Nightjet Sleeper Train from Munich to Rome

Direct Nightjet sleeper train from Munich to Rome via Salzburg, Bologna and Florence

A Nightjet leaves Munich Hbf at 20:10 arriving Bologna Centrale 05:20, Florence SMN 06:19 & Rome Termini 09:22.

Fares start at €59 in 6-berth couchettes, €69 in 4-berth couchettes, €99 in a 2-bed sleeper or €139 in a single-bed sleeper. Deluxe sleepers with en suite toilet & shower are also available. There's a shower at the end of the corridor for passengers in the regular sleepers. A light breakfast is included in sleepers & couchettes, served in your compartment. See the Nightjet information page.

Buy tickets using the German Railways website <u>www.bahn.de</u>, just look for the NJ train with 0 changes in the search results. You print your own ticket. You can also book at <u>www.trainline.eu</u>.

Dinner before boarding your sleeper? There's no restaurant car. Dine before departing.

Tip: If you like, you can check the consist for these trains, check car numbers & see in what order cars for different destinations are marshalled using the excellent www.vagonweb.cz. Click the UK flag for English, click *composition*, then look under Germany & click *nj*.

Sleeping-cars

A bed in the sleeper is the most comfortable, civilized & romantic option. Nightjet trains use two types of sleeping-car: Most Nightjet trains use modern *Comfortline* sleeping-cars. There is usually just one sleeping-car on each train for a given destination, sometimes two.

Sleeping-cars = 1, 2, or 3 bed compartments, either standard with washbasin or deluxe with compact en suite shower & toilet. A sleeper is the most civilized, comfortable & romantic way to travel, with comfy beds in cozy & carpeted 1, 2 or 3-bed compartments. Breakfast is included. Sleepers convert from bedrooms to cozy private sitting rooms for morning or evening use. Berths are sold individually, so if travelling solo you can book one inexpensive bed in a 2-berth or 3-berth compartment and share with other civilized sleeper passengers of the same gender, you don't need to pay for a single-bed compartment if you don't want to. *Think of a sleeper as a travelling hotel*.

About travel in a sleeper (all types)...

- Berths are sold individually, one person = one ticket = one bed. If you book 2 people in a double sleeper, you get the whole compartment as you are booking both beds and gender is irrelevant. If you book 1 person in a double sleeper, you'll get one bed and the other bed will be sold to another passenger of the same gender. Passengers have shared sleeper compartments in this way for over 100 years! It means that solo travelers don't have to pay for an expensive single-bed sleeper if they don't want to, they can pay for one bed in a 2 or 3-bed sleeper and share with other civilized sleeper passengers of the same sex. Once snug in your berth you cannot see the people above or below you, giving you all the privacy you need.
- The sleeping-car attendant normally greets you at the door to the sleeper, checks your reservation and directs
 you to your compartment. He or she will come around shortly afterwards to take your rail tickets or passes so
 you will not be disturbed by ticket inspections. Your tickets will be handed back to you at the end of your
 journey. These days they don't normally take your passport, as Schengen means there are usually no border
 checks.
- Each sleeper compartment is cozy, big enough for a bed and space to stand next to it. There are 12 compartments in a 26-metre Comfortline car, so please don't expect to play tennis in your compartment, it is simply not economic to transport excess empty space around. The photos above were taken standing in the corridor & pointing the camera through the door into the compartment, they accurately show the size of the compartment. What you see is what you get...
- Each bed has fresh clean sheets, a fluffy pillow, snug duvet, and its own individual reading light.
- Welcome aboard! A complimentary glass of sparkling wine is included to welcome you aboard. The sleeper attendant can provide room service of tea, coffee, wine, beer, soft drinks & light snacks during the journey, but feel free to take your own bottle of wine or picnic on board.
- Breakfast... Breakfast is included in the fare, served in your compartment in the evening you fill in a form to select 6 breakfast items from a list. You can pay for more items if you like. Tip: You can ask for a free refill of tea or coffee!
- Luggage... You take all your bags into the compartment with you, so have access to them throughout the journey. In Comfortline sleepers there's room for luggage under the bottom berth, on the racks above the window or in the recess above the door projecting over the corridor ceiling. Or just use the floor if that's easier. In the double deck sleepers, luggage usually goes on the floor.
- *Power sockets...* All sleeper compartments have 220V power sockets for laptop computers & mobiles in Comfortline sleepers, look below the bed near the door.
- Beds convert to seats... On longer routes where there's a significant evening or morning part of the journey, the
 attendant can fold the beds away and convert the compartment into a private sitting room with sofa and small
 table.
- Security... There's CCTV in the corridor for security, and in Comfortline cars all compartments have a hotel-style
 ving-card lock with plastic card key plus an additional security deadlock which cannot be opened from outside,
 even with a staff key, so you'll be both safe and snug. The double-deck cars also have both a regular lock and a
 security deadlock.
- Inter-connecting compartments... If there's a small group of you in a Comfortline car, ask to book a pair of adjacent sleeper compartments with an inter-connecting door, which opens to make a suite for 2 to 6 persons. There are regular sleepers which connect with regular sleepers, and each deluxe sleeper can be connected to a regular sleeper, although you cannot connect a deluxe to another deluxe.
- The sleeper attendant, the in-sleeper catering and bed linen on Nightjets are provided by a company called *Newrest* on behalf of Austrian Railways (ÖBB). Newrest is a subsidiary of the famous Wagons-Lits Company. That's right, the company that used to operate the Orient Express from 1883 until 1977, they still exist! Albeit in much reduced form, and as a contractor not a concessionaire...
- Berth numbering: Berths aren't numbered sequentially, which often worries people. I'm often asked if (for example) berths 21 & 25 are really together in the same 2-bed compartment!

