
German Cross-border Rail Connections

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9 (+1) neighbouring countries



Denmark



Sweden

Netherlands



Belgium



Luxembourg



France



Switzerland



Poland



Czech Republic



Austria



Poland

Border length	Border crossing points	
	Highways	Long distance trains
442 km	4	1 (Frankfurt(Oder) - Słubice)
	A4, A12, A15 and A4	4x EC Berlin – Warszawa 1x EC Berlin - Gdynia

Regional cross border rail connections

Ahlbeck - Świnoujście	hourly (30') ¹	Frankfurt(Oder) - Słubice	2 tp
Grambow - Szczecin	bi-hourly	Forst - Zasioeki	2 tp
Tantow - Szczecin	~ bi-hourly	Görlitz - Zgorzelec	3 tp ⁴ + 5 tp ⁵
Küstrin-Kietz - Kostrzyn	Hourly ²	(Ostritz) Krzewina Zgorz.	(hourly) ³

¹ ... summer only | tp ... train pairs | ² ... infrequent heartland connections | ³ ... no connections | ⁴ ... to Wrocław | ⁵ ... to Jelenia Góra



Czech Republic (I)

Border length	Border crossing points	
	Highways	Long distance trains
811 km	2	1 (Bad Schandau - Děčín)
	A17 A6 (IC Bus Nuremberg – Praha) A6 (IC Bus Munich – Praha)	bi-hourly EC Berlin – Praha 2 night trains



Czech Republic (II)

Regional cross border rail connections

Zittau - Hrádek n. N.	~ hourly	Klingenthal - Kraslice	hourly
Zittau - Varnsdorf	~ hourly	Bad Brambach - Vojtanov	4 tp
Sebnitz - Dolní Poustevna	bi-hourly	Selb - Aš	bi-hourly
Schöna - Dolní Žleb	bi-hourly ¹	Schirnding - Cheb	hourly ³
Bärenstein - Vejprty	2 tp ²	Furth i.W. - Domažlice	4 tp ⁴ + 2 tp
Johanngeorgenstadt - Potůčky	~ bi-hourly	Bay. Eisenstein – Žel. Ruda	no ⁵

¹ ... more frequent during peak hours | tp ... train pairs | ² ... summer weekends only | ³ ... with one exception | ⁴ ... to Praha

⁵ ... no cross border rail connections, but joint station with hourly trains in Germany and bi-hourly trains in Czechia



Austria (I)

Border length	Border crossing points		
	Highways	Long distance trains	
815 km	5	4 (5)	
	A3, A8, A93, A7, A96	Passau - Wels	bi-hourly ICE 2 night trains
		Freilassing - Salzburg	frequent RJ + EC 2 night trains
		Rosenheim - Kufstein	bi-hourly EC
		Lindau - Bregenz	4 EC further long distance trains
		Mittenwald – Seefeld i.T.	seasonal only



Austria (II)

Regional cross border rail connections

Passau - Wernstein	hourly	Mittenwald - Scharnitz	bi-hourly ³
Simbach - Braunau	hourly ¹	Griesen - Ehrwald	bi-hourly ³
Freilassing - Salzburg	frequent ²	Pfronten - Vils	bi-hourly ³
Kiefersfelden - Kufstein	hourly	Lindau – Lochau-Hörbranz	every 30min ⁴

¹ ... less frequent on weekends | ² ... S-Bahn and regional trains | ³ ... more frequent during peak hours

⁴ ... additionally long distance trains w/o surcharge



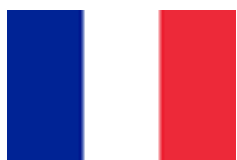
Switzerland

Border length	Border crossing points	
	Highways	Long distance trains
316 km	2	3
	A861, A5	Lindau – St. Margrethen: 4x EC Singen – Schaffhausen: bi-hourly Basel Bad. Bf – Basel SBB: ... hourly ²

