
Premiere Launch of the New ALPEN-SYLT Night Express

**From Sylt to Salzburg in one night:
ALPEN-SYLT Night Express successfully completes
1,000-kilometre long premiere trip to Austria with 120 guests on board**

Westerland/Sylt • July 5, 2020 — With the new ALPEN-SYLT Night Express, the first German night train was successfully launched on its premiere journey south. At noon, the train, which was deployed on Sylt the evening before, arrived in the Mozart city of Salzburg with 120 passengers on board.

"We believe in the successful renaissance of night trains in Europe. The offer fulfills the desire of holidaymakers and business travelers for sustainable travel by rail, even over longer distances—from the consumer's point of view an attractive alternative to air or car travel," says Dr. Markus Hunkel, Managing Director of RDC Germany.

Destinations such as the coasts of Schleswig-Holstein or the Alpine region are particularly in demand this year. With the new ALPEN-SYLT overnight express, the private railway company RDC Group is now offering holidaymakers and business travelers a traffic jam-free and stress-free journey four times a week until the beginning of November 2020. The route runs from Westerland/Sylt via Hamburg, Frankfurt/Main and Munich to Salzburg and back (Thursdays and Saturdays southbound; Fridays and Sundays northbound).

"Stretched out comfortably in your personal couchette car compartment, simply overnight, you can cover more than a thousand kilometres to the north or south and arrive rested at your destination—no one else in this country offers that. And the CO2 balance is impressive," says Hunkel.

The ticket price from €99 (single compartment incl. 1 child up to age 14 years old) or from €399 (Friends + Family compartment) includes the entire train compartment with couchette equipment (bedding, towels). Infection protection for all passengers on board is secured by ensuring that each passenger travels in his or her own compartment, which remains empty when the passenger departs the train. Additional hygiene measures have been taken. Onboard in their own compartment, passengers do not need to wear a mouth and nose cover.

For its premiere journey north, the ALPEN-SYLT Night Express departed Salzburg in the afternoon (July 5, 2020), and arrived on Sylt on Monday (July 6) at noon.

Book online www.nachtexpress.de | *Printable photos are available on request.*

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About the new ALPEN-SYLT Night Express

The private rail transport company RDC, based in Hamburg, has many years of experience with night trains and has the largest operational night train fleet in Germany. This fleet comprises a total of 38 couchette coaches, which can be used as seating coaches during daytime operation and can be folded down into couchette coaches during nighttime operation. The coaches are fully air-conditioned and the windows in each compartment can be opened individually for ventilation. Mobile WLAN is available onboard. Each coach has two washrooms and two toilets and 10 compartments each.

In addition to the couchette cars, the RDC Group in Germany owns five sleeping cars that will be in service on the BTE car train between Hamburg and Lörrach in 2020.

The new ALPEN-SYLT Night Express will comprise 10 coaches (including special cars for people with disabilities or reduced mobility) and the locomotive. The on-board train team is available to passengers for information and service. Protection against infection on board is ensured by hygiene measures.

If you want to travel with the ALPEN-SYLT Night Express, you always buy a ticket for an entire compartment in the 2020 travel year – whether you are travelling alone or with a group of up to five relatives or friends. The price is also independent of the chosen origin and destination. The ticket price includes couchette comfort with bedding and towel as well as toothbrush water. Snacks, drinks and breakfast are available for purchase. Pets, bicycles and bulky luggage, etc. can be taken along for a fee/registration. A ticket for the ALPEN-SYLT Night Express starts at €99 per compartment.

Book a ticket in three easy steps:

1. Complete and send the online request form (www.nachtexpress.de/buchen)
2. Receive booking confirmation with ticket price by e-mail
3. Pay ticket invoice and receive the ticket by e-mail.

Start and Route

The new ALPEN-SYLT Night Express runs continuously until 2 November 2020 twice a week from Sylt to Salzburg (Thursdays and Saturdays) and twice from Salzburg to Sylt (Fridays and Sundays).

Route

Westerland (Sylt), Niebüll, Husum, HH-Altona, HH-Hbf, Frankfurt/M-Süd, Aschaffenburg, Würzburg, Nuremberg, Donauwörth, Augsburg, München-Pasing, Rosenheim, Prien am Chiemsee, Traunstein, Freilassing, Salzburg. The stations offer the possibility to reach attractive holiday regions such as around Lake Tegernsee, Lake Chiemsee, the Bavarian Alps as well as in northern Germany the North Frisian coast with Husum, St. Peter-Ording, the Halligen, the Wadden Sea National Park, Denmark and the Baltic Sea coast.

About the RDC Group

The RDC Group in Germany (www.rdc-deutschland.de) includes the companies RDC AUTOZUG Sylt GmbH, Bahntouristikexpress GmbH, RDC Deutschland GmbH and RDC Asset GmbH. It operates the blue AUTOZUG Sylt (www.autozug-sylt.de) on the Sylt car train connection, long-distance trains and personnel services in scheduled and special transport (www.bahntouristikexpress.de) as well as vehicle rental and vehicle management (www.rdc-deutschland.de).