

Interrail Pass Guide



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need to know
about your
Pass



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Quickstart guide



If you're using a Flexi Pass, **record the date** on which you're travelling on your **Travel Calendar** before your first journey of the day.

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DATE	TIME	FROM	→ TO			
.	.	INTERRAIL GLOBAL PASS				
.	.	FLEXI				
05 DAYS / 15 DAYS						
DAY:	31	1	2	3	4	5
MONTH:	10	11	11



Before you start a journey, enter the **journey details** in your **Travel Diary** on your Pass Cover.

Travel Diary

Journey details

Day	Month	Time	From	To
31	10	09:22	VIENNA	BUDAPEST
04	11	12:00	MADRID	SEVILLA

Outbound Journey
 Inbound Journey

Always use **non-erasable pen** (no pencil) to fill in the information.



Keep your **passport or ID** at hand and show it together with your Pass to the ticket inspector.



Finished travelling?



If you've travelled with a Global Pass, **send it to us** (including Travel Diary) and get a gift in return!

Interrail Pass validity

Interrail Passes are categorised according to the countries they're valid in, and the type and duration of their validity. If you want to make a journey that isn't entirely covered by the validity of your Interrail Pass, you will have to buy a ticket for that part of journey at a normal fare.

You can start travelling after 00:00 hours on the first date of validity, and the last trip must be completed by midnight (24:00) 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 period of validity (e.g. 5 days within 1 month). These days are called travel days. 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, turn to page 8.

Continuous Pass

A Continuous Pass lets you travel as often as you want during the entire period of validity (e.g. 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. There are no refunds available for 1st class Pass holders travelling in 2nd class.

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. See page 9 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). The next page shows which railway companies you can travel with in the country where your Interrail Pass is valid.

Pass Network

Participating companies

The list below shows all companies participating in Interrail. Your Interrail Pass is also valid with various private railway companies. You can find a full list of all participating companies in the Rail Planner app.

Austria (incl. Liechtenstein)	ÖBB + Westbahn
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* + Thello*
Germany	DB + Thalys*
Great Britain	ATOC + Eurostar*
Greece	TRAINOSE + Attica Group
Hungary	MÁV-START + GySEV
Ireland	IE + NIR
Italy	Trenitalia + Thello*
Latvia	PV
Lithuania	LG
Luxemburg	CFL
Montenegro	ŽPCG
Netherlands	NS + Thalys*
North Macedonia	ZRSM
Norway	Vy
Poland	PKP
Portugal	CP
Romania	CFR
Serbia	SV
Slovakia	ZSSK
Slovenia	SŽ
Spain	RENFE
Sweden	SJ
Switzerland	SBB/CFF/FFS + BLS
Turkey	TCDD

 **Countries where the Global Pass is valid**



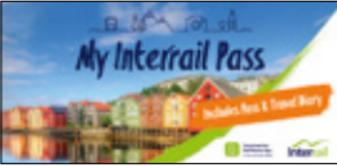
* Your Pass must be valid in both the country of departure and arrival to travel with these companies.

How to use your Interrail Pass



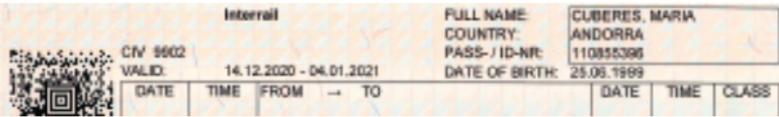
What's included in my Interrail Pass?

Your Interrail Pass consists of a Pass Cover with a ticket attached inside. More information about your Pass Cover can be found on the next page.



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

Once you receive your Interrail Pass, it's important to first check over all the details, especially your name, passport/ID number, and validity period. If you find any mistakes, you can get in touch with your point of purchase to get a replacement.



What travel documents do I need?

As well as your Interrail Pass, you will of course need a valid passport or legally equivalent identification document (no photocopies) while travelling. Ticket inspectors may ask to see this when checking your Interrail Pass, so be sure to keep it at hand. Without an identification document, your Interrail Pass is not valid.

Pass Cover

Your ticket is stapled inside of the Interrail Pass Cover. This protects your ticket and contains the Travel Diary, which you'll need to fill in as you go. You'll find some space underneath your ticket for your contact details; these will only be used to send you a gift (if you've travelled with a Global Pass) in exchange for you sending us your Pass Cover. Please note that during busy periods it can take a few months to receive your gift.

Travel Diary

Before you board, you need to fill in the details of your journey in your Travel Diary. This is important for ticket inspectors, as your Pass is not valid without these details, but it's also a great personal record of your journey. It also helps motivate the European railways to continue participating in Interrail. You don't have to write down any journeys where you don't use your Interrail Pass.



Day	Month	Time	From	To	Train	Bus	Boat	Control area
11	07	09:22	VIENNA	BUDAPEST	X			
09	08	09:50	Praha	Budapest				
12	08	14:55	Budapest	Villach				

- 1 **Date/Time:** Write the day, month and time of departure here.
- 2 **From/To:** Write the beginning and end station of your journey (in local language if possible).
- 3 **Train/Bus/Boat:** Indicate which mode of transport you're taking.
- 4 **Control area:** This may be stamped by the ticket inspector when your Pass is checked.

