

Interrail Pass Guide

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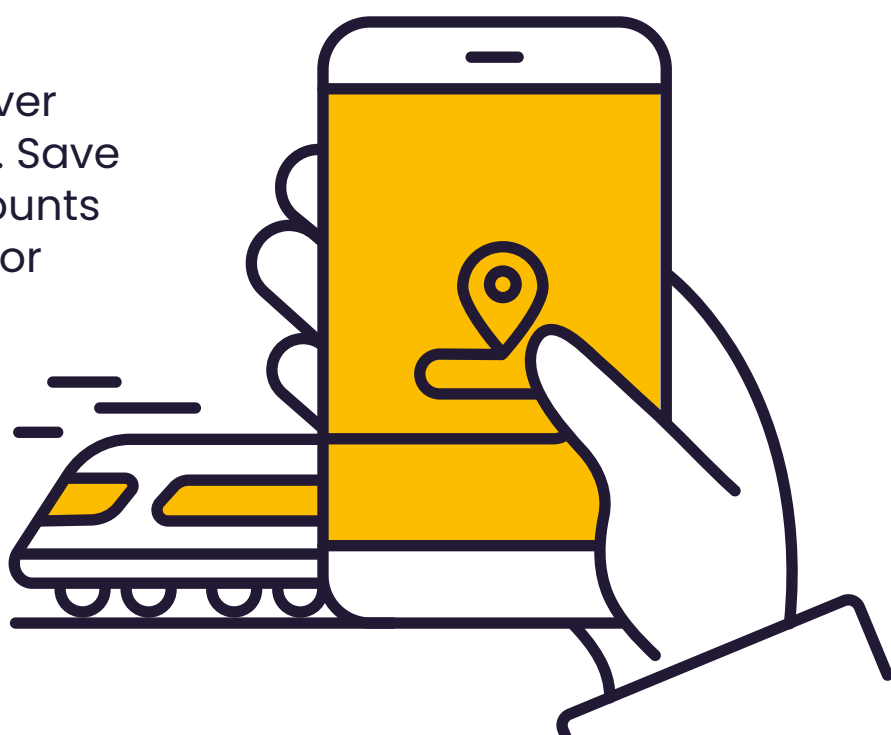
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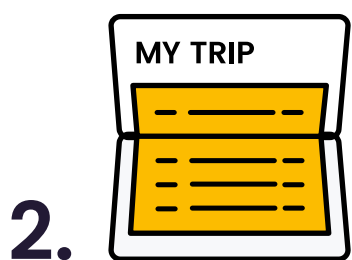
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Quickstart Guide



Record the date on the Travel Calendar (Flexi Pass only) before your first journey of the day. The Travel Calendar is printed on your Pass. Once you've recorded the date in the Travel Calendar, you cannot change it.



Record the journey details before boarding in the My Trip section of this Pass Cover. **Use a non-erasable pen** (no pencil) to record the date on your Travel Calendar and/or your journey in the My Trip section.

If you run out of space, you can download extra lines on [interrail.eu/en/info](https://www.interrail.eu/en/info).



Enter the outbound and inbound details in the My Trip section on your Pass Cover; it doesn't matter when and in what order you use them. If you have a Flexi Pass, you need to enter the same dates in your Travel Calendar.



For ticket inspections, you may be asked to show your Pass and passport (or ID card) to train personnel.

Interrail Pass Validity

Interrail Passes are categorised according to the countries where they are valid, type, and duration of validity. It is possible to make a journey not entirely covered by the validity of your Pass; however, you will have to buy a standard ticket for that part of the journey.

You can start travelling after 00:00 hours on the first date of validity, and the last trip must be completed by midnight (23:59) on the last date of validity. Similarly, travel days for Flexi Passes span from midnight to midnight.

Flexi Pass

A Flexi Pass lets you travel on a set number of days within a fixed validity period. For example, the *5 days within 1 month Pass*, counts 5 travel days within a 1 month period of validity. You decide which days count as travel days by recording them in the Travel Calendar. To learn more about travel days and the Travel Calendar, [click here](#).

Continuous Pass

A Continuous Pass lets you travel as often as you want during the entire validity period (eg., 1 month). You can find the start and end dates of your Pass on the top-left of your ticket attached in the Pass Cover.

