free. Children up to 16 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 16 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by NIR defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the NIR railway network.

Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carrier
Belfast – Dundalk – Dublin	Dundalk	CIE

If using FIP Coupons for free travel on the *Enterprise* service to the Republic of Ireland, then both CIE and NIR coupons must be held.

The FIP International Reduced Rate card can be used to buy reduced rate tickets.

Through booking of FIP discounted tickets from NIR stations to GBPR stations via the sea crossing from Belfast to Liverpool is not possible.

Non-FIP benefits available to Staff Travel Card holders.

Safeguarded staff with a Staff Travel Card may buy reduced rate tickets.

Non-safeguarded holders of Rail Staff Leisure Cards cannot use this to buy reduced rate tickets but can use an FIP card.

Norway – Vy Group

The following carrier is relevant to Norway

- Vy Group (formerly **Norges Statsbaner** - Norwegian State Railways)

Entur AS operates on-line and station ticket office retailing of passenger rail tickets.



Hardangervidda between Haugastøl and Finse, Norway ⁵⁹

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 18 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 18 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by Vy defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the Vy railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

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Lines	Transit Points up to which the coupons of Vy group are valid	Neighbouring Transport Carrier
(Oslo) – Halden – Kornsjø – (Gothenburg)	Halden (Kornsjø (Gr))	SJ
(Oslo) – Kongsvinger – Charlottenberg – (Stockholm)	Kongsvinger (Charlottenberg (Gr))	SJ
Trondheim – Storlien – (Östersund)	Storlien (Gr)	SJ

FIP facilities are **not valid** on

- Vy bus services
- *Flåmsbana* between Myrdal and Flåm
- Ofoten Line between Narvik and Bjørnfjell
- *Flytoget* Airport Express services to and from Oslo Airport (see below)

Travel to and from Oslo Airport

FIP facilities are not valid on the *Flytoget* Airport Express services to and from Oslo Airport.⁶⁰

FIP facilities are valid on other Vy services to and from the airport (except the long-distance service from Trondheim which stops to set down passengers only).⁶¹

Travel on local services in the Oslo area

FIP coupons are valid on Regiontog and Lokaltog trains operated by Vy group in the Oslo area.⁶²

However it is not possible to buy FIP discounted tickets for travel entirely within the Oslo area bounded by Lunner (RE30 R31), Eidsvoll (RE11, R12), Dal (R13), Årnes (R14), Spikkestad (L1), Asker (R14, R13, RE10, FLY1, RE11, R12), Tomter (R22), and Sonvsveien (R21).⁶³

⁶⁰ Source RST Ref:90-081-017/C9180INC

⁶¹ Source RST Ref:90-081-017/D7776INC

⁶² Source RST Ref:90-081-017/D7775INC

⁶³ Source RST Ref:90-081-017/D8603AA

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Osloregionen
The Oslo region

For Long-distance trains and trains outside The Oslo region, consult separate maps

L... Lokaltog Local trains

R... Regiontog Regional trains

RE... Regionekspres Regional Express trains

FLY... Flytog Airport Express trains

Kun fer reiser til og fra Oslo Lufthavn, bare «Flytoget»-billetter er gyldige
For journeys to and from Oslo Airport exclusively, only «Flytoget» tickets are valid

FLY 1 stopper ikke på Stabekk stasjon.
FLY 2 stopper ikke på Lufthavn stasjon.

FLY 1 does not call at Stabekk station.
FLY 2 does not call at Lufthavn station.

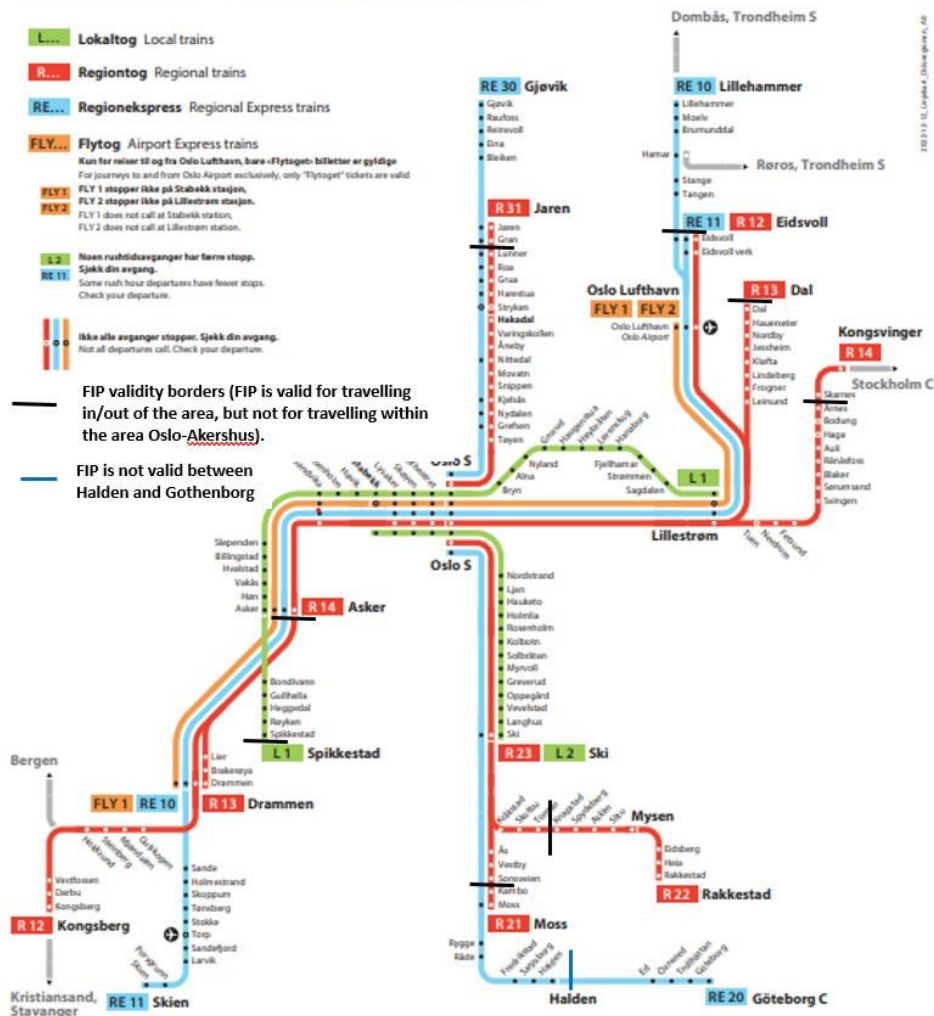
L2 Noen rushtidsganger har færre stopp.
R11 Sjekk din avgang.

Some rush hour departures have fewer stops.
Check your departure.

R11 Ikke alle avganger stopper. Sjekk din avgang.
Not all departures call. Check your departure.

FIP validity borders (FIP is valid for travelling in/out of the area, but not for travelling within the area Oslo-Akershus).

FIP is not valid between Halden and Gothenburg



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Ticket purchasing

Only five stations in Norway have staffed ticket offices:⁶⁴

- Bergen
- Oslo Airport (Gardermoen Station)
- Oslo Central (Oslo S)
- Stavanger
- Trondheim Central (Trondheim S)

FIP discounted tickets cannot be purchased from ticket vending machines or on-board trains.

Tickets can be obtained from Entur, the ticket retailing division of Norwegian Railways. Details of how to contact them can be found on their website here <https://entur.no/>.

The contact centre speak English.

Franchised passenger services in Norway

FIP facilities are available on franchised operators of services who win the Traffic Packages under the tendering process implemented by the Norwegian Ministry of Transport and Communications.⁶⁵



Go-Ahead Nordic operate:

- *Sørlandet Line* Oslo to Stavanger
- *Arendal Line* Arendal to Nelaug

⁶⁴ Correct in December 2023

⁶⁵ Source RST Ref: 90-081-017/D7791INC

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The following supplements apply on *Go Ahead Nordic* services:⁶⁶

- **Standard** 50 NOK. Choose your seat free of charge when you book and have access to wifi and power outlets. You can buy food, snacks, and drinks in the café.
- **Extra** 250 NOK. Choose your seat free of charge when you book and have access to wifi and power outlets. Access to free coffee, tea and snack bar.
- **Hvile** 500 NOK. A reclining seat with adjustable reading light, table and power socket. Free coffee, tea and snack bar.
- **Sleeper Cabin** 1000 NOK. Access to two beds. You can decide if you want to sleep alone in the cabin or share with another person in your party. Children under 6 years old travel for free and can share a bed with an adult. However, it is recommended that children over 4 years old have their own bed. The maximum number in a compartment is 2 adults and 2 children.

Entur can provide more information of the facilities available with each supplement.



SJ Norge (under the brand *SJ Nord*) operate:

- *Røros Line* Trondheim to Hamar (and on to Oslo)
- *Meråker Line* Trondheim to Storlien (and on to Sweden)
- *Rauma Line* Åndalsnes to Dombås (and on to Oslo)
- *Nordland Line* Trondheim to Bodø
- regional services in Trøndelag county

The following supplements apply on *SJ Norge* services:⁶⁷

- **Seat** 50 NOK. Seat reservation with the opportunity to purchase a “Night train package” in the cafeteria, which includes a sleeping mask, ear plugs, a blanket and an inflatable pillow.

⁶⁶ Source RST Ref:90-081-017/D8585INC

⁶⁷ Source RST Ref:90-081-017/D8585INC

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- **Premium** 200 NOK. Daytime trains only. Free water and snacks and free access to the hot drinks vending machine. Also includes a small meal served to your seat on the following departures
 - Daytime departures with boarding before 9.00am
 - Standard departures from Bodø 12.27pm to and from Røklund
- **Premium Plus** 500 NOK. Adjustable reclining chairs with small table, reading light, USB and power outlet at each chair. One small free meal is included.
- **Sleeper Berth** 1,000 NOK. This is the charge for a sleeping compartment for up to 2 adults and 2 children (under the age of 6). The compartment has two single beds, towels and a sink. Toilet facilities are at the end of each carriage. Animals are not allowed in sleeping compartments except for service dogs on duty.

Entur can provide more information of the facilities available with each supplement.



Vy Tog operate:

- Oslo S – Bergen
- Bergen – Voss – Myrdal
- Bergen – Arna

The following supplements apply on *Vy Tog* services:⁶⁸

- **Standard** 50 NOK. Seat reservation fee.
- **Plus** 300 NOK. More comfortable seat with tables and power sockets, and coffee or tea provided.

⁶⁸ Source RST Ref:90-081-017/D8585INC

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- **Plus Night** 600 NOK. Reclining seat which extends out to allow you to lay down. Includes a small table, reading light, USB and power outlet at each chair. Free blankets, ear plugs and a mask are provided.
- **Compartment** 1500 NOK. Has 2 couches with seating for up to 6 people. The price is for the compartment irrespective of the number of passengers. Suitable for small groups who want to travel in more private surroundings.
- **Compartment Night** 3000 NOK. Comprises 6 beds with simple comfort. The prices is for the compartment irrespective of the number of passengers.
- **Sleep Compartment** 1000 NOK. Has 2 beds, bedding, sink, power outlets, water and towels available. The prices is for the compartment irrespective of the number of passengers.

Entur can provide more information of the facilities available with each supplement.

