



**EURAIL PASS SCOPE INCREASES FURTHER IN 2009**  
***Popular Destination of Czech Republic added to Global and Select Passes***

Utrecht, Netherlands, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 – The Eurail Group, owner of the popular Eurail Passes for European rail travel, has announced further expansions to the product range. As from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009, the Czech Republic will be included in the Eurail Global Pass, as well as becoming a Eurail Select Pass member. In addition, Bulgaria has been added to the range of One Country Passes on offer.

The Eurail Global Pass, introduced simply as the “Eurailpass” in 1959 has seen many extensions over the years increasing from the original 13 countries to the 20 countries available today, following the inclusion of Croatia and Slovenia at the beginning of this year. The Czech Republic will therefore become the 21<sup>st</sup> member of this pass, giving customers more freedom and value for money. With direct borders to Eurail Select Pass members Germany and Austria, the number of adjoining three, four and five country combinations to choose from has increased drastically, maximizing the appeal of the already popular Select Pass.

These significant additions make Eastern European destinations, which are growing in popularity, more accessible to Eurail’s customers. The Czech Republic is a favored destination for many overseas travelers; the country receives over 6.5 million visitors annually, attracted by its rich and varied culture as well as its sporting and relaxation possibilities. Its unique landlocked position in the heart of Europe is advantageous to rail travelers. The dense railway structure, which is continuously being modernized links the capital, Prague, to many interesting cities and villages within the country, as well as having excellent international connections. The capital cities of both Vienna and Berlin can be reached in less than five hours by direct train.

Taking the train has long been the favored means for millions to explore Europe, not least because it is a reliable, efficient and scenic way to travel. Today, the green-conscious factor is playing an increasingly important role with many people choosing to take the least environmentally damaging mode of transport.

Fifty years after the first Eurail Pass was sold, Eurail is evidently still going strong, constantly improving its products to retain the customers’ interest. 2009 is, therefore, a cause for celebration for the Eurail Group, marking a successful half a decade of Eurail and European rail travel. The Eurail Group will be launching several attractive anniversary special offers globally in 2009. Details are yet to be announced, so watch this space...

The Eurail Group offers a wide range of passes from single country options to the classic Eurail Global Pass, valid, from 2009, in 21 countries. For more information about the Eurail Group, go to [www.EurailGroup.com](http://www.EurailGroup.com). Eurail Passes are available from authorized sales channels: ACP Rail International ([www.eurail-acprail.com](http://www.eurail-acprail.com)); Eurail ([www.eurail.com](http://www.eurail.com)); Flight Centre ([www.flightcentre.com](http://www.flightcentre.com)); [www.OctopusTravel.com](http://www.OctopusTravel.com); Rail Europe (North America: [www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com), rest of the world: [www.raileurope.fr](http://www.raileurope.fr)), and STA Travel ([www.statravel.com](http://www.statravel.com)).

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