

Press Release

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NEW TIMETABLE DELIVERS MORE TRAINS FOR SOUTHAMPTON

Rail passengers travelling to and from Southampton are to get eleven extra trains a day from Monday 13 December.

Train operator CrossCountry today announced a variety of service extensions and alterations from Monday to Saturday as part of their new-look timetable, delivering a 40% increase in services and over 2000 more seats on this busy rail corridor. The changes will see people from Southampton and the surrounding areas having more journey opportunities when travelling to the Thames Valley, Midlands and the North for business and leisure. The extra trains also provide a better service for commuters between Southampton, Winchester, Basingstoke and Reading.

Commenting on the increased services, CrossCountry's Managing Director Andy Cooper said:

"Southampton is a thriving city to do business in and a great place to visit, so these extra services are great news for everyone. There are extra journey opportunities for commuters and the thousands of cruise line passengers travelling from and to the port will now have more trains to select when travelling from cities like Birmingham, Leeds and Reading. This is about making train travel even more attractive and that's only possible if trains are there at a time and place where people want them. We believe we've done that and hope our extra services to Southampton will help support the local economy by giving more journey opportunities and importantly, more choice."

The extended services to and from Southampton Central are as follows:

Monday to Friday

To Southampton:	06:15	Leeds	arriving Southampton at 11:17
	06:33	Birmingham New Street	arriving Southampton at 09:17
	07:23	Newcastle	arriving Southampton at 13:17
	09:35	Newcastle	arriving Southampton at 15:17
	11:27	Newcastle	arriving Southampton at 17:17
	13:34	Newcastle	arriving Southampton at 19:53
From Southampton: <i>*Winchester start</i>	08:01	*Winchester	Newcastle (via Birmingham NS)
	09:46	Southampton	Newcastle (via Birmingham NS)
	11:46	Southampton	Newcastle (via Birmingham NS)
	13:46	Southampton	Edinburgh (via Birmingham NS)
	15:47	Southampton	Newcastle (via Birmingham NS)
	17:46	Southampton	York (via Birmingham NS)

Saturdays only

To Southampton:	06:33	Birmingham New Street	arriving Southampton at 09:17
	06:15	Leeds	arriving Southampton at 11:17
	07:25	Newcastle	arriving Southampton at 13:17
	09:25	Newcastle	arriving Southampton at 15:17
	11:25	Newcastle	arriving Southampton at 17:17
	13:27	Newcastle	arriving Southampton at 19:17
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Notes to editors

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STATIONS SERVED: 118

ROUTE MILES: 1,478

WEEKDAY SERVICES: 295

PASSENGERS CARRIED: Over 30 million passenger journeys a year anticipated

ANNUAL TRAIN MILEAGE: Approximately 16 million

EMPLOYEES: Approximately 1,600

LONGEST TRAIN SERVICE: 08.20 Aberdeen to Penzance (774 miles)