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.

The Travel Calendar on your ticket is used to record the travel days you use. This is important because your Flexi Pass is not valid if you're travelling on a day that's 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 they can't be changed afterwards. Just write in the date before your first trip on each day you travel.

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

Interrail		FULL NAME: CUBERES, MARIA									
CIV: 9902		COUNTRY: ANDORRA									
VALID: 14.12.2020 - 04.01.2021		PASS- / ID-NR: 110855395									
		DATE OF BIRTH: 25.06.1999									
DATE	TIME	FROM	TO	DATE	TIME	CLASS					
*	*	Interrail		*	*	2					
*	*	GLOBAL PASS		*	*	*					
10 / 22 DAYS		TRAVEL CALENDAR BELOW MUST BE FILLED IN:									
DAY:		01.	02.	03.	04.	05.	06.	07.	08.	09.	10.
MONTH:		11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
VALID:	ALL COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN Interrail										
ADULT	ONLY VALID WITH PASSPORT/ID AND COVER										
	NOT VALID IN COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE										
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Travel day in the Travel Calendar

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, but the Interrail Global Pass does allow you to make two trips in this country, provided it's a country 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 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 page 10.

What to do when travelling in your country of residence

Step 1 Fill in the outbound/inbound date on your Pass Cover

Outbound journey	Day	15	Month	11
Inbound journey	Day	06	Month	12

Before boarding, enter the date in the designated area of the Travel Diary. Do the same when making your

inbound journey. If you do not make use of these trips, this space can be left blank.

Step 2 Fill in your trip details

As with all other journeys, make sure that all the trains you take on your outbound and inbound journeys are written in your Travel Diary.

Step 3 Flexi Pass? Record the date on your ticket

If you have a Flexi Pass, you'll need to use a travel day, which should be recorded in your Travel Calendar.



Saving a travel day for overnight trips

If you're taking an overnight trip using a Flexi Pass, and you 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.

* All countries listed on page 5 of this guide are considered to be participating in Interrail.

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 fields.

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 have been damaged, lost or stolen cannot be replaced. Tickets purchased to replace lost or stolen Passes can also not be refunded.



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 maximum fine of 200 euro, 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
- Used outside of its validity period
- Used without a passport or other legally equivalent identification document (no copies)

In these cases, the Pass holder is considered to be attempting fraud against both Eurail BV 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 circumstance.

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





Seat reservations



Interrail is accepted on most trains throughout Europe, but some railway companies require an advance seat reservation for their trains, which means paying an additional fee that is 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
- Season supplements from June to September on the ferry lines operated by Attica Group (Superfast Ferries and Blue Star Ferries)
- Port taxes
- Use of certain boats



Seats that require an advance reservation can be in high demand, especially during the summer (particularly July/August), so we recommend you book your reservations well in advance. In case 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 trip 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](https://www.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 having to pay additional fees for seat reservations.



Pass benefits and discounts



Your Interrail Pass gives you access not just to Europe's train network, but also to lots of extra benefits and discounts across the continent for an even better trip. These include discounts on city cards, boat tours, hotel and hostel accommodation, museum tickets, other public transport, and plenty more.

You can make use of these discounts on any day within the overall validity of your Pass, even if you've used all of 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

Most benefits can be arranged at the destination by showing your valid Interrail Pass, but some require advance booking. Check [interrail.eu](https://www.interrail.eu) 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.



Interrail benefits

Save on more than just travel with our trusted benefit partners. Enjoy a wide range of free and discounted benefits with your Pass and experience the best of Europe at the most attractive prices. Download our Rail Planner app or go to [interrail.eu/benefits](https://www.interrail.eu/benefits) to find benefits for your trip.



Must-see scenic routes!

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

Ferries

20-50% discount across Europe

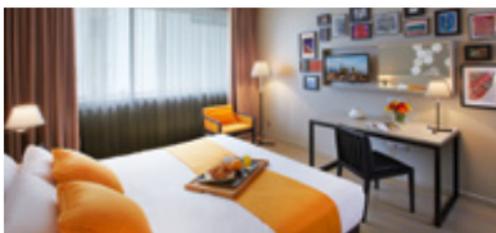


City cards

10-50% discount on city cards, including Budapest, Frankfurt, Vienna, York, and many more

Tours and attractions

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

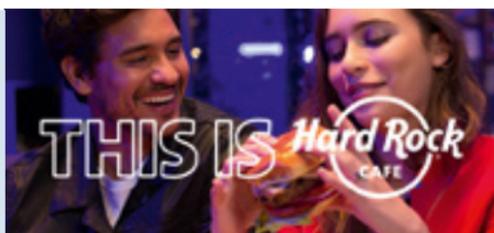


Accommodation

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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- ✓ Book your reservations
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Works
offline

It's
free



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