1st and 2nd class

Your Interrail Pass is valid for travel in the class indicated on your ticket. 1st class Passes are also valid in 2nd class carriages, but 2nd class Passes are not valid for travel in 1st class carriages. No refunds are available for 1st class Pass holders who travel in 2nd class.



Interrail Pass Types

Global Pass

The Global Pass is valid with all the companies in our Pass Network. It can also be used to travel out of and back into your country of residence, so you can start your Interrail trip at your local train station. [Click here](#) for more information on how to travel in your country of residence.

One Country Pass

One Country Passes are valid for rail travel within a single country (or, in some cases, a group of countries). Keep reading to see which railway companies you can use for travel, in the country where your Interrail Pass is valid.

 Countries where the Global Pass is valid



Pass Network

Participating companies

The list below shows all companies participating in Interrail. You can also find a full list of all participating companies in the Rail Planner app.

Austria (incl. Liechtenstein)	ÖBB + Westbahn + MICOTRA-line (between Villach and Tarviso)** + ROeEE/Raaberbahn**
Belgium	SNCB/NMBS + Thalys* + Eurostar*
Bosnia-Herzegovina	ŽFBH + ŽRS
Bulgaria	BDŽ
Croatia	HŽ
Czech Republic	ČD + RegioJet + LeoExpress
Denmark	DSB + Arriva + NT
Estonia	Elron
Finland	VR
France (incl. Monaco)	SNCF + Thalys* + Eurostar*
Germany	DB + Thalys* + private operators (see diebefoerderer.de)
Great Britain	ATOC + Eurostar*
Greece	TRAINOSE + Attica Group
Hungary	MÁV-START + GySEV/Raaberbahn
Ireland	IÉ + NIR
Italy	Trenitalia
Latvia	PV
Lithuania	LTG Link
Luxemburg	CFL
Montenegro	ŽPCG
Netherlands	NS + Thalys*
North Macedonia	ZRSM
Norway	Vy + GoAhead Nordic + SJ Norway
Poland	PKP + PR + KD + SKMT
Portugal	CP
Romania	CFR
Serbia	SV
Slovakia	ZSSK + Leo Express + Regiojet
Slovenia	SŽ
Spain	RENFE + FEVE
Sweden	SJ
Switzerland	SBB/CFF/FFS + BLS
Turkey	TCDD

* Your Pass must be valid in both the country of departure and arrival to travel with these companies.

** Only valid on the domestic part of the line.

How to use your Interrail Pass

What's included in my Interrail Pass?

Your Interrail Pass consists of a Pass Cover with a ticket attached inside.



Important: Do not detach your ticket from your Pass Cover as one is not valid without the other.

Once you receive your Interrail Pass, you must check all the details first, especially your name, passport/ID number, and validity period. If you find any mistakes, you can contact your point of purchase to get a replacement.

What travel documents do I need?

As well as your Interrail Pass, you need to travel with a valid passport or legally equivalent identification document (no photocopies). Ticket inspectors may ask to see this when checking your Interrail Pass – so be sure to keep it at hand. Your Interrail Pass is not valid without the identification document you used at the time of purchase.

Pass Cover

Your ticket is stapled inside of the Interrail Pass Cover to protect your Pass, and contains the essential **My Trip** section.

My Trip

Before you board each new train, bus or ferry; you need to fill in the details of your journey in My Trip.

Naturally, there is no need to account for any journeys not taken with your Interrail Pass.

Day	Month	Time	From	To	Train	Bus	Ferry	Control area ↑↓
11	07	09:42	VIENNA	BUDAPEST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
09	08	09:50	PRAHA	BUDAPEST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12	08	14:55	BUDAPEST	VILLACH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		:			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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1 Write the day, month and time of departure in the My Trip section of the Pass Cover.

2 Record the start and end station of your journey (in the local name if possible).

3 Indicate which mode of transport you're taking (train, bus or ferry).

4 The control area is for ticket inspectors only – they could stamp it when checking your Pass.

Travel Calendar

If you are travelling with a Flexi Pass, you have a certain number of travel days to use within an overall validity period. On a travel day, you can travel as much and as often as you want from midnight to midnight, but remember to check if a seat reservation is required for the trains, buses, or ferries you're travelling with.