Poland – PKP, KD, KS, KW, ŁKA

The following carriers are relevant for Poland:

- PKP - **Polskie Koleje Państwowe** (*Polish State Railways*)
- KD - **Koleje Dolnośląskie** (*Lower Silesian Railways*)
- KŚ - **Koleje Śląskie** (*Silesian Railways*)
- KW - **Koleje Wielkopolskie** (*Greater Poland Railways*)
- ŁKA - **Łódzka Kolej Aglomeracyjna** (*Łódź Metropolitan Railway*)

PKP FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by PKP defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the PKP railway network. PKP do not denote boundaries with the other independent FIP members within Poland. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which PKP coupons are valid
BC (Belarus)	Brest (Gr) (Belarusian: Брэст), Bruzgi (Gr) (or Bruzhi), Czeremcha (Gr) (Podlaskie Voivodeship)
ČD	Bohumín (Gr), Český Tesín (Gr), Głuchołazy (Gr) (Czech: <i>Hlučolazy</i>), Lichkov (Gr) (or Plhy City), Zebrzydowice (Gr), (Silesian Voivodeship)
DB AG	Forst (Gr), Frankfurt/Oder (Gr), Grambow (Gr), Kostrzyn (Gr) Tantow (Gr), Zgorzelec (Gr)
LG (Lithuania)	Mockava (Gr)
RZD (Russia)	Braniewo (Gr)
UZ (Ukraine)	Jagodín (Gr) (Yahodyn, Yagodyn or Ягодин), Medyka (Gr), Starzhava (Gr) (Starzawa)
ŽSR	Lupkov (Gr), Plaveč (Gr) (Stará Ľubovňa District), Skalité (Gr)

PKP FIP Facilities are **only** available on services provided by:

- PKP InterCity
- Przewozy Regionalne (*Regional Transport*) trading as POLREGIO

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- Koleje Mazowieckie-KM, (*Masovian Railways*)
- PKP Szybka Kolej Miejska w Trojmiescie (*Fast Urban Railway Tricity*)
- Warszawska Kolej Dojazdowa. (*Warsaw Commuter Railway*)
- Some KD routes (see the entry for KD)

PKP specific rules

On PKP Intercity EIP (*Express InterCity Premium*) trains, passengers holding FIP coupons, International Senior Manager Free Passes or tickets bought with an FIP International Reduced Rate card are obliged to obtain a seat reservation and buy an EIP supplement (43 PLN /approx 10 Euro) before starting the journey.

Passengers already holding a reservation may pay the supplement on the train; passengers who have not made a reservation must pay the supplement at PKP ticket offices at the same time as making a reservation. A receipt will be issued.



A high-speed PKP pendolino train at Gliwice ⁶⁹

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Travel on EIP trains without a seat reservation is not permitted. Passengers using PKP Intercity EIP trains without a reservation or who refuse to pay the supplement will pay an additional charge, as well as the journey fare. It is not possible to buy passenger tickets and seat reservations on-board.

On EIC (*Express InterCity*), IC (*InterCity*) and TLK (*Twoje Linie Kolejowe*) trains, passengers holding FIP coupons, International Senior Manager Free Passes or tickets bought with an FIP International Reduced Rate card are obliged when travelling to obtain a seat reservation.

On board purchase of tickets is possible subject to a supplement of 10 PLN.

In IC and TLK trains, passengers without a ticket should approach on-train staff (immediately on departure) to buy a ticket.

Additional supplement charges apply to holders of FIP free coupons or tickets bought with an FIP International Reduced Rate card as follows:

- Sleeper berths: Single 299 PLN, Double 159 PLN, Triple 79 PLN
- Couchette: In 3 and 4 couchette compartment 69 PLN, in 6 couchette compartment 59 PLN

Passengers holding International Senior Manager Free Passes:

- must pay a supplement if occupying a Seat in a Manager Compartment 99 PLN
- do not pay couchette or sleeper berth charges (reservations are free of charge) but must pay a service charge: Single berth 138 PLN (EUR 32), Double berth 73 PLN (EUR 17), Triple berth 52 PLN (EUR 12).

Break of Journey is not permitted.

Special Fare and Tariff conditions apply to the following services:

- 1) Warsaw/Gdynia – Berlin the Fare and Tariff conditions pertaining to Warsaw/Gdynia trains apply

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- 2) Warsaw – Vienna (only in through coaches of trains 407/457 406/456 ‘Chopin’) the Fare and Tariff conditions pertaining to tickets for trains 407/406 ‘Chopin’ to Austria apply
- 3) Przemyśl – Berlin the Fare and Tariff conditions pertaining to sleeper berths or seating accommodation on the Przemyśl – Berlin service apply
- 4) Rzepin – Vienna the Fare and Tariff Conditions pertaining to tickets for Nightjet trains 457/456 to Austria apply
- 5) Rzepin – Budapest the Fare and Tariff Conditions pertaining to tickets for trains 476/457 to Slovakia and Hungary apply

FIP facilities are valid on rail replacement bus services operated by PKP.

FIP facilities are not valid on cable and rack railways operated by PKP

Przewozy Regionalne specific rules

Reduced rate tickets can be issued on train but are subject to a special fee. The fee is not charged when the passenger is departing from an unstaffed station or stop. Passengers must board by the door at the front of the train (direction of travel) and immediately buy tickets from the on-train staff. Upgrades to 1st class are permitted on-board providing the passenger informs the on-board staff of their intention immediately.

A ticket for a single journey is valid until midnight on the day of issue. One break of journey without the need to have this confirmed is permitted. Validity of single tickets bought with the reduced rate card is dependent on distance:

- a) up to 50km: 3 hours from date and time of issue (or as determined by the passenger),
- b) 51 km – 100 km: 6 hours from date and time of issue (or as determined by the passenger),
- c) 101 km and above: until midnight on the day of issue. (The day is 0001 hrs to 2400 hrs).

Koleje Mazowieckie – KM specific rules

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Passengers who board trains at staffed stations and who cannot provide confirmation that they have not been able to buy a ticket at the booking office must, in addition to the fare, pay a supplementary charge.

Passengers without valid or with unvalidated tickets must board by the door at the front of the train (direction of travel) and immediately buy (or have validated) tickets from the on-train staff in the first compartment. If no staff are to be seen, then passengers should wait in the first compartment. Otherwise the passenger will be deemed to be travelling without a ticket and will be liable to a surcharge (in addition to the fare).

Tickets bought with the FIP International Reduced Rate Card are not valid in the *Stoneczny* train.

The validity of tickets is as follows:

- a) up to 100km: (single or return): 1 day
- b) more than 100 km: 2 days (single), 4 days (return).

The validity period for single tickets begins with the date/time printed/written on the ticket. The day runs from 00.01 to 24.00.

Journeys undertaken using a single ticket must start on the first day of validity (shown on the ticket as day of journey), specifically:

- a) Journeys with single tickets and outward portions of return tickets must commence within one hour of ticket issue or as determined by the passenger. KM tariff conditions may permit other periods of validity.
- b) Journeys with return portions of tickets valid for distances over 100km may be made on any day of the ticket validity.

Tickets bought with the FIP International Reduced Rate card are not valid on KM buses between Modlin and Warsaw Modlin airport.

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Break of journey is generally permitted, although there are some exceptions to this rule. If you intend to break your journey you should check when buying your ticket that the break is permitted.

PKP Szybka Kolej Miejska w Trójmieście specific rules

Tickets for single journeys issued by machine are valid from the time of issue/validation. Tickets bought at the ticket office are valid as determined by the salesperson according to time and zone.

Break of journey is not permitted.

Lotnisko Chopina w Warszawie (Warsaw Frederic Chopin Airport)

Between Warszawa and Lotnisko Chopina w Warszawie, PKP coupons are **not** valid on line S2 and S3 services operated by SKM (*Szybka Kolej Miejska* English: Fast City Rail) but are accepted on services operated by KM (*Koleje Mazowieckie*).

FIP discounted ticket purchase from PKP ticket vending machines

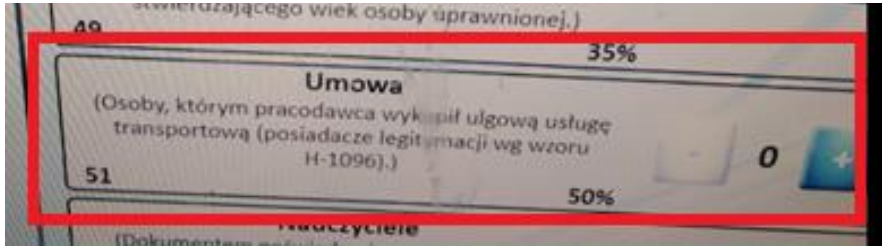
At PKP ticket vending machines an FIP discounted ticket may be purchased using either of the following two discounts:⁷⁰

- "UMOWA" ("Agreement").
- "51-UMOWA" ("Agreement").

Examples of the "51-UMOWA" ("Agreement") as shown on two different types of TVM are shown below.

⁷⁰ Source RST Ref: 90-081-024/D7752INC

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The discount 52-UMOWA 50% **is not valid** for use with FIP cards.

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KD FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the SCIC-NRT base adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by KD defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the KD railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Forst (Gr) – Żary – Żagań – Rokitki – Legnica	Forst (Gr) Żary Legnica	DB AG PKP PKP
Legnica – Lubin – Rudna Miasto – Głogów – Nowa Sól	Legnica Rudna Miasto Głogów Nowa Sól	PKP PKP PKP PKP
Wrocław – Brzeg Dolny – Wołów – Rudna Miasto	Wrocław	PKP
Zgorzelec (Gr) – Zgorzelec – Węgliniec – Chojnów – Legnica – Wrocław	Zgorzelec Węgliniec Legnica Wrocław	PKP PKP PKP PKP
Chojnów – Rokitki – Chocianów	Chojnów	PKP
Zgorzelec (Gr) – Zgorzelec – Lubań Śląski – Gryfów Śląski – Jelenia Góra	Zgorzelec Lubań Śląski, Gryfów Śląski Jelenia Góra	PKP PKP PKP
Gryfów Śl. – Świeradów-Zdrój	Gryfów Śląski	PKP
Węgliniec – Lubań Śląski	Węgliniec Lubań Śląski	PKP PKP
Jakuszyce (Gr) – Szklarska	Jakuszyce (Gr)	ČD
Poręba Górna – Jelenia Góra – Sędziszów – Wałbrzych – Wrocław	Szklarska Poręba Górna Jelenia Góra Sędziszów Wrocław	PKP PKP PKP PKP
Jelenia Góra – Karpacz <i>(route under reconstruction. Will reopen in 2024. Date to be confirmed)</i>	Jelenia Góra	PKP

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Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Sędziszów – Lubawka (Gr)	Sędziszów	PKP
Wałbrzych – Mieroszów (Gr)	Wałbrzych Boguszów-Gorce Wschód	PKP PKP
Legnica – Jaworzyna Śląska – Świdnica Miasto – Dzierżoniów Śląski – Kamieniec Żąbkowicki	Legnica Jaworzyna Śląska Kamieniec Żąbkowicki	PKP PKP PKP
Wrocław – Sobótka Zachodnia – Świdnica Miasto	Wrocław Świdnica Miasto	PKP PKP
Dzierżoniów Śląski – Bielawa Zachodnia	Dzierżoniów Śląski	PKP
Wałbrzych – Jedlina-Zdrój – Kłodzko	Wałbrzych Kłodzko	PKP PKP
Wrocław – Kamieniec Żąbkowicki – Kłodzko – Międzyzlesie – Lichkov (Gr)	Wrocław Kłodzko Międzyzlesie	PKP PKP PKP
Kłodzko – Kudowa-Zdrój	Kłodzko	PKP
Kłodzko – Stronie Śląskie (Rail replacement service in operation - 2024)	Kłodzko	PKP
Wrocław – Jelcz-Laskowice	Wrocław Jelcz-Laskowice	PKP PKP
Wrocław – Rawicz	Wrocław Rawicz	PKP KW, PKP
Rawicz – Bojanowo – Góra Śl. (Rail replacement service in operation - 2024)	Rawicz Bojanowo	KW, PKP KW, PKP
Wrocław – Trzebnica	Wrocław	PKP
Wrocław – Oleśnica – Krotoszyn	Wrocław Oleśnica Grabowno Wielkie Krotoszyn	PKP PKP PKP KW
Oleśnica – Syców (Rail replacement service in operation – 2024)	Oleśnica	PKP

On these routes, KD coupons are also valid on services between Zgorzelec and Görlitz in Germany.