Comfortline sleeping-cars

Most Nightjet trains use Comfortline sleeping-cars built in 2005-2006 by German Railways (DB) for their City Night Line sleeper trains. ÖBB bought all 42 Comfortline cars when DB discontinued their City Night Line trains in 2016, and deployed them on their *Nightjet* routes replacing their older cars. Comfortline cars have 9 economy compartments with washbasin and 3 deluxe compartments with private toilet & shower. Each compartment is fitted with an upper, middle & lower berth and can be sold as a 1-berth (single), 2-berth (double) or 3-berth compartment depending on demand.

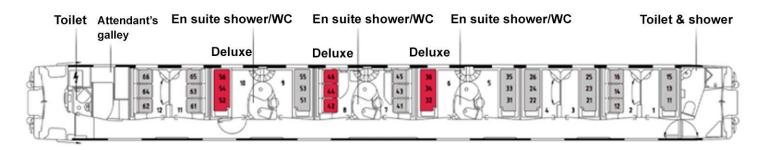
Beds are 190cm x 75cm (approx. 6'3" x 2'6"), but pillow or toes can project into a 2.5cm (1") gap either end between bed & wall, so no problem for anyone up to 6'5".

The Man in Seat 61 says "Having an en suite is nice, but frankly the standard & deluxe compartments are so similar I wouldn't get hung up on getting a deluxe. There's a shower for standard sleeper passengers at the end of the corridor."



A Comfortline sleeping-car about to leave Innsbruck on the Nightjet to Cologne & Dusseldorf on a summer's evening. The slightly wider windows are the 3 deluxe compartments, the narrower windows are the 9 standard compartments.

Below: Comfortline sleeper layout. All compartments can be sold as a single, double or triple. Last digit of berth number 1 or 2 = lower berth, 3 or 4 = middle berth, 5 or 6 upper berths. Adjacent compartments with berths with the same first digit have an inter-connecting door which can be opened if your party occupies both compartments. Click the image for larger version.



Deluxe sleeper with toilet & shower... See 360° photo

The deluxe compartments are a fraction larger than the regular compartments, but still compact. The main difference from the regular sleeper is that you get a small private toilet & shower instead of the washstand. Soap, towels, mineral water & shampoo/shower gel are provided.



Deluxe sleeper. Each compartment can be used as a 1, 2 or 3-bed room. *Larger*



The same deluxe sleeper in day mode with beds folded away, seats folded



Deluxe rooms have a compact shower & toilet, towels & hair/body wash provided. Larger photo.



The sleeping-car corridor, just like a hotel. There's a shower at the end of the corridor for standard sleeper passengers.

Standard sleeper with washbasin... See 360° photo

The beds and the decor in a standard sleeper (sometimes called an economy sleeper) are exactly the same as a deluxe compartment, the only difference is that the floor space is a fraction smaller (but not so as you'd notice) and there's a washstand instead of an en suite toilet & shower. Toilets and an excellent hot shower are available at the end of the corridor, see 360° panorama of shower room - take your plastic ving-card key with you to the shower as you may need it to unlock the door (the lock stops couchette passengers from the car next door getting free showers!). There is shower gel in the shower, but take a towel from your compartment. See the Comfortline sleeping-car layout & berth numbering plan.



Standard sleeper set up as a 2-berth, with blind down & washstand open. Each room can be used with 1, 2 or 3 beds. Larger photo.



The same sleeper with berths folded away & seats folded out, washstand closed. Very similar to a deluxe, but without the shower & toilet.



Standard sleeper compartments have a washstand with hot water, fresh towels, drinking water & soap. Larger photo.



A light breakfast is served in your compartment next morning with tea or coffee – you choose which 6 items you'd like from a menu.



Door showing the key-card, the normal lock & the security deadlock...



Goodies on the bed when you board: Complimentary welcome drink (sparkling wine), fruit drink, bottled water, slippers, towel, pen, breakfast order form, Nightjet menu - the attendant can serve a limited menu from the galley.



There's a power socket for laptops & mobiles near the compartment door...