

European Sleeper brings the Paris – Berlin night train back on track by March 2026

Those who believe in sustainable travel by night train can support the project by purchasing shares in the company from €280.

Utrecht [12 November 2025] - Community-owned Dutch night train operator European Sleeper will revive the historic Paris – Berlin night train connection by the end of March 2026. This initiative comes after the announcement that ÖBB and SNCF will discontinue all Nightjet services to and from Paris as of 15 December 2025. The European Sleeper Paris – Berlin service will operate three times per week, with the first departure from Paris scheduled for Thursday, 26 March 2026.



Since launching in 2023, European Sleeper has built a trusted reputation as one of Europe's few independent international train operators. Its Good Night Train currently connects Brussels, Amsterdam, Berlin, Dresden, and Prague three times a week. European Sleeper has already carried over 230,000 passengers in more than 750 night trains.

Route and timetable details to be confirmed soon

Departures from Paris are scheduled for Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings, arriving in Berlin the following morning. The return service from Berlin will operate on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights. European Sleeper is currently coordinating the final timetable with the infrastructure managers in each country and is confident that a suitable schedule will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

The aim is to operate the new route via Brussels, creating a six-times-weekly Brussels–Berlin service together with the existing European Sleeper between Brussels, Berlin, and Prague. This makes the new Paris–Berlin connection both more economically sustainable and supportive of the night train’s current network. For UK travellers, European Sleeper will offer more weekly travel options to Berlin, with overall journey times improving thanks to an easy Eurostar connection to the European Sleeper night trains in Brussels.

Ticket sales for the Paris–Berlin service are scheduled to open on 16 December 2025. The train will hold the usual night train travel classes, with pricing similar to the Nightjet service currently operating between the two capitals. This makes the journey accessible to a wide range of travellers, from budget-conscious passengers to those seeking extra comfort.

“We are proud to start operations on this vital European night train route, proving that an entrepreneurial approach can strengthen international train travel while helping Europe move towards more sustainable mobility,” says Chris Engelsman, Co-founder of European Sleeper. “We’re ready to work with ÖBB and SNCF Voyageurs to ensure a smooth transition from their current Nightjet trains to the new Paris–Berlin European Sleeper service.”

Community owned cooperative

European Sleeper’s cooperative ownership model enables anyone who believes in sustainable European train travel to support its ambition to expand night train services across Europe, and particularly the revival of the Paris–Berlin connection. The company focuses on connecting major European cities, responding to the growing demand for international rail travel and creating profitable, sustainable services.

European Sleeper is currently running a funding campaign that gives individuals and organisations the opportunity to invest from €280 and become part of Europe’s growing night train movement. The company aims to raise €1.3 million in a new round starting today, followed by an additional €1.0 million from early December. The proceeds will help cover preparation expenses for launching the Paris–Berlin route, costs related to securing the required rolling stock, and possible initial operational losses during the start-up phase.

More new routes to follow soon

Besides the recent opportunity to operate the Paris–Berlin route, European Sleeper has already been preparing the launch of a new connection for more than two years. The company is making strong progress on two potential routes: from Amsterdam/Brussels to Switzerland/Milan and a new night train to Barcelona. European Sleeper expects to confirm one of these within the coming weeks and to continue growing the network in the years to come.

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About European Sleeper

European Sleeper is a Dutch-Belgian railway company focused on operating night trains. The company is part of a movement that has put night trains back on the map in Europe. European Sleeper was founded by two passionate night train enthusiasts: Elmer van Buuren and Chris Engelsman, who together bring extensive knowledge and experience in night train operations.

With its night trains, European Sleeper aims to connect countries, regions, cities, people, and businesses across Europe. The company's first night train between Berlin and Brussels departed on 25 May 2023. In 2024, the route was extended to Dresden and Prague. At the same time, work is underway on new connections to Barcelona and/or Milan starting from 2026.

Notes to editor

Representatives of European Sleeper are available for interviews regarding the Paris-Berlin route, the company's sharefunding campaign, sustainable mobility trends, and the cooperative ownership model.

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