- Zgorzelec (Gr) – Zgorzelec – Węgliniec – Legnica – Wrocław
- Zgorzelec (Gr) – Zgorzelec – Lubań Śląski – Jelenia Góra

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FIP discounted tickets purchased on-board KD services must be made in cash (PLN or contactless with credit cards (Visa, Visa Electron, V Pay, Mastercard, Maestro). Payment in Euros is not allowed.

Reservations are not available on KD services.

There is no 1st class accommodation on KD services.

Trains from Wrocław to Berlin which are operated in conjunction with DB AG are marked in the timetable with *Train not available for local journeys; special KD/DB tickets 'Special fare Wrocław – Berlin' apply*. FIP discounted tickets are not valid. Global Fares apply to these trains. FIP free coupons are valid.

FIP facilities are valid on bus services operated by KD.

FIP facilities are **not** valid on

- services marked in the timetable as 'KD Specjal'.
- summer trains "KD Premium" Wrocław – Świnoujście – Wrocław. In the timetable, the trains are marked with the note "The special KD tickets apply".

Online purchase of KD tickets.

Purchasing a ticket is possible in the following e-shops and apps:

- <https://kolejedolnoslaskie.pl/>
- <https://bilkom.pl/> and "BILKOM Bilety" app,
- <https://www.e-podroznik.pl/> and "e-podróżnik.pl" app,
- <https://koleo.pl/> and "KOLEO" app (purchasing in KOLEO requires a personal account)

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KS FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Persons aged up to 26 are eligible for a 20% reduction on the adult fare. Persons 26 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by KS defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the KS railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Gliwice – Katowice – Częstochowa	Gliwice Katowice Zawiercie Częstochowa	PKP PKP PKP PKP
Częstochowa – Lubliniec	Częstochowa Lubliniec	PKP PKP
Tychy – Tychy Łódzko	Tychy	PKP
Katowice – Tychy – Pszczyna – Czechowice Dziedzice – Bielsko Biała – Zawardón	Katowice Czechowice Dziedzice Bielsko Biała Żywiec Zwardón	PKP PKP PKP PKP ŽSR
Żywiec – Sucha Beskidzka – Zakopane	Sucha Beskidzka Zakopane	PKP PKP
Czechowice Dziedzice – Zebrzydowice Zebrzydowice – Cieszyn (Gr)	Czechowice Dziedzice Zebrzydowice Cieszyn / Český Těšín (Gr)	PKP PKP ČD
Pszczyna – Wisła Głębce	Pszczyna	PKP
Katowice – Rybnik – Chałupki (Gr) Rybnik – Racibórz	Katowice Rybnik Nędza Racibórz Chałupki / Bohumin (Gr)	PKP PKP PKP PKP ČD
Gliwice – Rybnik – Wisła Głębce	Gliwice Rybnik	PKP PKP
Racibórz – Chałupki (Gr)	Racibórz Chałupki / Bohumin (Gr)	PKP ČD
Kluczbork – Katowice Katowice – Oświęcim	Kluczbork Lubliniec Tarnowskie Góry	PKP PKP PKP

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	Katowice Mysłowice Oświęcim	PKP PKP PKP
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On these routes, PKP facilities are also valid.:

- Gliwice – Katowice – Częstochowa
- Częstochowa – Lubliniec
- Katowice – Tychy – Pszczyna – Czechowice Dziedzice – Bielsko Biała – Zwardoń
- Żywiec – Sucha Beskidzka – Zakopane
- Czechowice Dziedzice – Zebrzydowice
- Pszczyna – Wisła Głębce
- Kluczbork – Katowice

Reservations are not available on KS services.

FIP discounted tickets may be purchased on the train but only for cash in PLN. Euros are not accepted.

There is no 1st class accommodation on KS services.

Break of journey is permitted without formality.

FIP facilities are not valid on

- KS bus services unless they are providing rail replacement services.
- Special trains as provided by KS from time to time.

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KW FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by KW defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the KW railway network.

Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Poznań – Kutno	Poznań Września Konin Koło Kutno	PKP PKP PKP PKP PKP
Poznań – Zbąszynek	Poznań Nowy Tomyśl Zbąszynek	PKP PKP PKP
Poznań – Mogilno	Poznań Gniezno Mogilno	PKP PKP PKP
Poznań – Kępno	Poznań Jarocin Ostrów Wlkp. Kępno	PKP PKP PKP PKP
Poznań – Krotoszyn	Poznań Jarocin Krotoszyn	PKP PKP KD
Poznań – Kalisz	Poznań Jarocin Kalisz	PKP PKP PKP
Poznań – Gołańcz	Poznań	PKP
Poznań – Wolsztyn	Poznań	PKP
Leszno – Zbąszynek	Leszno Zbąszynek	PKP PKP
Leszno – Ostrów Wlkp.	Leszno Ostrów Wlkp.	PKP PKP
Gniezno - Jarocin	Gniezno Września Jarocin	PKP PKP PKP

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It is not possible to make reservations on KW services.

No supplements are charged.

There is no 1st class accommodation on KW services.

On presentation of the FIP International Reduced Rate Card tickets may be purchased on board trains, but payment is only allowed in cash (PLN). Payment in Euros is not permitted.

Break of journey is permitted without restriction.

FIP facilities are valid on rail replacement buses but not other bus and coach services operated by KW.

FIP facilities are not valid in special trains.

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ŁKA FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the base adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

Payment of fares on board ŁKA services is possible only in PLN. Euros are not accepted.

There is no 1st class accommodation on ŁKA services.

Break of journey is permitted without formality.

FIP facilities are not valid on special services.

The following table supplied by ŁKA defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the ŁKA railway network.

Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Łódź – Zgierz - Jutno	Łódź Kutno	PKP PKP, KW
Łódź – Zgierz – Łowicz	Łódź Łowicz	PKP PKP
Łódź – Sieradz – Ostrów Wielkopolski	Łódź Pabianice Łask Zduńska Wola Sieradz Kalisz Ostrów Wielkopolski	PKP PKP PKP PKP PKP PKP, KW PKP, KW
Łódź – Skierniewice – Warszawa	Łódź Koluszki Skierniewice Warszawa	PKP PKP PKP PKP
Kutno – Łowicz – Skierniewice	Kutno Łowicz Skierniewice	PKP PKP PKP

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Lines	Transit Points with Neighbouring FIP Carriers	Neighbouring Transport Carriers
Łódź – Tomaszów Mazowiecki – Drzewica	Łódź Koluszki Tomaszów Mazowiecki Drzewica	PKP PKP PKP PKP
Łódź – Piotrków Trybunalski – Radomsko	Łódź Piotrków Trybunalski Radomsko	PKP PKP PKP

Other Operators in Poland

PKP, KD, KS, KW and ŁKA FIP facilities are not available on other operators including *RegioJet* services.

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Portugal – CP

The following carrier is relevant for Portugal:

- CP - **Comboios de Portugal** (Railways of Portugal)

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by CP defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the CP railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which CP coupons are valid
RENFE	Badajoz (fr), Barca de Alva (fr), Fuentes de Oñoro (fr), Valença (fr), Valencia de Alcántara (fr), V. Real de Sto António Guardiana [> Ayamonte]

You must have a reservation for travel on IC and AP (*Alfa Pendular*) trains, and on international trains (*Sud Express* and *Lusitania* HotelTrain). On AP trains, coupons (irrespective of class) are valid in tourist class only.

Reservations are not required on trains designated 'R' in the timetable.

Global fares apply on the international services between Lisboa, Madrid and Hendaye.

FIP facilities are valid on CP suburban services (with exceptions listed below).

The *Linha de Sintra* and *Linha de Cascais* are accessed via ticket barriers.

- Passengers using FIP discounted facilities must purchase a *Viva Viagem* ticket (Eur 0.50) at the ticket counter to be able to pass through the ticket barrier.
- Passengers using FIP coupons for free travel must press the Help Point button on at the access point (between 06.00am and

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10.00pm). The call will be answered by an operator who will allow access.

FIP facilities are **not valid on**

- Fertagus trains (commuter railway in Lisboa)
- the underground services in Lisboa, Porto and Mirandela
- ferries between Lisboa and Barreiro.

FIP discounted tickets may not be purchased on-board trains, except where the passenger boards a train at a station without a ticket office.

Passengers holding an FIP discounted ticket obtained in Portugal may not break their journey. Break of journey (with reservation if appropriate) is permitted for tickets bought outside Portugal.



CP service on the north bank of the River Duoro near Bicheiro ⁷¹

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[commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:CP_1408_\(21737453176\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:CP_1408_(21737453176).jpg)

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Romania – CFR

The following carrier is relevant for Romania:

- CFR - **Căile Ferate Române** (Romanian Railways)

For public fares, children up to 5 years old travel free. Children up to 10 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 10 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by CFR defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the CFR railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which CFR coupons are valid
BDZ	Ruse (Gr) (also as Rousse or Russe) (Bulgarian: Pyce)
CFM (Moldova)	Iasi (also Jassy or Iassy) (Nicolina station), Ungheni (Gr)
MÁV	Biharkeresztes (fr), Curtici (Gr) (Hungarian: Kürtös), Nyirábrány (Gr), Salonta (Gr) (Hungarian: Nagyszalonta, Szalonta)
SV	Jimbolia (fr) (Serbian: Žombolj), Vršac (fr) (Serbian: Bpшac)
UZ (Ukraine)	Vicsani (Gr)

FIP discounted tickets may not be purchased on-board trains.

For mandatory reservation services, reservations must be obtained prior to departure.

Break of journey is permitted only once and for a maximum period of 24 hours from the time of arrival at the station where the break of journey is being made. The ticket must be endorsed within one hour of arrival.

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Serbia – SV

The following carrier is relevant for Serbia

- SV - **Србија Воз** or **Srbija Voz** (Serbian Railways)

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

Kosovo is the subject of a territorial dispute between the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Serbia. The Republic of Kosovo unilaterally declared independence on 17 February 2008, but Serbia continues to claim it as part of its own sovereign territory.

Serbian Railways has operated services on the routes now controlled by *Trainkos* in Kosovo. The following table supplied by SV defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the SV railway network.

