

Surcharges and compulsory seat reservation charges

Holders of **Weltmeister**, **EuroDomino** and **InterRail** passes have to pay surcharges on certain trains in Germany. In addition, on some trains seat reservations are also compulsory.

First, you need to understand a little about how Deutsche Bahn classifies German rail services. They put all services into one of several categories. The principal ones you are likely to come across are:

Abbreviation	Name / description
IRE	InterRegioExpress – Regional / national trains
RE	Regional Express - ditto
RB	Regional Bahn – ditto, a bit slower!
IC / EC	InterCity / EuroCity – national / international express trains
ICE	InterCityExpress – as the name implies
ICE-Sprinter	ICE commuter rush-hour specials between major cities

Categories you are less likely to encounter include:

Sleeper trains	
CityNightLine	Sleeper (with seats and couchettes)
DB Nachtzug	Sleeper (with seats and couchettes)

International services run in conjunction with other rail operators	
CIS	Cisalpino – Stuttgart to Italy only
Thalys	Cologne to Paris express (via Brussels)

There are **no surcharges payable** by holders of **Weltmeister**, **EuroDomino** or **InterRail** passes on any of the services shaded yellow above. You do NOT have to reserve seats on the IC / EC services; on the IRE, RE and RB services you CANNOT make seat reservations.

Some surcharges and compulsory reservations apply to the blue-shaded services, the grey-shaded sleeper services and the CIS and Thalys services (which run only on specific international routes). The applicable charges are summarised below:

Weltmeister Pass

Valid on all scheduled DB services. Applicable charges:

Train type	Surcharge	Compulsory reservation
ICE	No	No
ICE Sprinter	Yes - £7.20 / €10	Included in surcharge

Sleeper trains	Surcharge	Compulsory reservation
DB NachtZug	Yes – see below	Yes – see below
CityNightLine	Yes – see below	Yes – see below

EuroDomino Pass

Valid on all scheduled DB services. Applicable charges:

Train type	Surcharge	Compulsory reservation
ICE	No	No
ICE Sprinter	Yes - £7.20 / €10	Included in surcharge

Sleeper trains	Surcharge	Compulsory reservation
DB NachtZug	Yes – see below	Yes – see below
CityNightLine	Yes – see below	Yes – see below

InterRail Pass *(Zone C, also covers Austria, Switzerland and Denmark)*

Valid on all scheduled DB services. Applicable charges:

Train type	Surcharge	Compulsory reservation
ICE	Yes – Difference of ICE to IC fare	Yes - £2.16 / €3
ICE Sprinter	Yes – As above, plus £7.20 / €10	Included in surcharge

Sleeper trains	Surcharge	Compulsory reservation
DB NachtZug	Yes – see below	Yes – see below
CityNightLine	Yes – see below	Yes – see below

International services run in conjunction with other rail operators		
CIS	Yes – Difference of ICE to IC fare	Yes - £2.16 / €3
Thalys	Yes – Difference of ICE to IC fare	Yes - £2.16 / €3

All charges shown are for standard class.

Sleeper train charges

There is one charge for sleeper trains that includes a reserved seat, recliner seat or couchette. These vary by standard of train and journey. Examples:

Example of surcharges on the **DB NachtZug** (Cologne – Berlin)

Accommodation in DB NachtZug	Surcharge per person
Seat	£2.90 / €4.00
Couchette	
4-berth	£17.30 / €24.00
6-berth	£13.70 / €19.00

CityNightLine surcharges

Accommodation in CityNightLine	Surcharge per person
Seat	£6.84 / €9.50
Couchette	
4-berth	£21.24 / €29.50
6-berth	£14.04 / €19.50

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Surcharges can be paid up to minutes before departure. Paid on-board costs are higher.