

InterRail Passes 2009

InterRail offers two types of rail pass for discovering Europe; the InterRail Global Pass and the InterRail One Country Pass.

The **InterRail Global Pass** is the perfect answer for aspiring globetrotters who have the appetite to explore Europe's multiplicity. Just imagine a pass which gives you the freedom to visit **30 European countries** in just one holiday; endless miles of railway are at your disposal! In addition, InterRail gives you the opportunity to stay wherever you desire, and to leave when you decide.

When the clouds come rolling in from the north, travel south; if you make new friends in Lisbon, then stay; or if you want to party at the Roskilde festival, travel to Denmark. This is your ticket to experience the diversity of Europe, without breaking the bank!

Global Passes are available for different lengths of trip: the 22 day and 1 month varieties of the pass may be used on any day within the validity period, providing the ultimate freedom. Alternatively there are passes available for 5 or 10 travel days within an overall period of 10 days or 22 days respectively. For these so-called "Flexi" Passes, travellers have to register the date each time they travel. If you don't plan to travel every day of your trip, Flexi Passes are a good way of keeping the cost down. Prices for the InterRail Global Pass start at € 159 for a 5-day 2nd class youth pass and range up to € 809 for a 1-month adult 1st class pass.

If you're looking to discover a specific European Country in detail, then the **One Country Pass** may well be your best choice.

All **One Country Passes** are Flexi Passes and are valid for either 3, 4, 6 or 8 days within a one-month validity period. Prices for this pass depend on the country you have chosen. For example, prices for a 3-day 2nd class youth pass, range from € 32 for smaller countries with less dense railway networks through to € 125 for larger countries with more sophisticated train routes.

InterRail Passes are available for 1st and 2nd class travel and discounted passes are available for young travellers, under the age of 26 (for 2nd class travel only).

HAPPY TRAVELS!

'It was a real experience to see such warm colours on a beautiful midsummer night.'

'The Fjords were overwhelming!'

'Enjoyed an easy Sunday afternoon in Warszawa at the open air Chopin concert.'

'Late night at Temple Bar.'

'Walked all the way to the castle on top.'

'An immense variety of culture in Istanbul.'

'Visited the Picasso museum in my favourite area of El Born, Barcelona.'

FREE TO EXPLORE EUROPE

'Gave a fisher man a bottle of Ouzo and sailed to Santorini.'



Traveltimes
Travelling by train brings you relaxed and well-rested right into the heart of the city centre, avoiding traffic jams and airport delays.

Here are some sample journeys and travel times to inspire you. For detailed timetable information, see www.interrail.net and click on "Prepare your trip":

København - Berlin: 7 hrs
 Praha - Wien: 4 hrs, 30 mins
 Budapest - București: 14 hrs

Warszawa - Bratislava: 7 hrs, 20 mins
 Ljubljana - Zagreb: 2 hrs, 20 mins
 Beograd - Istanbul: 22 hrs, 45mins

Lisboa - Madrid: 9 hrs, 30mins
 Paris - Roma: 14 hrs, 30 mins
 Bern - Amsterdam: 8 hrs

For more information: contact your railway company or visit www.interrail.net



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Art & Culture



Classical Festival



Culinary Festival



Filmfestival



Music Festival



Street Festival



Theatre Festival

FEBRUARY



1st February (annual)

The Festival of Devils (La Endiablada)

(Almonacid del Marquesado, Spain)

The town of Almonacid del Marquesado upholds a 13th century tradition. On 1st February of each year one hundred men walk about the town dressed up as devils.



1st February

St. Trifon's Day

(Bulgaria)

St. Trifon's day - patron saint of wine - has traditionally been celebrated throughout Bulgaria on the 1st of February, continuing festivities that date back to the time of the ancient Thracians. The festival involves a lot of eating and drinking.

14th February - 16th February (annual)

Carnival in Barcelona

(Barcelona, Spain)

Carnival in Barcelona epitomizes some of the more aspects of traditional celebration. For Barcelonans this means a huge feast dedicated to anything particularly fatty.



19th - 25th February

Lucerne Fasnacht

(Lucerne, Switzerland)

There is a lantern-lit parade, musical groups perform and people dress in masks and costumes.