Rail Staff Travel is unable to verify whether Srbija Voz (SV) FIP facilities are still available within Kosovo. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which SV coupons are valid
BDZ	Dimitrovgrad (fr)
CFR	Jimbolia (fr), Vršac (fr)
HŽ	Erdut (Gr) (Serbian: Ердут), Šid (Gr) (Serbian: Шид)
MÁV	Röszke (Gr), Subotica (Gr)
ŽRSM	Ђенерал Јанковић (fr) (now <i>Han Elat</i> . Serbian: Ђенерал Јанковић, Albanian: <i>Han i Elezit</i>), Tabanovci (fr) (Serbian: Табановце; Albanian: <i>Tabanoc</i>)
ŽPCG	Bijelo Polje (Gr)

When using Global Fare trains, FIP coupon holders pay a supplement. Holders of the International Reduced Rate Card pay 50% of the global fare.

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On the Belgrade - Novi Sad route FIP facilities are subject to mandatory reservations and supplements which can only be purchased at stations.⁷²

FIP facilities are not available on buses operated by SV unless they are providing a temporary rail replacement service.

FIP facilities holders should check locally before attempting to use facilities on the lines into Kosovo south of Kuršumlija (Serbian: Куршумлија) and Raška (Serbian: Рашка).



The Belgrade Bar Railway crossing the River Lim⁷³

⁷² Source: RST Ref: 90-081-020/D8365INC

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Slovakia – ŽSR

The following carrier is relevant for Slovakia

- ŽSR - **Železnice Slovenskej republiky** (Slovak Republic Railways)

Passenger train services on which ŽSK FIP facilities are valid are operated by a ŽSSK (Železničná spoločnosť Slovensko). ŽSSK is no longer a monopoly passenger operator in Slovakia.

Children on ŽSR services⁷⁴

For children up to 6 years old

For free travel the child must be accompanied by person older than 16.

- Free travel in 2nd class (neither ticket nor ID card is required).
- Free travel in 1st class (maximum 2 children, must be accompanied by fare-paying adult. Additional children pay 50%).

In EuroCity trains no supplements (except where children travel in 1st class and are paying 50%, a 1 Euro supplement is payable).

In SuperCity trains pay a supplement of 1 Euro in 2nd class, 3 Euro in 1st Class.

In InterCity trains, a supplement may be bought which includes a seat reservation.

For children up to 16 years old – free travel

Registration is necessary for children 6 - 16 (sixteenth birthday) irrespective of nationality.

Registration must be done by the legal representative of the child using the following documentation:

- Photo (2cm x 3cm) of the child

⁷⁴ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-026/D7649INC

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- ID card of the child
- If the child does not have his/her own ID card, then the child's birth certificate and the ID card of the legal representative is sufficient.

Where can you register?

- at a ticket office which uses the KVC system* (immediate registration is usually possible).
- at a ticket office staffed by ZSSK personnel (registration usually within three days).

Documentation to be shown in the event of on-train ticket check:

- "free" ticket
- Permit issued at the time of registration
- See www.slovakrail.sk/en/zero-fare.html for more information

Free travel availability

- On any **Os** or **REX** train for the route specified on the ticket within the validity period.
- On the specific **R, RR, Ex, EN, EC** or **SC** train as printed on the free ticket.
- On **EC** trains a 1 Euro mandatory reservation fee is payable.
- On **SC** trains a 5 Euro mandatory reservation fee is payable.
- Free travel is not available on **IC** and **Railjet xpress** trains.

For children up to 16 years old – reduced rate travel

If they do not take advantage of the free travel arrangement, then they travel at 50% of the standard 1st or 2nd class fare.

For travel in InterCity trains a supplement of 1 Euro is payable; for travel in SuperCity trains the supplement is 1 Euro in 2nd class, 3 Euro in 1st class.

In InterCity trains children aged 6 to 16 may also take advantage of the supplement which includes seat reservation.

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When tickets are checked on the trains please have available an official document (with photo) showing the age of the child, date of birth, and (where appropriate) birth number.

TIP FROM ZSSK: children up to 10 years of age do not need to have their own berth (bed) or couchette; 2 children up to the age of 10 may share but further children require their own berth/couchette. Children aged 10 and above must have their own berth/couchette. The fare payable for the berth/couchette depends on the number of berths/couchettes used.

For persons aged 16 and older

The adult fare applies.

General travel on ŽSR services

The following table supplied by ŽSR defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the ŽSR railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which ŽSR coupons are valid
ČD	Čadca (Gr) Hodonin (Gr) Horní Lideč (Gr) Kúty (Gr) Myjava (Gr) Nemšová (Gr) Skalica na Slovensku (Gr)
GySEV	Rajka (Gr) (German: <i>Ragendorf</i>)
MÁV	Bánréve (Gr) Čaňa (Gr) (Hungarian: <i>Hernádcvány</i>) Fil'akovo (Gr) (Hungarian: <i>Fülek</i>) Komárom (Gr) Sátoralújhely (Gr) Szob (gr)
ÖBB	Kittsee (Gr) Marchegg (Gr)

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Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which ŽSR coupons are valid
PKP	Lupkow (Gr) Plaveč (Gr) (Stará Ľubovňa District) Skalité (Gr)
UZ (Ukraine)	Čierna nad Tisou (Gr) (Hungarian: <i>Tiszacsernyő</i>)

On mandatory reservation trains, seat reservations must be purchased in advance of boarding.

No supplements are payable by holders of FIP coupons or FIP discounted tickets on EC and IC trains.

ZSSK (ŽSR) FIP facilities are valid on

- the Austrian section of the route between Košice and Wien (and vice versa) and in the through ZSSK sleeping cars.
- the narrow-gauge services in the Tatra region (Tatranská električná železnica)
- rack railways operated by ŽSR/ZSSK (i.e. Štrbské Pleso–Štrba).

FIP facilities are **not valid** on:

- ŽSR/ZSSK bus services, except where they are providing a rail replacement service.
- cable cars

FIP discounted tickets may only be purchased when starting a journey at a station where the ticket office is unstaffed.

Break of journey is only permitted on journeys which are 101 km or more.
Break of journey is not permitted on journeys which are 100 km or less.

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Štrbské Pleso–Štrba rack railway ⁷⁵

Other Operators

ŽSR FIP facilities are not available on other transport providers in Slovakia including *RegioJet*, *LEO Express*, *Čiernohronská železnica* (*Čierny Hron Railway*).

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Slovenia – SŽ

The following carrier is relevant for Slovenia:

- SŽ - **Slovenske Železnice** (Slovenian Railways)

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by SŽ defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the SŽ railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which SŽ coupons are valid
FS	Nova Gorica (fr), Villa-Opicina (fr) (Slovene: <i>Opčine</i> , Triestine: <i>Opcina</i>),
HŽ	Buzet (Gr), Čakovec (Gr), Dobova (Gr), Kumrovec (Gr), Metlika (Gr), Mursko Središče (Gr), Rogatec (Gr), Šapjane (Gr)
MÁV	Hodoš (Gr) (also <i>Hodos</i> or <i>Őrihodos</i>)
ÖBB	Bleiburg (Gr) (Slovene: <i>Pliberk</i>), Jesenice (Gr) (German: <i>Assling</i>), Spielfeld (Gr) (Slovene: <i>Špilje</i>)

Supplements are payable for travel by EC and IC trains if you have bought a FIP discounted ticket. This full supplement applies also to children from 6 to 12 years of age.

For travel by ICS trains reservations are compulsory. FIP coupons may be used on ICS trains, but a reservation and supplement must be obtained, either at the ticket office, or on the train.

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Solkan Bridge over the River Soča on the Bohinj Railway ⁷⁶

Break of journey is permitted without formality within the validity of the ticket.

FIP discounted tickets may only be purchased on-board trains in three cases:

- when arriving into Slovenia and continuing a journey in the same train which crossed the frontier
- when starting a journey at a station where the ticket office is unstaffed.
- when holding a 1st class International Reduced Rate Card and a 2nd class reduced rate ticket purchased prior to departure, and wanting to upgrade to a 1st class ticket

FIP facilities are **not valid** on

- motorail services
- SŽ bus services

⁷⁶ Author: Branko Borjaški. Licence: Creative Commons CC-BY 3.0. Source: Wikicommons: commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Solkan_bridges.jpg

Spain – RENFE, Euskotren Trena

The following carriers are relevant for Spain:

- RENFE - **Red Nacional de los Ferrocarriles Españoles** (National Network of Spanish Railways)
- Euskotren Trena - Eusko Trenbideak - Ferrocarriles Vascos S.A (Basque Railways)

RENFE services

Passenger train services are operated by *Renfe Operadora* and *Renfe FEVE*.

Children up to 4 years old travel free providing they share a seat with another passenger. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a 40% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by RENFE defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the RENFE railway network. *For the meanings of (Gr) or (fr) suffixes, please see the Glossary entry for Transit Points.*

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which RENFE coupons are valid
CP	Ayamonte [> V. Real de Sto Antonio Guadiana], Badajoz (fr), Barca de Alva (fr) , Fuentes de Onoro (fr), Valença (fr) , Valencia de Alcántara (fr)
SNCF	Canfranc (fr), Hendaye (fr), Port-Bou (fr), La Tour-de-Carol-Enveitg

On high-speed AVE, Alvia, Euromed, Intercity and Avant services FIP coupons do not grant free travel on these services. A fixed supplement must be purchased.

Reservations are mandatory on long-distance and medium-distance trains. Access to platforms may be prevented if you do not hold a reservation. Reservations are not available online. They can only be booked at station ticket offices.⁷⁷

⁷⁷ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-006/D7563INC

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The mandatory seat reservation fees (as of April 2023) are:⁷⁸

- *MD trains with reservation* and *AVANT* trains: €4
- *AVE* trains: €10 in Elige option, €13 in Elige Confort option and €23,50 in Premium option.
- *Alvia* and *Intercity* trains: €6,50 in Elige option and €10 in Elige Confort option.
- *Euromed* trains: €6,50 in Elige option, €10 in Elige Confort option and €23,50 in Premium option.

AVE, Alvia, Euromed and Intercity trains offer Elige Standard (2nd class), Elige Confort (1st class seat without meal) and Premium (1st class seat with meal).⁷⁹

Holders of FIP coupons travel for free without reservation on:

- Commuter Trains
- *MD trains without reservation*

As a guide, most MD trains in Catalonia are non-reservable while most of the rest are with reservation (but there can be exceptions).⁸⁰ Before using any MD train, you should check if it is a service which requires a reservation.

Break of journey is not permitted.

Holders of 2nd class FIP facilities may not upgrade to 1st class discounted tickets on RENFE services.

Supplements are payable by holders of FIP coupons for travel on IC, Talgo, Trainhotel and Euromed trains. Passengers booking the Luxury Class or Shower Car (*Cama Gran Clase*) must pay the full sleeping car supplement.

Passengers with 2nd class FIP who wish to book sleepers in *Cama Preferente* or *Cama Gran Clase* can use 2nd Class FIP facilities but must pay the difference between the public 2nd class and public 1st class fare in addition

⁷⁸ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-006/D8372INC

⁷⁹ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-006/D8501INC

⁸⁰ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-006/D8373INC

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to the sleeper supplement. Public promotional fares may be cheaper if you book in advance.⁸¹

FIP discounted tickets may only be purchased on-board when starting at a station where the ticket office is unstaffed.