Remember to use the Travel Calendar on your ticket to record the travel days you use. This step is important because your Flexi Pass is not valid if you're travelling on a day not marked in your Travel Calendar.

Your Travel Calendar has a day and month box for each travel day. Both days and months must be written as two digits (so 7 May is 07/05) and in sequential order. It's best to fill in the Travel Calendar as you go, as it can't be changed afterwards. Be sure to record the date before your first journey on each day you travel.

INTERRAIL

FULL NAME: VANESSA GREEN
 COUNTRY: NETHERLANDS
 PASS-/ID-NR: *****
 DATE OF BIRTH: 04/02/1988

VALID: 28/12/2019 - 27/02/2020

DATE	TIME	FROM	→ TO	DATE	TIME	CLASS
		INTERRAIL GLOBAL PASS				
		FLEXI				

15 DAYS/02 MONTHS TRAVEL CALENDAR BELOW MUST BE FILLED IN:

DAY:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
MONTH:	05														
	07														

VALID: ALL COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN EURAIL
ADULT ONLY VALID WITH PASSPORT/ID AND COVER

NOT FOR SALE

Once you write a travel day in the Travel Calendar, you cannot change it. Doing so can be considered as attempted fraud. For this reason, you must use blue or black non-erasable ink to fill in the dates, and not pencil. If you make a mistake, you will have to mark the correct date in a new box, which means you lose one travel day.

Travelling in your country of residence

Your country of residence is the country in which you live and/or have citizenship. You can find it printed on your ticket in the top-right corner. An Interrail Pass generally cannot be used to travel in your country of residence. Still, the Interrail Global Pass does allow you to make two trips in your home country, provided it's a country participating in Interrail. All countries listed [here](#) are considered to be participating in Interrail.

These two trips are referred to as the **outbound** and **inbound** journey.

The **outbound journey** can be used to travel from any location in your country of residence to the border, or an airport or port.

The **inbound journey** can be used to travel from the border, or an airport or port, back to your chosen destination in your country of residence.

You don't have to use the outbound journey first – this is up to you. You can travel on more than one train, provided all legs of your journey are made within the same travel day. If you're travelling by night train, there are dedicated rules which can be found on [here](#).

How to travel in your country of residence

1. Record the outbound/inbound date on the Pass Cover in the designated area of My Trip on your Pass Cover. This space can be left blank if you do not make use of these trips.

Outbound Journey	Day	<input type="text"/>	Month	<input type="text"/>
Inbound Journey	Day	<input type="text"/>	Month	<input type="text"/>

2. Record your journey details in My Trip

As with all other journeys, make sure you record all the trains you take during your outbound and inbound journeys in My Trip.

Day	Month	Time	From	To	Train	Bus	Ferry	Control area ↑↓
11	07	09:42	VIENNA	BUDAPEST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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		:			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

3. Flexi Pass? Record the date on your paper ticket

If you have a Flexi Pass, you'll need to use a travel day and record the date in the Travel Calendar.

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			1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
DAY:																	
MONTH:																	

Saving a travel day for overnight trips

If you're taking a direct overnight trip using a Flexi Pass, and do not change trains after midnight, you only have to use one travel day: the day of departure. Note that both the day of departure and arrival need to fall within the overall validity of your Pass. This also applies to night ferries that are fully covered by your Pass.

For example, if you board a night train that departs at 18:10 (6.10 pm) on 11 August, which is due to arrive at your destination at 02:15 (2.15 am), you only have to enter 11 August in your Travel Calendar. If you are still on the train past midnight, you do not need to use a second travel day, unless you board a second train.

This rule also applies if you are using your outbound or inbound journey, as long as both days on which you're travelling are within the overall validity of your Pass. Write the day of departure in your Travel Calendar as well as in the outbound/inbound journey space (whichever is applicable).

For example, let's say you start your Interrail trip with an overnight train from Düsseldorf, Germany (your country of residence) to Vienna, Austria on 2 July. Your departure time is 20:54 (8.54 pm), due to arrive at 08:11 (8.11 am) on 3 July. In this case, you should write 2 July in the Travel Calendar, as well as in the outbound journey field.

