

## **Booking start for Hamburg-Cologne-Express**

### **Special offer at start of ticket sales / On 23 July 2012 the first train will start at Hamburg-Altona**

(Cologne, 4 July 2012) Today, at 5 pm sharp, tickets are for sale for the Hamburg-Cologne-Express (HKX). For the first time, travellers have an affordable choice to using their car or Deutsche Bahn when going from Hamburg to Cologne or vice versa. The tickets, priced from 20 up to 60 Euro can be purchased on the internet on [www.hkx.de](http://www.hkx.de) or from tomorrow via telephone at the HKX ServiceCenter under 0180-3 459 459. Furthermore, tickets are available onboard the train.

Fares vary, depending on weekday, time of day and peak times: Pre-sale ticket prices reach from 5 Cent per kilometre up to 15 Cent per kilometre. A seat is always included in the fare. Customers registered with MyHKX can choose the position of their seat just like when booking a plane ticket.

All pre-sold tickets are valid only for the booked train. Changing bookings is subject to a rebooking fee. Booking the return straight away with the outward journey gives 10 percent off the return fare.

Accompanied by at least one adult, children up to 14 years travel for free except for a seat reservation fee of 5 Euro. Unaccompanied children are subject to an adult's fare.

On 23 July 2012, the first train will be leaving Hamburg-Altona stopping at Hamburg Dammtor, Hamburg main station, Hamburg-Harburg, Osnabrueck, Muenster, Gelsenkirchen, Duisburg, Essen, Duesseldorf and Cologne main station. The journey time between river Elbe and river Rhine is round about four hours. Thus, the HKX trains are just as fast as the trains of Deutsche Bahn.

From monday until wednesday, HKX runs once daily in each direction. Thursday to sunday, there are up to three connections daily in both directions. In addition, every sunday night, there is a late train to Hamburg, reaching its destination close to 2 p.m. on monday morning.

Using Rheingold-cars from the 1970s, the compartment coaches offer classic comfort and style of first class travel of an IC train. The additional trains at the weekends are trains of Nord-Ostsee-Bahn with open cars.

HKX GmbH is the first private rail road company in Germany, solely offering long distance passenger service. Chief partner of HKX GmbH is Railroad Development Corporation (RDC) Germany. Shareholders are locomore rail GmbH & Co. KG as well as rail road investor Michael Schabas.

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