Toledo railway station of 1919 by the architect Narciso Clavería y de Palacios in the Neo-Mudéjar style.⁸²

FIP facilities are valid on RENFE FEVE services.

FIP travel facilities are valid in metropolitan areas on the *Cercanías/Rodalia/Aldiriak* suburban services provided by RENFE.

- Cercanías Asturias
- Cercanías Bilbao (Basque: *Bilboko Aldiriak*)
- Cercanías Cádiz
- Cercanías Madrid
- Cercanías Málaga

⁸¹ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-006/D7603INC

⁸² Photograph copyright Rail Staff Travel.

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- Cercanías Murcia/Alicante (Valencian: *Rodalia de Múrcia/Alacant*)
- Cercanías Sevilla
- Cercanías Santander
- Cercanías San Sebastián (Basque *Renfe Aldiriak - Donostia*)
- Cercanías Valencia (Valencian: *Rodalia de València*)
- Cercanías Zaragoza
- Rodalies de Catalunya

FIP facilities are not valid on: ⁸³

- Renfe *Avlo* high-speed services
- *Ouigo España* services
- *Iryo* services
- RENFE bus services
- Ferrocarril de Sóller (FS)
- Serveis Ferroviaris de Mallorca (SFM)
- Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat Valenciana (FGV)
- Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC)
- Metro de Madrid
- Metro de Barcelona
- Metro de Bilbao (Basque: *Bolboko metroa*)
- Metro de Palma
- Metro de Sevilla
- Metrovalencia

⁸³ Source RST Ref:90-081-006/D8298INC

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Euskotren Trena services

Euskotren Trena services are operated by *Eusko Trenbideak - Ferrocarriles Vascos S.A*

The following table supplied by Euskotren Trenbideak defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the Euskotren railway network.

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which Euskotren coupons are valid
RENFE	Ventas de Irún, Pasaia, Herrera, Abando, San Mamés, Basurto, Hospital
SNCF	Hendaye

Once information is received from Euskotren on the ages for child fares and the transit points, this guide will be updated. Until then employees should check at Euskotren Trena ticket offices before attempting to travel with their FIP facilities.

Upon presentation of the FIP International Reduced Rate Card at the ticket office or customer service point, a ticket valid for 7 days will be issued. After expiration, a new ticket can be purchased. There is no limit per annum to the number of tickets which can be requested.

Break of journey is permitted without formality.

Customer service outlets are located at:

- Bilbao: Zazpikaleak station
- Donostia - San Sebastián: Estación station
- Gernika – Gernika station
- Durango – Durango Station
- Vitoria-Gasteiz (only for tram tickets): Sancho el Sabio Kalea, 9

FIP discounts are valid on Euskotren trains and trams as well as on line 3 of the Bilbao metro (operated by Euskotren). They are not valid in the rest of the Bilbao metro network.

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Tickets are required to access and exit platforms (except at some small stations). You must have a valid ticket before boarding a train.

It is not necessary to validate the ticket on the Vitoria-Gasteiz tram, but it is necessary to do so on the Bilbao tram. The 7-day ticket should only be presented upon request. For the trip, the reduced rate card and a proof of identity is also required.

On the Trapagaran - Larreineta funicular you can get an individual ticket at the ticket desks of both stations.

The discount card entitles you to a single entry to the Euskotren Railway Museum in the town of Azpeitia. FIP facilities are not accepted on the Railway Museum tourist train.

FIP facilities are not accepted on bus services operated by Euskotren.

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Sweden

FIP facilities are not valid on any carriers in Sweden.

FIP facilities are also not valid on DSB Øresundståg trains over the Øresund Bridge.

Switzerland – BLS, SBB, SP and BSB/VSU

The following carriers are relevant for Switzerland:

- BLS - **BLS AG** provides services near Bern
- SBB – **Schweizerische Bundesbahnen** (formally SBB CFF FFS **Schweizerische Bundesbahnen, Chemins de fer fédéraux suisses, Ferrovie federali svizzere**) Swiss Federal Railway
- SP – **Schweizer Privatbahnen** (Swiss Private Railways) – this covers many smaller operators
- BSB/VSU - **Bodensee-Schiffsbetriebe / Vereinigten Schifffahrtsunternehmen für den Bodensee und Rhein** (*See separate entry for Lake Constance*)

In general, you may use FIP coupons and buy single, return and round-trip tickets with the FIP International Reduced Rate Card for travel without restriction on rail services (exceptions below).

In some locations, tickets must be stamped in platform ticket validation equipment before boarding a train.

Discounted ticket purchase online and at vending machines in Switzerland

Self Service purchase is available online from www.sbb.ch/en/home.html or at Ticket Vending Machines.

Use the Half Fare option to obtain the 50% reduction.

In urban areas a request for a ticket from one specific station to another may result in a ticket to or from a Zonal destination. The ticket may cover other carriers (e.g. trams) which are not in the FIP scheme, as the ticket can be used by Swiss Half Fare Card holders. With an FIP Card you can only use the ticket on the services of the companies within the FIP scheme.⁸⁴

⁸⁴ Source: RST Ref 90-081-012/D7564INC

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BLS AG FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 16 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 16 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by BLS AG defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the BLS AG railway network.

Lines	Transit points with other FIP members
Bern – Konolfingen – Langnau – Luzern	Bern, Luzern
Bern - Burgdorf – Langenthal – Olten	Bern, Olten
Bern - Olten (direct, new line)	Bern, Olten
Bern – Lyss – Biel/Bienne	Bern, Biel/Bienne
Bern – Kerzers – Neuchâtel – La Chaux-de-Fonds	Bern, Ins, Neuchâtel La Chaux-de-Fonds
Bern – Flamatt – Fribourg/Freibourg / – Laupen	Bern, Fribourg/Freibourg
Bern – Schwarzenburg	Bern
Bern – Thun – Interlaken Ost (via Münsingen or Belp)	Bern, Interlaken Ost
Spiez – Brig – Domodossola (via Kandersteg ou/oder LBT/Visp)	Spiez, Brig
Spiez – Erlenbach – Zweisimmen	Zweisimmen
Solothurn – Moutier	Solothurn, Moutier
Solothurn – Burgdorf – Konolfingen – Thun	Solothurn, Thun
Burgdorf – Ramsei – Langnau / – Sumiswald-Grünen	Burgdorf, Langnau
Langenthal – Huttwil – Wolhusen	Langenthal
Büren a.A. – Lyss – Kerzers – Murten/Morat – Payerne	Murten/Morat, Payerne
Busland AG: All routes	
Bernese Oberland Shipping: All routes on Lake Thun and Lake Brienz	

FIP facilities are valid on all rail and bus services provided by BLS (including Busland AG) and *BLS Schifffahrt* services on Lake Thun (German: *Thunersee*) and Lake Brienz (German: *Brienzersee*).

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FIP discounted tickets may not be purchased on-board trains. A penalty fare will be levied if passengers do not have a valid ticket.

BLS FIP coupons and FIP discounted tickets are not valid on:

- funicular railways and cable cars
- vehicle transport in Simplon tunnel (Brig <> Iselle di Trasquera)
- vehicle transport in Lötschberg tunnel (Kandersteg <> Goppenstein).

SBB FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 16 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 16 and older pay the adult fare.

The following table supplied by SBB defines the boundaries of both SBB and SP FIP availability across the network in Switzerland.

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which the coupons of the carrier mentioned are valid	SBB	BLS	SP
DB AG	Basel Bad Bf	X		
	Konstanz			X
	Schaffhausen	X		X
	Waldshut	X		
FS	Chiasso	X		
	Domodossola	X	X	X
	Iselle transito [> Domodossola]	X	X	
	Locarno [> Domodossola]	X		X
	Lugano [> Porto Ceresio]	X		
	Pino transito	X		
	Tirano			X
ÖBB	Buchs (SG)	X		
	St Margrethen	X		
SNCF	Basel SBB	X		
	Delle	X		

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Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which the coupons of the carrier mentioned are valid	SBB	BLS	SP
	Genève [> Bellegarde]	X		
	Genève-Eaux-Vives [> Annemasse]	X		X
	Le Châtelard-Frontière (fr)			X
	Le Locle-Col-des-Roches	X		
	Les Vernières (fr)	X		
	Vallorbe	X		
BLS	Including all rail routes shown in the BLS section	X		
VSU/BSB	Arbon	X		
	Horn	X		
	Konstanz			X
	Kreuzlingen Hafen			X
	Romanshorn	X		X
	Rorschach Hafen	X		X
	Schaffhausen	X		X
	Stein am Rhein	X		X

Only SP coupons are valid on the line between Domodossola and Locarno as it is operated by *Società Subalpina di Imprese Ferroviarie*.

On Swiss trains via Domodossola-Locarno or vice versa (Centovalli), SBB FIP facilities are valid to Domodossola and from Locarno or vice versa; Only SP FIP facilities are valid on the Camedo – Locarno route. No FIP facilities are valid on the Domodossola - Camedo route.

Holders of FIP free coupons and FIP discounted tickets travelling on EC trains between Switzerland and Italy or on cross-border TGV services must pay the full supplement.

Seat reservations are mandatory on EC trains (requiring the payment of a supplement) and on all TGV trains.

FIP discounted tickets may not be purchased on-board trains. A penalty fare will be levied if passengers do not have a valid ticket.

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FIP facilities are not valid on bus services operated by SBB unless they are providing a temporary rail replacement service.

A map showing the SBB routes on which FIP facilities are accepted is on the RST website www.railedeliverygroup.com/rst/where-can-i-go.html

SP rail and bus FIP facilities

For public fares, children up to 6 years old travel free. Children up to 16 years old are eligible for a 50% reduction on the adult fare. Persons aged 16 and older pay the adult fare.

FIP discounted tickets are valid without restriction on the rack-rail and funicular services operated by SP railways, and most bus services provided by SP operators. However, no reduction is usually granted on cable cars.

FIP discounted tickets must be purchased in advance of travel and cannot be purchased on-board trains.

On RhB seat reservations are compulsory on the *Glacier Express* and *Bernina Express*.