Replacement of Interrail Passes

An Interrail Pass can only be replaced when it bears incorrect information due to an error at the point of sale. This must be done at the same point of sale where you bought your Pass. Passes that are damaged, lost or stolen cannot be replaced. Tickets purchased to replace lost or stolen Passes can not be refunded either.



Misuse of an Interrail Pass

Failing to follow the principles outlined in this Pass Guide can mean your Pass is not valid for travel. If you travel with an invalid Interrail Pass, you are, depending on the rules of the relevant railway or ferry company, either subject to payment of a fine, payment of a full-fare ticket, or both.

Railway or ferry staff are entitled to confiscate a Pass:

- Which is a counterfeit or copy
- That is being used by anyone other than the person it was issued to
- Where the data on the ticket has been altered manually
- If you record the date on the Travel Calendar with a pencil
- Used outside of its validity period
- Used without a passport or other legally equivalent identification document (no photocopies)

In these cases, the Pass holder is considered to be attempting fraud against both Eurail B.V. and the carrier they are travelling with. This will be reported to national authorities, who will determine the penalty. Confiscated Interrail Passes cannot be returned or replaced under any circumstances.

For further information on the Interrail Pass Conditions of Use (including, but not limited to: cancellation, refund and compensation policies, and legal provisions), please visit: [interrail.eu](https://www.interrail.eu).

Seat Reservations

Interrail is accepted on most trains throughout Europe, but some railway companies require an advance seat reservation, which means paying an additional fee not covered by your Pass. This reservation guarantees a seat (or bed) and can also include additional services like a meal and drink served at your seat, or free WiFi, giving a more pleasant and comfortable trip.

Train services that require an advance reservation include (but are not limited to):

- Seats for most high-speed trains (like SNCF TGV, Thalys, Lyria, Trenitalia Freccia, RENFE AVE, PKP EIP, Eurostar)
- Sleeping accommodation in night trains, like couchettes and beds
- Panoramic coaches, available in some scenic trains

For ferries, Interrail Pass holders must book and pay for the following in advance:

- Use of cabins, berths and reclining seats
- Seasonal supplements from June to September on the ferry lines operated by Attica Group (Superfast Ferries and Blue Star Ferries)
- Port/fuel taxes
- Use of certain boats

