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European Sleeper adds Breda and Eindhoven to new Milan night train from December 2026

Direct night train between the Netherlands and Italy in 2027 timetable

European Sleeper will expand its new Brussels–Cologne–Switzerland–Milan night train with additional stops in Antwerp, Breda and Eindhoven from the European timetable change in mid-December 2026. The update means that travellers from the Netherlands will gain a direct night train connection to Italy for the first time in many years, without needing to change trains.

The new route builds further on European Sleeper's previously announced Milan connection, which is scheduled to launch on 9 September 2026 between Brussels, Cologne, Switzerland and Milan. From 14 December 2026 onwards, the service will be extended to include the Dutch cities of Breda and Eindhoven, creating a more direct and convenient overnight connection between the Netherlands, Switzerland and Italy.

Aarau instead of Zürich

In Switzerland, European Sleeper now expects the train to stop in Aarau rather than Zürich itself. Aarau offers convenient onward connections and is located around thirty minutes from Zürich by frequent Swiss domestic trains.

A stronger European north–south rail connection The Brussels–Netherlands–Cologne–Switzerland–Milan route strengthens the growing European network of overnight rail services and creates a direct north–south rail corridor linking economic regions, cultural cities and holiday destinations. Travellers can comfortably board in the evening and wake up the next morning in Switzerland or northern Italy.



European Sleeper sees strong demand for international night train travel, especially among travellers looking for a more comfortable, practical and lower-impact alternative to short-haul flights. Milan also offers onward high-speed rail connections towards Florence, Rome and other Italian destinations.

Chris Engelsman, co-founder of European Sleeper, commented:

“We promised earlier that the Netherlands would regain a direct night train to Italy, and we are pleased that we can now confirm Breda and Eindhoven as part of the route from December 2026 onwards. This connection brings together major European regions overnight in a comfortable and practical way, while making international train travel accessible to more people.”

Days of operation and timetable

The start of the 2027 timetable change in mid-December 2026, also marks a change in the days of operation of the Brussels–Milan train. Until that date, southbound departures from are scheduled for Monday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings, and the return service from Milan will operate on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday nights.

From Monday 14 December 2026, departures from Brussels, the Netherlands and Cologne are on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evening, arriving the next morning in Switzerland, Como, and Milan. The northbound trains from Milan and Switzerland depart Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, arriving in Cologne, the Netherlands, and Brussels on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the morning.

Departure Tue, Thu, Sun		Departure Mon, Wed, Fri	
Bruxelles Midi/ Brussel Zuid	17:22	Milano Porta Garibaldi	17:12
Antwerpen-Centraal	18:10	Como San Giovanni	18:00
Breda	19:03	Lugano	18:57
Eindhoven Centraal	19:44	Bellinzona	19:34
Köln Hbf	21:45	Göschenen	20:58
Aarau	06:00	Arth-Goldau	22:14
Arth-Goldau	07:26	Aarau	23:40
Göschenen	08:10	Köln Hbf	07:08
Bellinzona	09:30	Eindhoven Centraal	09:00
Lugano	09:45	Breda	09:41
Como San Giovanni	10:40	Antwerpen-Centraal	10:45
Milano Porta Garibaldi	11:30	Bruxelles Midi/ Brussel Zuid	11:25

Bookings open on 2 June 2026

Bookings for the Brussels–Netherlands–Cologne–Switzerland–Milan night train will open on 2 June 2026. Travellers will be able to book through the European Sleeper website and selected international sales partners. Tickets will be available for travel until 3 January 2027.

The service offers the familiar European Sleeper travel classes. Fares in Budget, our comfortable seats, start from €29.99 per person one way. A couchette bed in a cosy Classic compartment is available from €49.99, including ticket, reservation, luggage and bed linen. Travellers seeking additional comfort can choose Comfort Standard from €99.99 or Comfort Plus from €129.99, which includes breakfast.



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About European Sleeper

European Sleeper is a 100% community-owned Dutch–Belgian railway company, fully focused on night train operations between major European destinations. The company is responding to the growing demand for international rail travel and, since launching in 2023, has built a trusted reputation as one of Europe’s few independent international train operators.

European Sleeper currently operates two international night train routes: Brussels–Berlin–Prague and Paris–Berlin, each running three times a week. Since our first departure, more than 300,000 passengers have travelled with us onboard over 980 night trains across Europe.

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.

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