The SP rail and bus operators are:

ID	Company	Notes
AB	Appenzeller Bahnen	Also a bus operator
ASM	Aare Seeland mobil	Also a bus operator
BDWM	BDWM Transport, Bremgarten	Also a bus operator
BLT	Baselland Transport	Also a bus operator
CJ	Chemins de fer du Jura	Also a bus operator
FART	Ferrovie Autolinee Regionali Ticinesi	Reservations compulsory for travel on <i>Treno Panoramico Vigizzo Vision</i> . Also a bus operator
FB	Forchbahn	Line S18 of the Zürich S-Bahn.
FW	Frauenfeld–Wild-Bahn	

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ID	Company	Notes
JB	Jungfraubahn	Comprises BGF, BLM, BOB, HB, JB, WAB. Some operators do not accept FIP Coupons. See each entry in the table of lines below.
MBC	Transports de la région Morges-Bière-Cossonay	Also a bus operator
MGB	Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn	FIP coupons are not valid between Zermatt and Gornergrat. Reduced rate tickets may be purchased. Reservations compulsory for travel on <i>Glacier Express</i> trains (operated jointly by MGB and RhB). No FIP facility on vehicle transport through the Furka Tunnel. The public vehicle fare must be paid.
MIB	Meiringen-Innertkirchen Bahn	
MOB	Chemin du fer Montreux-Oberland Bernois	Supplements are payable for the <i>GoldenPass Panoramic</i> .
MVR	Transports Montreux–Vevey–Riviera	
NStCM	Nyon-St Cergue-Morez (Nyon-La Cure)	
OeBB	Oensingen-Balsthal-Bahn AG	
RA	RegionAlps, Martigny	
RBS	Regionalverkehr Bern-Solothurn	Also a bus operator.
RhB	Rhätische Bahn	Also a bus operator. Supplements payable for <i>Bernina Express</i> . Reservations compulsory for travel on <i>Glacier Express</i> trains (operated jointly by MGB and RhB) No FIP facility on vehicle transport through the Albula and Vereina Tunnels. The public vehicle fare must be paid.
SOB	Schweizerische Südostbahn	
SSIF	Società Subalpina di Imprese Ferroviarie	Domodossola to Locarno
STB	Sensetalbahn	Also a bus operator
SZU	Sihltal Zürich Uetliberg Bahn	
THURBO	Regionalbahn THURBO, Kreuzlingen	
TMR	Transports de Martigny et Régions	Also a bus operator

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ID	Company	Notes
TPC	Transports publics du Chablais	Also a bus operator.
TPF	Transports publics fribourgeois	Also a bus operator.
TRAVYS	Transports Vallée-de-Joux - Yverdon-les-Bains - Sainte-Croix	Also a bus operator
TRN	Transports régionaux neuchâtelois	Also a bus operator
WB	Waldenburgerbahn	Services from Liestal to Waldenburg
WSB	Wynental- und Suhrentalbahn	
ZB	Zentralbahn	

The following table supplied by SP defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the SP railway and bus network in Switzerland.

Carrier	Lines	Transit Points with other FIP carriers
AB	Gossau SG-Appenzell-Wasserauen	Gossau SG Herisau
	St.Gallen-Gais-Appenzell	St.Gallen
	Gais-Altstätten Stadt	
	St. Gallen-Trogen	St. Gallen
	Rorschach-Heiden	Rorschach Rorschach Hafen
	Rheineck-Walzenhausen	Rheineck
ASM	Biel/Bienne-Täuffelen-Ins	Biel/Bienne Ins
	Langenthal-St.Urban Ziegelei	Langenthal
	Langenthal-Niederbipp-Oensingen	Niederbipp
	Solothurn-Niederbipp-Oensingen	Solothurn Niederbipp Oensingen
	Ligerz – Tessenberg (funicular)	Ligerz
	Bus: all routes	
AVA	Wohlen–Bremgarten–Dietikon	Wohlen Dietikon
	Schöftland–Aarau–Menziken-Burg	Aarau Suhr
	Bus: all routes	Oberentfelden
BGF	Grindelwald–First	Grindelwald
BLM	Lauterbrunnen–Grütschalp	Lauterbrunnen
	Grütschalp–Mürren	

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Carrier	Lines	Transit Points with other FIP carriers
BLT	Dornach-Arlesheim-Basel-Rodersdorf	Dornach-Arlesheim, Basel SBB
	Liestal - Waldenburg	Liestal
	Bus: all routes	
BOB	Interlaken Ost–Grindelwald/Lauterbrunnen	Interlaken
	Wilderswil–Schynige Platte	
CJ	Glovelier-La Chaux-de-Fonds	Glovelier, La Chaux-de-Fonds
	Tavannes-Le Noirmont	Tavannes
	Porrentruy-Bonfol	Porrentruy
FART	Locarno-Camedo [>Domodossola]	Locarno, Camedo transito
	Bus: all routes	
FB	Zürich Stadelhofen-Esslingen	Zürich Stadelhofen
GCB	Zermatt–Gornergrat	Zermatt
HB	Interlaken – Harder Kulm	Interlaken
JB	Kleine Scheidegg – Jungfrauoch	Interlaken Ost
KWO	Meiringen - Innertkirchen	Meiringen
MBC	Bière – Apples – Morges	Morges
	Apples – L'Isletou – Mont-la-Ville	
	Bus: all routes	
MGB	Brig–Zermatt	Visp/Brig
	Brig–Disentis	Disentis/Brig
	Andermatt–Göschenen	Göschenen
	Bus: all routes	
MOB	Montreux – Les Avants-Montbovon- Gstaad-Zweisimmen-Lenk im Simmental	Montreux, Montbovon, Zweisimmen
MVR	Vevey-Blonay - Les Pléiades	Vevey
	Vevey-Chardonne - Mt-Pelèrin (funicular)	Vevey
	Montreux/Territet - Glion-Rochers-de-Naye	Montreux, Territet
	Les Avants-Sonloup (Funicular)	Les Avants
NStCM	Nyon-St-Cergue - La Cure	Nyon
OeBB	Oensingen - Balsthal	Oensingen
RA	RegionAlps, Brig – St. Gingolph	Brig, Martigny, St. Gingolph
	Martigny – Sembrancher - Orsières	Martigny
	Sembrancher - Le Sable	
RBS	Bern-Worblaufen - Solothurn	Bern, Solothurn
	Worblaufen - Unterzollikofen	
	Worblaufen - Worb Dorf	
	Bus: all routes	
RhB	Chur - Disentis/Mustér	Chur
	Chur – Arosa	Chur
	Chur – Thusis – Filisur – Bever - St.Moritz	Chur

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Carrier	Lines	Transit Points with other FIP carriers
	Chur – Landquart – Davos - Filisur	Chur, Landquart
	Chur – Landquart – Vereina – Scuol - Tarasp	Chur, Landquart
	St.Moritz – Bever – Scuol - Tarasp	
	St.Moritz – Pontresina – Poschiavo - Tirano Samedan-Pontresina	
	Bus Bernina Express Tirano - Lugano	Lugano
SOB	Romanshorn - St. Gallen – Wattwil – Nesslau - Neu St Johann	Romanshorn, St. Gallen St. Fiden, Lichtensteig, Wattwil, St. Gallen, Herisau
	Rapperswil - Pfäffikon SZ - Biberbrugg - Arth-Goldau	Rapperswil, Pfäffikon SZ Arth-Goldau
	Wädenswil-Biberbrugg-Einsiedeln	Wädenswil
	Arth-Goldau–Bellinzona via Göschenen-Airolo-or Gotthard-Basistunnel	Arth-Goldau, Bellinzona
SSIF	Domodossola-Camedo [> Locarno]	Domodossola
		Camedo transitio
STB	Flamatt-Laupen	Flamatt
	Bus: Laupen-Gümmenen	Gümmenen
SZU	Zürich HB-Uetliberg	Zürich HB
	Zürich HB-Adliswil-Sihlwald	Zürich HB
THURBO	Konstanz-Kreuzlingen-Weinfelden-Wil	Konstanz, Weinfelden, Wil
	Schaffhausen-Kreuzlingen-Romanshorn	Schaffhausen, Etwilen, Stein am Rhein, Kreuzlingen Hafen, Romanshorn
TMR	Martigny-Le Châtelard-Frontière	Martigny, Le Châtelard-Frontière
	Bus: all routes (except: Salvan-La Creusaz-Van-d'en-Haut and Finhaut-Lac d'Emosson)	
TPC	Aigle-Leysin	Aigle
	Aigle-Ollon-Monthey-Champéry	Aigle, Monthey
	Aigle-Sépey-Diablerets	Aigle
	Bex–Villars-sur-Ollon–Col-de-Bretaye	Bex
	Bus: all routes	
TPF	Fribourg/Freiburg-Murten-Ins	Fribourg/Freiburg, Murten, Ins
	Romont-Bulle	Romont
	Palézieux-Bulle-Montbovon	Palézieux, Montbovon
	Bulle-Broc-Fabrique	
	Fribourg/Freiburg-Neuveville-St-Pierre (funicular)	Fribourg/Freiburg
	Bus: all routes	

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Carrier	Lines	Transit Points with other FIP carriers
TRAVYS	Yverdon-les-Bains - Ste-Croix	Yverdon-les-Bains
	Orbe-Chavornay	Chavornay
	Bus: all routes	
TRN	La Chaux-de-Fonds - Les Ponts-de-Martel	La Chaux-de-Fonds
	Le Locle - Les Brenets	Le Locle
	Travers-Fleurier-Buttes	Travers
	Neuchâtel, Pl. Pury Littorail-Boudry Littorail	Neuchâtel
	Bus: all routes	
WAB	Grindelwald-Kleine Scheidegg	Grindelwald, Kleine Scheidegg
	Lauterbrunnen-Wengen-Kleine Scheidegg	Lauterbrunnen, Kleine Scheidegg
	Grindelwald Terminal-Eigergletscher	Grindelwald Terminal Eigergletscher
WSB	Aarau-Menziken-Burg	Aarau, Suhr
	Aarau-Schöftland	Aarau, Oberentfelden
ZB	Luzern-Meiringen-Interlaken Ost	Luzern, Meiringen, Interlaken Ost
	Meiringen-Innertkirchen	Meiringen
	Luzern-Stans-Engelberg	Luzern



The GoldenPass Panoramic of the MOB near Rougemont ⁸⁵

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SP shipping FIP facilities

Boat services (car ferries excepted) are provided by SP operators on

- Lake Geneva (French: *Lac Lemán*, German: *Genfersee*)
- Lake Lucerne (French: *lac des Quatre-Cantons*, German: *Vierwaldstättersee*)
- Lake Zürich (German: *Zürichsee*)

The SP Boat operators are:

- BSG - Bielersee-Schiffahrts-Gesellschaft
- CGN - Compagnie générale de navigation (Lac Léman (*Lake Geneva*))
- LNM - Société navigation sur les Lacs du Neuchâtel et Morat
- SGV - Schiffahrtsgesellschaft des Vierwaldstättersee
- ZSG - Zürichsee Schiffahrtsgesellschaft

The following table supplied by SP defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the SP shipping services in Switzerland.

Carrier	Lines	Transit Points with other FIP carriers
BSG	Lac de Biene/Bielersee including: Biel/Bienne-Solothurn (L'Aar/Aarefahrt) and Biel/Bienne-Murten (3 Lakes Tour)	Biel/Bienne La Neuveville Solothurn
CGN	Lake Geneva	Genève, Nyon, Morges, Lausanne, Vevey, Montreux, Territet, Villeneuve St-Gingolph (Suisse), Evian-les-Bains, Thonon-les-Bains
LNM	Lakes Neuchâtel and Morat including: Neuchâtel-Murten and Neuchâtel-Biel/Bienne (BSG)	Neuchâtel, Estavayer, Yverdon, Murten/Morat
SGV	Lake Lucerne (excluding car ferry Beckenried-Gersau)	Luzern, Küssnacht am Rigi, Brunnen, Flüelen, Stansstad, Hergiswil, Alpnachstad
ZSG	Lake Zürich <i>Including:</i> Navigation on the Limmat <i>Excluding:</i> Car Ferry Horgen-Meilen	Zürich HB, Zürich Stadelhofen, Zürich Enge, Thalwil, Meilen, Wädenswil, Pfäffikon SZ, Rapperswil, Lachen, Schmerikon

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Summary notes for Interlaken and the Jungfrau area

Most companies operating services from Interlaken to the Jungfrau area are owned by JungfrauBahn AG which comprises formerly independent operators BGF, BLM, BOB, HB, JB, WAB.