15th, 22nd February and 1st March

Menton Lemon Festival

(Menton, France)

Sleepy Menton turns into a mix of colour for this citrus-scented celebration, one of the Côte d'Azur 's most popular events.



20th - 25th February (annual)

Busójárás Carnival

(Mohács, Hungary)

The streets of Mohács fill with Hungarians in scary masks, covered in long pelts and waving torches.



Last weekend in February

Black Truffle Fair

(Norcia, Italy)

Local and national food producers show off their specialties.



27st February - 14st March

Jerez Flamenco Festival

(Jerez de La Frontera, Spain)

One of the most important flamenco festivals in the world.

MARCH



7th March

Museum Night

(Rotterdam, The Netherlands)

During Rotterdam's annual Museum Night, more than 40 galleries and museums present innovative performances, concerts, workshops and guided tours all night long.

9th March - 15th April

Snow Bombing

(Mayrhofen, Austria)

The ultimate winter event.



11th - 19th March

One World Film Festival

(Prague, Czech Republic)

First held in 1999, Prague's international human rights documentary film festival has rapidly become an important voice to be reckoned with.



March (annual)

Deauville Asian Film Festival

(Deauville, France)

A celebration of Asian films.

17th - 19th March

Las Fallas

(Valencia, Spain)

Las Fallas is undoubtedly one of the most unique and crazy festivals in Spain (a country known for unique and crazy festivals). What started as a feast day for St. Joseph, the patron saint of carpenters, has evolved into a 5-day, multifaceted celebration of fire.



20th March - 5th April

Budapest Spring Festival

(Budapest, Hungary)

This festival boasts orchestral and chamber concerts, jazz, contemporary dance, film screenings and much more in 200 events at a multitude of venues throughout the city.



24th March - 26th April

Ljubljana International Documentary Film Festival

(Ljubljana, Slovenia)

The festival takes place since 1990 and focuses on independent movie productions.

APRIL

First week of April

Dance of the Devils: Holy Week

(Prizzi, Italy)

The Dance of the Devils is performed by villagers wearing large and terrifying iron masks.



20th April

Seville April Fair

(Seville, Spain)

The fair runs for around a week and hosts an enticing program of typically Andalusian cultural events.

28th April - 4th May

Bergen Fest

(Bergen, Norway)

One of Norway's finest festivals, Bergen Fest takes over a string of clubs, theatres and the city 's main concert hall.



30th April

Mayday

(Dortmund, Germany)

Mayday is one of Germany 's biggest holiday clubbing dates.



30th April

Queen's Day Netherlands

(Various towns, The Netherlands)

Throughout the Netherlands, the Dutch celebrate the (previous) Queen's birthday, known as Queen's Day, with a full-on party and lots of orange!

MAY



May - June

Maggio Musicale Fiorentino

(Florence, Italy)

The oldest music festival in Italy, and one of the most famous, the Maggio Musicale in Florence was founded in 1933 and features two months of opera, concerts, ballet and exhibitions.



May (various dates)

In Vino

(Belgrade, Serbia)

In Vino is Belgrade's annual wine festival, celebrating a variety of Serbian grapes at the Sava Centar.



4th May

Heineken Green Energy Festival

(Dublin, Ireland)

Dublin bursts with activity as the festival presents a spectacular line -up of music at Dublin Castle during the May Bank Holiday Weekend.



13th - 24th May

Cannes Film Festival

(Cannes, France)

Cannes is the biggest and most famous film festival in the world.



25th May - 11th June

ArtPhoto Image Festival

(Bucharest, Romania)

Portfolio reviews, held at the Hotel Casa Bucur, encourage photographers to promote their work to curators, gallery owners and media specialists.

29th - 31st May

Elitloppet

(Stockholm, Sweden)

Elitloppet is an annual Swedish Group One Harness horse racing race that has taken place in Solvalla hippodrome, Stockholm, every year since 1952.

JUNE



June - November

Biennale Venetia

(Venice, Italy)

53rd International Art Exhibition.



June - September (Sundays only)

Chopin open air concerts

(Warszawa, Poland)

Every year, the season of open-air concerts of Chopin's music traditionally starts in June. Concerts will be held in the Chopin House in Żelazowa Wola and in Łazienki Park in Warszawa at the monument to the composer. The series of recitals will be held until the end of September.



