

PRESS RELEASE

EURAIL CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF CONNECTING EUROPE BY RAIL WITH EXCITING NEWS FOR THOSE TRAVELLING IN 2019

*All Global Pass prices permanently reduced by up to 37%
for travelling to and across 31 countries, including Great Britain*

UTRECHT, The Netherlands, 02 January 2019 – Eurail, the flexible pass giving travellers access to rail and selected ferry networks throughout Europe, has introduced exciting new changes for 2019 – the year that marks its 60th anniversary.

Introduced in 1959, Eurail has been providing multi-destination train travel in Europe for sixty years. With over 5.000 Passes sold in its first year of existence, sixty years later the yearly number of Eurailers has topped the 300.000. And all signs indicate a bright future for such a unique rail pass concept, which is popular with both young and young-at-heart travellers looking for an economic, flexible and sustainable way to explore Europe.

For 2019, the Eurail offering showcases a simplified portfolio of Passes, with specific product and pricing changes designed to remove complexities and make it easier for travel agents to sell. The changes officially came into effect on 01 January.

- **A simplified offer** – The range of Eurail Passes has been streamlined, making it easier for agents to choose the right one for their clients. Three Pass types simplify travel across Europe, with the **Eurail Global Pass** granting travellers flexibility to access up to 31 different countries, the **Eurail One Country Pass** allowing unlimited travel for single-country itineraries, and the **Greek Islands Pass** enabling travellers to explore up to 53 different Greek Islands. As a result, and due to price reductions of the Eurail Global Pass, Select Passes will be discontinued in 2019.
- **Significantly reduced prices** - Eurail has permanently reduced all Global Pass fares by up to 37%. Eurail has also introduced cheaper pricing for One Country Passes and Greek Island Passes, making the entire Eurail Pass portfolio more cost competitive. As a result of the new permanent price reductions, the Saver Pass will be discontinued in 2019.
- Global Passes issued from 1 January 2019 will enable **travel to and across 31 countries, including Great Britain** – Eurail has expanded the list of countries accessible via the Eurail Global Pass up from 28 to 31, with FYR Macedonia, Lithuania and Great Britain now included.
- **Further discounts** – save an extra 10% with new **senior discounts (60+)**, and the choice of cheaper **2nd class travel for all categories**. From now, all customers have the choice between 1st and 2nd class travel. Youth discounts are now available on all Eurail Passes too, and children aged 11 or under continue to travel free.

Moreover, travelling with a Eurail Pass will always mean having access to a suite of additional cost-saving benefits throughout Europe's most popular travel destinations, such as ferry lines and city cards. A complete list of Pass benefits for each country is available via the free [Eurail Rail Planner App](#). And with the Rail Planner App, travellers can easily plan their journey like a local, hopping on and off trains

and discovering more of Europe. Eurail Passes can be booked up to 11 months in advance and are available for purchase via the official online sales channel www.eurail.com and via local European railways.

Agents should visit tradeportal.eurailgroup.org and register to gain travel trade access for more detailed product information about Eurail.

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About Eurail

Eurail Passes are synonymous with borderless rail experience throughout Europe, providing multi-destination train travel across the continent. With just one rail pass travellers of all ages have the ability to travel in and through up to 31 different European countries, and access extra benefits and discounts along their journey. Established in 2001, Eurail Group G.I.E. is the organisation dedicated to the management of Eurail and Interrail products, for both non-European and European residents respectively. Owned by over 35 railway and shipping companies, Eurail Group G.I.E. partners with hotels, transport companies and attractions to offer additional special benefits to all Interrail Pass holders across Europe. Visit www.eurailgroup.org and www.eurail.com for further information.

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