Regional cross border rail connections

Friedrichshafen - Romanshorn	ferry hourly ¹	Erzingen - Schaffhausen	hourly ²
Konstanz - Kreuzlingen	every 30min	Waldshut – Koblenz	every 30min
Singen - Schaffhausen	hourly ²	Basel Bad Bf – Basel SBB	every 30min

¹ ... with railway tariff | ² ... more frequent during peak hours



France

Border length	Border crossing points	
	Highways	Long distance trains
448 km	2	3
	A5, A6	Freiburg – Mulhouse: 1x TGV (mon-sat) Kehl – Strasbourg: 5x TGV (4 Paris, 1 Marseille) Saarbrücken – Forbach: .. 5x TGV Paris

Regional cross border rail connections

Neuenburg - Bantzenheim	6 tp	Saarbrücken - Sarreguemines	hourly ^{2, 3}
Kehl - Strasbourg	frequent ²	Saarbrücken - Forbach	hourly ⁴
Wörth - Lauterbourg	hourly ³	Perl - Apach	2 tp ⁵
Winden - Wissembourg	hourly ³		

tp ... train pairs | ² ... every 30min during peak hours | ³ ... infrequent heartland connections
⁴ ... less frequent on weekends | ⁵ ... weekends only



Luxembourg

Border length	Border crossing points	
	Highways	Long distance trains
135 km	2	0
	A8 (CFL-Bus from Saarbrücken ¹) A64	

Regional cross border rail connections

Igel - Wasserbillig

hourly²

¹ ... 15 bus pairs on weekdays, 11 bus pairs on Saturdays and 5 bus pairs on Sundays

² ... more frequent during peak hours



Belgium

Border length	Border crossing points	
	Highways	Long distance trains
156 km	2	1
	A60 A44	Aachen – Liège: 4 tp ICE, 5 tp Thalys

Regional cross border rail connections

Aachen - Hergenrath	hourly		
tp ... train pairs			



Netherlands

Border length	Border crossing points		
	Highways	Long distance trains	
567 km	6 (8)	2	
	A4, A61, A57, A3, A30,	Oberhausen - Arnhem	bi-hourly ICE 2 night trains
	(A31), A280, (A52)	Bad Bentheim - Hengelo	bi-hourly IC

Regional cross border rail connections

Herzogenrath - Heerlen	hourly	Gronau - Enschede	every 30min
Kaldenkirchen - Venlo	hourly	(Bad Bentheim – Hengelo)	no ¹
(Emmerich – Zevenaar)	no ¹	Weener - Nieuweschans	hourly

¹ ... long distance trains only, reopening planned



Denmark

Border length	Border crossing points	
	Highways	Long distance trains
67 km	1	2
	A7	Flensburg - Padborg
		Puttgarten - Rødby
		2 tp ¹ night train ² bi-hourly ³

Regional cross border rail connections

Süderlügum - Tønder	bi-hourly ⁴	Flensburg - Padborg	~bi-hourly
Puttgarten - Rødby	ferry, frequent ⁵	Rostock - Gedser	ferry ⁵

tp ... train pairs | ¹ ... during summer 3 train pairs | ²... during summer | ³ ... during summer, in winter 4 train pairs
⁴ ... hourly during peak hours | ⁵ ... with bus connection in Denmark



Sweden

Maritime boundary

- Rail ferry Sassnitz – Trelleborg with only remaining service: Berlin Night Express (3x per week, high summer only)
- Rail line Malmö–Trelleborg reopened with service every 30min (Pågatåg)
- Poor bus connection to Sassnitz-Mukran ferry terminal

Tariff and obstacles

- Tickets for leisure trips often good offers
(Szczecin, Gorzów, Saxony, Euregio Aachen)
- For commuters rarely good solutions
(good examples WTV – ZVV, Triregio Basle)
- Tough ticket acquisition
(i.e. cross border tickets at vending machines not available)
- Long distance tickets often with surcharge
at ticket office (CH: 10 CHF)

Thank you!

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