1st June - 31st July

Zurich Festival

(Zürich, Switzerland)

The Zürich Festival presents a unique combination of theatre, opera, dance and music.



3rd - 6th June

Sweden Rock

(Sölvesborg Sweden)

This annual rock festival has been held by the sea in Sölvesborg since 1998.



10th - 14th June

Art Basel

(Basel, Switzerland)

The world's leading art show.

6th June

Sauna Open Air Metal Festival

(Tampere, Finland)

This heavy metal festival brings international stars to the open-air Eteläpuisto in the centre of Tampere.



June (annual)

Festas de Lisboa

(Lisbon, Portugal)

These celebrations take place in the historical quarters of Lisbon.



13th - 15th June

Greenfield

(Interlaken, Switzerland)

A three-day music festival (Camping at the festival ground is free).



20th - 28th June

Kieler Woche

(Kiel, Germany)

Kieler Woche is also a unique event on dry land: every year, in the last week of June, more than three million people from 70 countries visit the biggest summer festival in northern Europe. Over ten days, Kiel puts its best foot forward with a unique mix of cultural, musical, political and social highlights.

26th, 27th and 28th June

Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts

(Glastonbury, South west England)

The largest greenfield music and performing art and music festival in the world.



28th June

Parkpop

(The Hague, The Netherlands)

Europe's largest free pop festival.

25th June - 2nd August

Barcelona Summer Festival

(Barcelona, Spain)

Barcelona's summer festival is Barcelona's most important cultural event of the season.

JULY

1st - 14th July

Festival of San Fermin (running of the bulls)

(Pamplona, Spain)

The festival of San Fermin in the city of Pamplona (Navarre, Spain), is a deeply-rooted celebration. The ceremony, which dates to the beginning of the twentieth century, has been accompanied by ever greater ceremony and is now is televised all over the world.



1st July - 10th August

Interceltic Festival

(Lorient, France)

Annual showcase of the Celtic arts, featuring performers from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Asturias, Galicia, Isle of Man and Brittany.



3rd - 5th July

Roskilde

(Roskilde, Denmark)

Roskilde Festival is the largest North European music festival and has existed since 1971. It is an annual week-long international cultural event offering quality experiences based on modern music and creative affinity.



2nd - 16th July

Istanbul International Jazz Festival

(Istanbul, Turkey)

The International Istanbul Jazz Festival presents a remarkable variety of music from big names in jazz at venues all over the city.



2nd - 4th July

Rock For People

(Hradec Králové, Czech Republic)

The start of the holiday season belongs once again to the 16th annual ROCK FOR PEOPLE festival at the Festival Park in Hradec Králové.

2nd July

Palio di Siena

(Sienna, Italy)

For the Siennese, the Palio horse-race around the Piazza del Campo is a matter of life and death.



3rd - 18th July

Montreux Jazz Festival

(Montreux, Switzerland)

The best-known music festival in Switzerland, held annually on the shores of lake Geneva.

July (various dates)

Ommegang Pageant

(Brussels, Belgium)

A colorful medieval festival which takes place every year on Brussels Grand Place.

11th July - 30th August

Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival

(Schleswig-Holstein, Germany)

One of the largest music festivals in the world.



17th July

Pohoda

(Trencin, Slovakia)

Pohoda festival is an open-air summer music festival in Slovakia, first organized in 1997 in Trencin. It is one of the biggest Slovak music events organized annually. The current venue is Trenčín Airport.

24th-26th July

Medieval Art Festival

(Sighisoara, Romania)

Festival in the best preserved and still inhabited medieval city in Europe.

AUGUST



12th - 20th August

Sarajevo Film Festival

(Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

The story of the festival began during the war in 1995 when conditions were impossible. Although the first event was more tied in with the resistance and freedom fighting movement, the organisation of the event was immaculate and served as a base for those that followed.



1st - 3rd August

Amsterdam Gaypride

(Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Amsterdam Pride is one of the largest gay and lesbian festivals in Europe. The best club circuit parties and the famous Canal Parade on Saturday.

11th - 15th August

Øya Festival

(Oslo, Norway)

Impressive line -up of live music on its three stages: Enga (the Meadow), Sjosiden (the Seaside), and Vika (the Cove).



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