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Enjoy the Ease of European Train Travel This Summer with Eurail

NEW YORK, NY, July 14th, 2017 – With transatlantic airfares hitting new lows due to increased competition and a favorable exchange rate, visitors are flocking to Europe this summer. In fact, [Eurail's](#) first quarter results showed an increase of over 30 percent in 2016 passenger numbers in North America, supported by an attractive early bird offer.

And who wouldn't want to explore Europe? With its romantic charm, picturesque landscapes, and melting pot of cultures, Europe is an idyllic location for any vacationer.

One of the best ways to travel throughout the destination is by train, as it allows visitors to reach both landmark attractions and remote villages with ease to better enjoy the landscapes rather than worrying about directions. Eurail makes train travel even more seamless with its series of flexible passes that give guests the freedom to uncover up to 28 European countries at their leisure. Because many Americans aren't familiar with train travel, below are some tips for selecting and using a Eurail Pass:

- **Deciding on the right Pass**
 - Eurail offers a variety of passes to suite every traveler's needs. Pending where visitors are looking to travel and the frequency of their travel, they can choose a Global Pass, Select Pass, or One Country Pass:
 - [Global Pass](#) allows travel in up to 28 countries and ideal for those travelers looking to see the most of Europe in one trip
 - [Select Pass](#) gives travelers the freedom to uncover 2, 3 or 4 bordering countries and is well-suited to travelers who want to focus on a specific region of Europe
 - [One Country Pass](#) allows guests to delve deeper into one country, as travelers can choose from 22 options, such as Italy, France or Spain.
- **Choosing the right validity**
 - Eurail Passes have different validity periods, which cater to all types of itineraries. For the Global Pass, it ranges from 5 days to 3 months, and the Select Pass ranges from 4 to 10 days. Travelers with an extensive travel schedule that plan on taking the train almost every day would be best to choose a Eurail Pass with a [continuous validity](#). On the other hand, guests that will only travel via train every few days would be better off with the [flexible validity](#), which is available on all Eurail Passes. The flexibility means that travelers can decide on the go when to use their Pass.



- **Selecting between First or Second Class**

- Eurail Passes are available for 1st or 2nd class, depending on the Pass chosen. With the 1st class Pass, travelers can usually expect more spacious storage for luggage, comfortable and reclining seating, generally quieter carriages, outlets for charging devices, and in some cases, free WiFi. Additionally, many countries offer a 1st class lounge in the train terminal, which vary from country to country, but some provide free snacks, soft drinks, coffee, clean bathrooms, and WiFi. Further, 1st class Passes are valid for both 1st and 2nd class carriages.

- **Other Benefits with Eurail**

- Because the focus is on the experience in its entirety, Eurail Pass holders can take advantage of hundreds of benefits and price reductions all over Europe. From discounts on ferries, boats and accommodations to free access on attractions and public transportation, Eurail gives guests more for their money. One of the top offerings is savings on city cards – the convenient and wallet-friendly way to see select European cities, as many provide free entry to attractions, offers and discounts at shops and restaurants, priority access, free public transport, and more. Eurail Pass holders can enjoy discounts on the following city cards:
 - **Barcelona City Card** – 10% off a 3,4 or 5-day Barcelona Card or 2-day Barcelona Express Card
 - **Valencia City Card** – 15% discount
 - **Nuremberg City Card** – 10% discount
 - **Bratislava City Card** – 20% discount
 - **Lyon City Card** – 50% on the second Lyon City Card and 20% off for individual travelers
 - **Nantes City Card** – 50% discount
 - **Salzburg City Card** – 10% discount
 - **Nice City Card** – 10% discount
 - **Musement** – 10% off on museums, attractions and tours in Europe

Eurail Passes can be booked up to 11 months in advance so that travelers can relax and enjoy the voyage. Additionally, Eurail's free [Rail Planner App](#) makes travel even more seamless, as visitors can make seat reservations on Thalys, Eurostar, Italian Le Freccie, and French domestic TGV high-speed trains, find train stations, view timetables, review benefits included in the Eurail Pass, and more.

Eurail Passes are available from a worldwide network of Authorised General Sales Agents. For more information visit: www.eurailgroup.org/eurail-vendors.

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