Kleine Scheidegg station at 2,061m (6,672ft) above sea level ⁸⁶

SP FIP coupons and FIP fares are available on these services:

- BOB Interlaken to Lauterbrunnen and Grindelwald
- WAB Grindelwald to Lauterbrunnen via Kleine Schiedegg and Wengen
- BLM Lauterbrunnen to Grütschalp (cable car)
- BLM Grütschalp to Murren (railway)
- JB *Eiger Express cableway* from Grindelwald to Eigergletscher.⁸⁷

On the following services FIP discounted fares are available but SP FIP coupons are not accepted:

- BGF Grindelwald–First (gondola)

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commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Kleine_Scheidegg_overview.jpg

⁸⁷ Source RST Ref:90-081-014/D8605INC

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- BOB Wilderswil–Schynige Platte (railway)
- HB Interlaken – Harder Kulm (funicular)
- JB Kleine Scheidegg – Jungfrauoch (railway)

FIP facilities are not valid on:

- *Heimwehfluhbahn* funicular from Interlaken to Heimwehfluh
- *Luftseilbahn Wengen-Männlichen*
- *Gondelbahn Grindelwald-Männlichen*, (GGM)
- *Seilbahn Mürren-Allmendhubel* (SMA)
- *Luftseilbahn Stechelberg-Mürren-Schilthorn* (LSMS)

Summary notes for Zermatt to Gornergrat

On the service between Zermatt and Gornergrat operated by *Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn* (MGB) FIP discounted fares are available, but FIP coupons are not accepted.

Summary notes for the Glacier Express

The Glacier Express on the St Moritz – Chur – Andermatt – Brig - Zermatt route is operated jointly by Rhätische Bahn (RhB) and the Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn (MGB). In the summer months there is more than one service per day and some start and end at Chur and Brig.

SP FIP coupons and FIP discounted fares are available, but reservations are compulsory for travel on Glacier Express trains.

Reservations can be made through International Rail. Advance recommendations are strongly recommended as specific trains are often sold out several weeks in advance.

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The Glacier Express on the Landwasser Viaduct ⁸⁸

Summary notes for the Bernina Express

The Bernina Express runs between Chur and Tirano (Italy) and is operated by Rhätische Bahn (RhB). In summer months there is more than one service per day.

SP FIP coupons and FIP discounted fares are available, but supplements are payable for travel on the Bernina Express.

Reservations and supplements can be made through International Rail. Advance recommendations are strongly recommended as specific trains are often sold out several weeks in advance.

Summary notes for the Treno Panoramico Vigezzo Vision

The Treno Panoramico Vigezza Vision is operated by *Ferrovie Autolinee Regionali Ticinesi* (FART) and *Società Subalpina di Imprese Ferroviarie* (SSIF) on the Domodossola – Càmedo – Locarno route.

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SP FIP coupons and FIP discounted fares are available, but reservations are compulsory for travel.

Rigi Mountain Railways (Rigi Bahnen)

Holders of the FIP- international reduced rate card for railway staff may get a 50% reduction when buying a ticket at the Mount Rigi Railways counters.⁸⁹

Rigi Bahnen is not a member of the FIP organisation and the offer of FIP discounted travel is a concession which may be withdrawn at any time and without notice.⁹⁰

Pilatus Railway (Pilatusbahn)

Holders of the FIP- international reduced rate card for railway staff may get a 50% reduction when buying a ticket at Pilatusbahn counters.⁹¹

Pilatusbahn is not a member of the FIP organisation and the offer of FIP discounted travel is a concession which may be withdrawn at any time and without notice.⁹²

⁸⁹ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-014/D8337INC

⁹⁰ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-014/D8338INC

⁹¹ Source: RST Ref: 90-081-014/D8339INC

⁹² Source: RST Ref: 90-081-014/D8339INC

Global Fares and International railway companies

Global Fares

Global Fares on cross border and premium long distance and high-speed services include the FIP discounted ticket price, tunnel charges, seat reservation fee or sleeper/courette charge and in some cases food and drink. They may be quota-controlled and subject to availability.

Unless otherwise specified the 2nd class FIP card can only be used to purchase discounted tickets for travel in 2nd class.

This table lists services on which Global Fares apply.⁹³ Not all these FIP facilities may be enabled for sale in retail systems used by Travel Agents. Some may only be available from the station ticket offices of the carrier.

Name Operator	Routes	Conditions
Eurostar (Blue) EIL	London – Bruxelles, Amsterdam and various locations in France	Booking information here: www.raildeliverygroup.com/rst/offers.html Cancellation/exchange: up to departure, no refund thereafter.
Eurostar (Red) EIL (formerly Thalys)	Paris-Amsterdam. Paris- Köln/Düsseldorf/Dort- mund	Cancellation/exchange: up to departure, no refund thereafter.
DB / SNCF en coopération TGV INOUI/ICE France - Allemagne	Frankfurt Saarbrücken-Paris München-Stuttgart- Paris (This excludes Paris- Freiburg Breisgau which is entirely operated by SNCF.)	Passengers must hold a FIP card. FIP cardholders must purchase a ticket plus seat reservation (€20 1 st class, €10 2 nd class). Upgrades to 1 st class for holders of 2 nd class FIP cards are not permitted. Cancellation: Fully exchangeable/refundable before departure, not thereafter.

⁹³ Source: RST Ref: 90-075-016/D8609INC

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Name <i>Operator</i>	Routes	Conditions
NightJet (Motorail) ÖBB	Düsseldorf – Innsbruck Hamburg – Wien Domestic routes in Austria	Vehicles transported at the published fare. Cancellation: Up to 15 days prior to departure = free. 14-1 days prior to departure = 50% (min €15 per ticket). Day of departure = no refund.
NightJet ÖBB	Various overnight services	FIP Card: booking with TC 98 code in all types of accommodation. Cancellation: Up to 15 days prior to departure = free. 14-1 days prior to departure = 50% (min €15 per ticket). Day of departure = no refund. FIP coupons: coupons must cover entire route (e.g. Germany to Italy: DB, ÖBB and FS) Cancellation: Up to 15 days prior to departure = free. 14-1 days prior to departure = 50%. Day of departure = no refund.
Frecciarossa Frecciargento Frecciabianca IC ICN/Espresso (for seats, couchettes, sleepers) TRENITALIA	Domestic routes in Italy	FIP fare discount is given from the flexible fare up to 50% depending on the service. Reservation supplement when using a FS coupon can vary based on travel route and the type of train; Reservation supplement with coupon is both exchangeable and 75% refundable. The tickets whose price is equal or less than €10 are not refunded. On ICN 2 nd class holders can use staff facilities up to Berth 4/triple sleeper only, no upgrade allowed.

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Name Operator	Routes	Conditions
Euronight 40476/40457	Budapest-Berlin	<p>FIP fare, FIP Coupon fare and Partial coupon fare available.</p> <p>100% refundable up to 1 day before departure of the train. From the day of departure no refund possible. Partial cancellation of a ticket with several passengers is not possible.</p> <p>Breakfast included when booking Berth 4 or higher.</p>
Euronight 40462/40467 50462/50237	Budapest- Zurich/Stuttgart- via Munich	<p>FIP fare, FIP COUPON fare and Partial coupon fare available.</p> <p>100% refundable up to 1 day before departure of the train. From the day of departure no refund possible. Partial cancellation of a ticket with several passengers is not possible.</p> <p>Breakfast included when booking Berth 4 or higher.</p>
Euronight 40237/414	Stuttgart-Zagreb via Munich	<p>FIP fare, FIP COUPON fare is available</p> <p>100% refundable up to 1 day before departure of the train. From the day of departure no refund possible. Partial cancellation of a ticket with several passengers is not possible.</p>
Euronight 60237/480	Stuttgart-Rijeka - seasonal	<p>FIP fare, FIP COUPON fare is available</p> <p>100% refundable up to 1 day before departure of the train. From the day of departure no refund possible. Partial cancellation of a ticket with several passengers is not possible.</p>

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Name <i>Operator</i>	Routes	Conditions
Euronight 40414/40465	Zurich-Zagreb	FIP fare, FIP COUPON fare is available 100% refundable up to 1 day before departure of the train. From the day of departure no refund possible. Partial cancellation of a ticket with several passengers is not possible.
Euronight 40458/40459	Zurich-Praha	FIP fare, FIP COUPON fare and Partial coupon fare available. 100% refundable up to 15 days before departure; 50% refundable (with a minimum of 15 eur) from 14 days up to 1 day before departure; Not refundable from the day of departure. Partial cancellation of a ticket with several passengers is not possible. Breakfast included in sleeper car only.
Euronight 406/407	Munich-Warsaw via Wien/Praha	FIP fare, FIP Coupon fare and Partial coupon fare available. 100% refundable up to 15 days before departure; 50% refundable (with a minimum of 15 eur) from 14 days up to 1 day before departure; Not refundable from the day of departure. Partial cancellation of a ticket with several passengers is not possible.
TGV services including joint with SBB and SNCB, IC & ICN	Domestic	Cancellation: Fully exchangeable and refundable up to departure – non-exchangeable and non-refundable thereafter, including FIP coupon reservations; On ICN 1 st class coupon/FIP is required for booking Couchette 4 option.

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Name Operator	Routes	Conditions
EC Austria-Italy	Wien-Venice	100% refundable until 1 day before departure. From the day of departure no refund possible.
TGV international	All routes	<p>Coupons not valid for international TGV routes; however, the coupon can be used on an international connection if the holder plans travelling only within the domestic network.</p> <p>Exchanges without cost until 7 days before departure, except where price differences exist.</p> <p>Refund without cost until 7 days before departure; with 19 euro cost from 6 days before departure until departure of the train.</p>
ZSSK	Domestic IC services	FIP coupon only valid.
Renfe	Domestic	<p>One tariff for both FIP& coupon holders; Coupon holders get free travel on Cercanias services where facilities are valid and regional services without seat assignment;</p> <p>Not exchangeable, only 85% refundable before travel.</p>
Renfe	Madrid-Marseille, Barcelona-Lyon	T&C not available, currently bookable at the station in Spain only using staff facilities.

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Name <i>Operator</i>	Routes	Conditions
EC Switzerland- Italy	Geneva/Zurich/Arth- Goldau- Milan/Venezia/Como	<p>When booking full route or any route between Italy and Switzerland, the fare is global;</p> <p>A passenger with both SBB and FS coupons in that case needs two reservations: one reservation for Swiss leg and another reservation supplement for Italian leg;</p> <p>This is also valid for Eurocity service Frankfurt-Milan, if booked up to Switzerland is not global fare, up to Italy it is though;</p> <p>The ticket is exchangeable and 75% refundable before travel.</p>

THI Factory - Thalys

THI Factory operates *Thalys* high-speed services between the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and France.

For public fares, children up to 4 years old travel free. Children up to 12 years old are eligible for a reduction on the adult global fare. Persons aged 12 and older pay the adult global fare.

The following table supplied by THI defines the boundaries of FIP availability across the THI railway network.

Neighbouring carrier	Transit points up to which THI facilities are valid
DB AG	Aachen, Duisburg, Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf Airport, Essen, Köln
NS	Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Schiphol
SNCB	Antwerpen, Bruxelles, Liège
SNCF	Paris, Lille

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Thalys offer *Premium*, *Comfort* and *Standard*. FIP first class facilities are valid in *Comfort*, and FIP second class facilities are valid in *Standard*. FIP facilities are not valid in *Premium*.

