



PRESS RELEASE

HKX adapts timetable to demand

Longer weekend trains / fewer trains on off-peak weekdays / number of seats per week unchanged

(Cologne, February 10, 2014) As of March 5, 2014, Hamburg-Köln-Express (HKX) is going to adjust its supply of transport capacity better to real demand than in the past. That means that on the weekends longer trains with up to 50% more seats than today will be available. However, during the week, especially during off-peak times, there will be fewer trains. Altogether, the number of seats available will be the same as at present. Following is the new timetable:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1800				1800	1800	
1801				1801	1801	
1802	1802	1802	1802	1802	1802	1802
1803			1803	1803	1803	1803
			1804	1804	1804	1804
	1805	1805	1805	1805	1805	1805

Like before, there will be 3 trains in either direction on Fridays and Saturdays; 2 on Sundays; on Mondays and Thursdays there will also be 2 trains in either direction; on Tuesdays and Wednesdays there will only be 1 train in either direction. During peak periods in the holiday season, i.e. Easter and Christmas, there will be additional trains.

"After eighteen months of service and up to 50,000 passengers per month we have come to know our customers' demand for train services quite well," says Eva Kreienkamp, HKX CEO. "We know at what times demand is especially strong and rather slack respectively. That is why we are continuing to further expand our seating capacity on the days with strong demand around the weekend. Our fares for X-tickets will be as favorable as before, and the seating capacity per week will be identical. As a result of the expansion of our seating capacity on the weekend, we will be able to offer more X-tickets in lower fare categories especially on Fridays and Sundays – i.e. days with particularly heavy demand."

Travelers who have already booked a seat on a train which ceases to operate on March 5th will be informed by the HKX Service Center and will be able to either cancel or change their booking at no additional cost.

X-tickets for the whole journey can be purchased at a price of as little as €18. They can also be bought online (www.hkx.de), in the ticket shops of KVB (Cologne Transport Services), Rheinbahn, Stadtwerke (municipal services) Bonn, Metronom and Transregio, as well as NordWestBahn (NorthWest Rail). They are also available at an increasing number of travel agencies along the route and in these agencies' catchment areas, as well as by telephone in the HKX Service Center (Telephone: 0180 -6459459 between 6 am and 10 pm; €020 per call from the German ground network; a maximum of €060 per call from German mobile networks) or finally from the service staff on board the HKX trains.

Hamburg-Köln Express GmbH is the first private railway company in Germany which exclusively supplies long-distance passenger rail services. HKX trains travel between Cologne and Hamburg with stops in Düsseldorf main station, Duisburg main station, Essen main station, Gelsenkirchen main station, Münster main station, Osnabrück main station, Hamburg-Harburg, Hamburg main station and Hamburg-Altona. The total journey takes a little more than four hours. In 2013, HKX was nominated for the "European Rail Awards" in the category "Intercity Operator of the Year". Railroad Development Corporation (RDC) Deutschland is the majority shareholder of HKX.

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