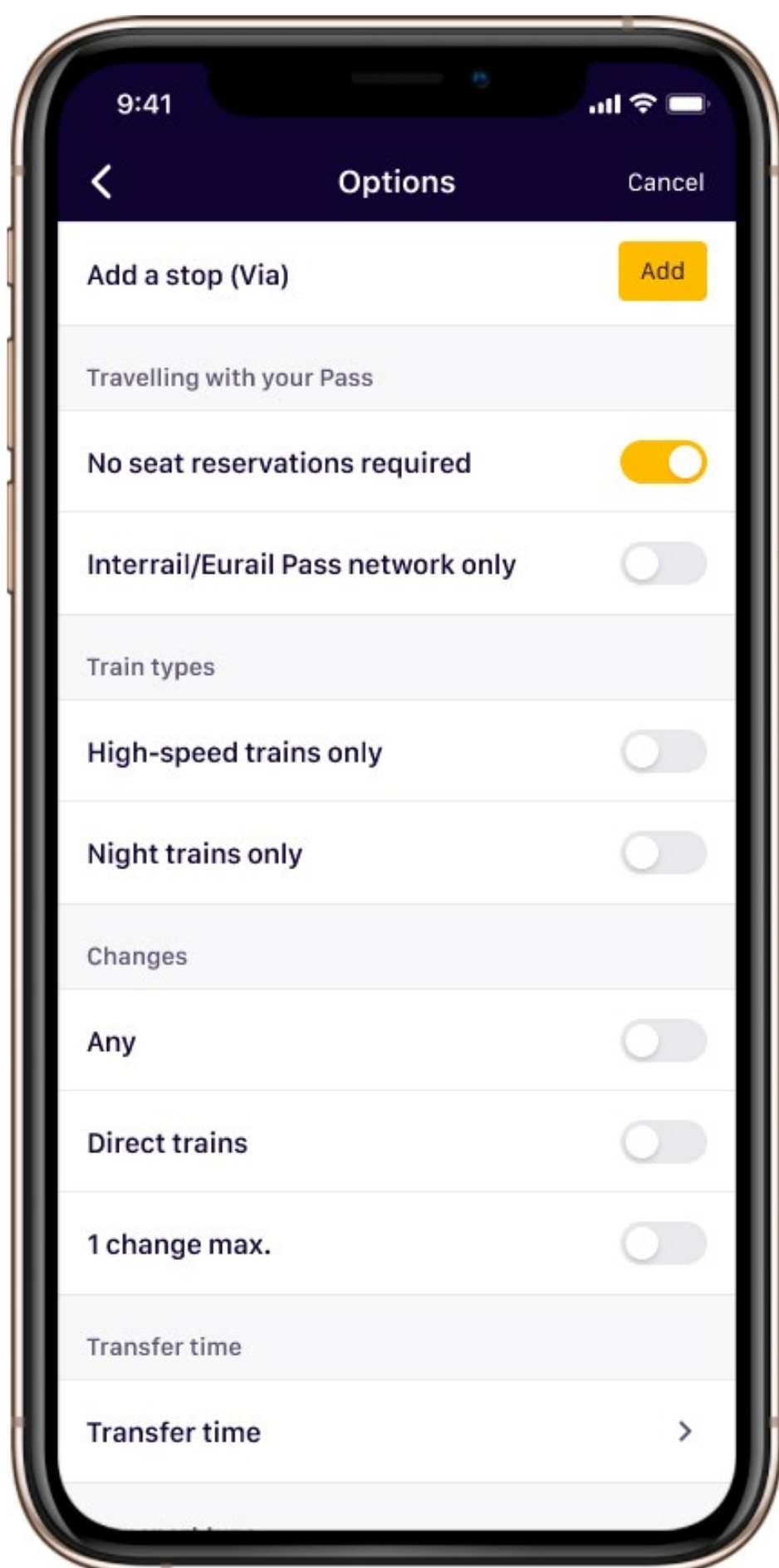
Seats that require a reservation can be in high demand, especially during the summer (particularly July/August), so we recommend you book your reservations well in advance. If you have a 1st class Pass and 1st class reservations are sold out; you can also book a 2nd class reservation if those are available.

High-speed trains in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland generally don't require reservations.



The Planner in the Rail Planner app will show when a seat reservation is compulsory. Reservations can be booked at train stations, with a rail pass agent, or online. Reservations for Italy and France, as well as some international trains (including Eurostar and Thalys), can also be booked via the Rail Planner app. You can find out more about reservations and where to book on interrail.eu/reservations.

Tip: In the Rail Planner app, you can use the 'No reservation needed' option when planning your trip. You might spend more time travelling and may need to change trains more frequently, but you'll avoid the expense of paying for additional seat reservations.



Pass Benefits and Discounts

Your Interrail Pass gives you access to Europe's train network and many extra benefits and discounts across the continent for an even better trip. These include deals on city cards, boat tours, hotel and hostel accommodation, museum tickets, other public transport, and plenty more. You can take advantage of these deals on any day while your Pass is valid, even if you've used all your travel days.

For international ferry lines, it is important to check what validity is needed, as this can vary between operators. Sometimes a Pass only needs to be valid in the country of departure or the country of arrival.

How to book benefits and discounts

Some benefits can be arranged at the destination by showing your valid Interrail Pass, but most require advance booking. Check interrail.eu/en/interrail-passes/deals or the Rail Planner app before buying or booking, as benefits are subject to change without prior notice.

Tip: In the Pass Benefits section of the Rail Planner app, you can find a list of benefits listed by country. If a benefit requires an advanced booking, it will also contain details on how to book.

Included benefits

Must-see scenic routes

Up to 50% off or only a seat reservation required.

Ferries

20–50% discount across Europe.

City cards

10–50% discount on city cards in most big cities.

Tours and attractions

Up to 50% off on attractions, museums, and tours.

Accommodation

10–20% discount on hotels and hostels across Europe.

Food and drinks

10% discount at selected Hard Rock Cafes across Europe.

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