There are no FIP coupons available for free travel on Thalys services.

The FIP International Reduced Rate Card or International Senior Manager Free Pass may be used to purchase tickets.

FIP discounted tickets cannot be purchased on-board.

Where no tickets are held, a supplement of €25 is levied on the on-board purchase of full fare tickets.

Travelling on a different Thalys train

If you have an FIP discounted ticket and you travel in the same class on a different train to the one you are booked on, you will have to pay the difference between the discounted ticket you hold, and the full fare for the same class.

Upgrading from Standard to Comfort

If you have an FIP discounted ticket for travel in Standard class and wish to upgrade to Comfort class:

- on the same train, you pay the difference between the ticket you hold, and full fare for Comfort class.
- on a different train, you pay the difference between the ticket you hold, and full fare for Comfort class plus a supplement of €25.

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Glossary

This is a glossary of terms used in this document, including transport carrier abbreviations.

Term	Meaning	Notes
<>	Between	i.e. Kandersteg <> Goppenstein means between Kandersteg and Goppenstein.
>	In the direction of	i.e. > Domodossola means in the direction of Domodossola
AB	Appenzeller Bahnen	A rail and bus operator under SP
ASm	Aare Seeland mobil	A rail and bus operator under SP
ATOC/GBPR	Association of Train Operating Companies / Great Britain Passenger Railway	The name given to British membership of FIP through Rail Staff Travel until 31 December 2019
BDWM	BDWM Transport, Bremgarten	A rail and bus operator under SP
BDZ	Български държавни железници (Balgarski darzhavni zheleznitsi)	Bulgarian State Railways
BLS AG		A Swiss railway company created by the merger of BLS Lötschbergbahn and Regionalverkehr Mittelland AG.
BLT	Baselland Transport	A rail and bus operator under SP
BSB	Bodensee-Schiffsbetriebe GmbH	A shipping company on Lake Constance. BSB manages the VSU FIP arrangements.
BSG	Bielersee-Schiffahrts-Gesellschaft	A shipping operator under SP
ČD	České dráhy	Czech Railways
CFL	Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Luxembourgeois	Luxembourg National Railways
CFR	Căile Ferate Române	Romanian National Railways
CGN	Compagnie générale de navigation (Lac Léman)	A shipping operator under SP
CIÉ	Córas Iompair Éireann	Irish Transport System incorporating Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail)
CJ	Chemins de fer du Jura	A rail and bus operator under SP
CLC	Carta di Libera Circolazione	Italian for Free Rail Pass (FIP Coupons fall into this category)
Compositeur	French name for ticket validation equipment. (Italian version <i>Obliteratrici</i>)	Usually based on platforms. Tickets must be inserted to validate them before travel.
CP	Comboios de Portugal	Portuguese Railways
DB AG	Deutsche Bahn	German Railways
DSB	Danske Statsbaner	Danish State Railways
EIL	Eurostar International Limited	

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Term	Meaning	Notes
FART	Ferrovie Autolinee Regionali Ticinesi	A rail and bus operator under SP
FB	Forchbahn	A rail operator under SP
FIP	Facilités de circulation Internationales du Personnel des chemins de fer	International Travel Facilities for Railway Staff. Rail Staff Travel is a member of this group within the UIC.
FIP Card	A card enabling discounted tickets to be bought. Also known as the International Reduced Rate Card	Can only be used in conjunction with a valid passport.
FIP Coupon	A coupon enabling free travel for a specified duration of time	Can only be used in conjunction with a valid passport.
FS	Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane	Italian State Railways. Passenger services are mostly provided by subsidiary company Trenitalia
FW	Frauenfeld–Wild-Bahn	A rail operator under SP
GB National Rail	Great Britain National Rail	The name given to British membership of FIP through Rail Staff Travel from 1 January 2020
Grenztarifpunkt	German for Border Tariff Point.	See <i>Transit Point</i>
GySEV	Győr-Sopron-Ebenfurti Vasút	A joint enterprise between Hungary and Austria. Known in Austria as Raaberbahn.
Hbf	Hauptbahnhof	German: Main Railway Station
Hellenic Train		The passenger operator in Greece
hl.n.	hlavní nádraží	Czech: Main Station
HŽ	Hrvatske željeznice	Croatian Railways
IDF Mobilités	Île-de-France Mobilités	Formerly STIF. The organisation that controls transport companies in the Paris-area including RATP and SNCF.
KD	Koleje Dolnośląskie	Lower Silesian Railways. Poland
JB	Jungfraubahn	A rail operator under SP
KS	Koleje Śląskie	Silesian Railways, Poland
KW	Koleje Wielkopolskie	Greater Poland Railways
LNМ	Société navigation sur les Lacs du Neuchâtel et Morat	A shipping operator under SP
MÁV	Magyar Államvasutak	Hungarian State Railways
MBC	Transports de la région Morges-Bière-Cossonay	A rail and bus operator under SP
MGB	Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn	A rail operator under SP
MIB	Meiringen-Innertkirchen Bahn	A rail operator under SP
MOB	Montreux-Oberland Bernois	A rail operator under SP
MVR	Montreux-Vevey-Riviera	A rail operator under SP
NIR	Northern Ireland Railways	
NS	Nederlandse Spoorwegen	Netherlands Railways
NSB	Norges Statsbaner AS	Norwegian State Railways

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Term	Meaning	Notes
NStCM	Nyon-St Cergue-Morez (Nyon-La Cure)	A rail operator under SP
ÖBB	Österreichische Bundesbahnen	Austrian Federal Railways
Obliteratrici	Italian name for ticket validation equipment (French version <i>Compositeur</i>)	Usually based on platforms. Tickets must be inserted to validate them before travel.
OeBB	Oensingen-Balsthal	A rail operator under SP
OSE	Οργανισμός Σιδηροδρόμων Ελλάδος or Organismos Sidirodromon Ellados	Hellenic Railways Organisation based in Greece
PKP	Polskie Koleje Państwowe	Polish State Railways
Points de transition	French for Transit Point	See <i>Transit Point</i>
RA	RegionAlps, Martigny	A rail operator under SP
RailJet		Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) and Czech Railways (ČD) joint venture in high speed train services
RATP	Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens	Public transport operator in Paris
RegioJet		Private Czech provider of passenger rail. Not part of FIP.
RBS	Regionalverkehr Bern-Solothurn	A rail and bus operator under SP
RDG	Rail Delivery Group	The management organisation under which RST operates in Great Britain
RENFE	Red Nacional de los Ferrocarriles Españoles	Spanish State Railways
RER	Réseau Express Régional	Suburban commuter/rapid transit operator serving Paris
RhB	Rhätische Bahn	A rail and bus operator under SP
RJ	Railjet	High-speed train ÖBB and ČD with international services to Germany, Hungary, Switzerland, Czechia and Italy.
RST	Rail Staff Travel	The organisation providing staff travel facilities in Great Britain. Part of the Rail Delivery Group.
SBB-CFF-FFS	Schweizerische Bundesbahnen, Chemins de fer fédéraux suisses, Ferrovie federali svizzere	Swiss Federal Railways. Often shortened to SBB-CFF, or just SBB.
SBS	Schweizerische SBS Schifffahrt AG	A shipping company on Lake Constance. Part of the SBB/VSU grouping
SCIC-NRT	Special Conditions of International Carriage for Journeys using Non Integrated Reservation Tickets	The conditions applicable to international rail tickets issued in accordance to the Uniform Rules

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Term	Meaning	Notes
		concerning the Contract of International Carriage of Passengers by Rail (CIV)
SGV	Schiffahrtsgesellschaft des Vierwaldstättersee	A shipping operator under SP
SKM	Szybka Kolej Miejska	Fast City Rail. Rail operator providing services in Warsaw
SNCB/NMBS	Société nationale des chemins de fer belges/Nationale Maatschappij der Belgische Spoorwegen	Belgian National Railways (usually abbreviated to just SNCB)
SNCF	Société nationale des chemins de fer français	French National Railways
SOB	Schweizerische Südostbahn	A rail operator under SP
SP	Swiss Private	An FIP grouping for minor railway companies in Switzerland
SSIF	Società Subalpina di Imprese Ferroviarie	A rail operator under SP
STB	Sensetalban	A rail and bus operator under SP
STIF	Syndicat des Transports d'Île-de-France	Predecessor of IDF Mobilités
SV	Србија Вoz (Srbija Voz)	National Passenger Railways of Serbia
SZU	Sihltal Zürich Uetliberg Bahn	A rail operator under SP
THI	THI Factory	Operator of Thalys international rail services from Amsterdam and Dortmund through Brussels to Paris
THURBO	Regionalbahn THURBO, Kreuzlingen	A rail operator under SP
TMR	Transports de Martigny et Régions	A rail and bus operator under SP
TPC	Transports publics du Chablais	A rail and bus operator under SP
TPF	Transports publics fribourgeois	A rail and bus operator under SP
TrainOSE		The former passenger train service provider in Greece
Transit Point	A fare location which defines the fare boundary of the carrier. (German: <i>Grenztarifpunkt</i> or <i>Übergangspunkte</i>) (French: <i>Points de transition</i>)	Location suffix (Gr), (fr), (mp), or (ms) has the following meanings: Gr = Grenze (German for <i>border</i>) fr = frontière (French for <i>border</i>) mp = mjesto prijelaza (Croatian for <i>Place of transition</i>) MS/ms = Mitte See (German for <i>Middle of the Lake</i>)
TRAVYS	Transports Vallée de Joux-Yverdon-Ste. Croix	A rail and bus operator under SP
TRN	Transports régionaux neuchâtelois	A rail and bus operator under SP
UIC	Union Internationale des Chemins de fer	International Union of Railways. The international rail transport industry body

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URh	Schweizerische Schiffahrtsgesellschaft Untersee und Rhein	A shipping company on Lake Constance. Part of the BSB/VSU grouping
VLB	Vorarlberg Lines Walter Klaus Bodenseeschiffahrt GmbH & Co	A shipping company on Lake Constance. Part of the BSB/VSU grouping
VR	Suomen Valtion Rautatiet	Finnish State Railways
VSU	Vereinigten Schiffahrtsunternehmen für den Bodensee und Rhein	FIP label for Lake Constance Shipping services. Managed by BSB. Comprises BSB, VLB, SBS, URh
WB	Waldenburgerbahn	A rail operator under SP
WSB	Wynental- und Suhrentalbahn	A rail operator under SP
ZB	Zentralbahn (Luzern-Interlaken Ost/Engelberg)	A rail operator under SP
ŽFBH	Željeznice Federacije Bosne i Hercegovine	Railway company of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
ŽPCG	Жељезнички превоз Црне Горе (Željeznički prevoz Crne Gore)	Railway transport of Montenegro
ŽRS	Жељезнице Републике Српске (Željeznice Republike Srpske)	Republika Srpska Railways, Bosnia and Herzegovina
ŽRSM	Železnici na Republika Severna Makedonija	Railways of the Republic of North Macedonia
ZSG	Zürichsee Schiffahrtsgesellschaft	A shipping operator under SP
ŽSR	Železnice Slovenskej republiky	Railways of the Slovak Republic
ZSSK	Železničná spoločnosť Slovensko	Slovakian Railway Company