
The ALPEN-SYLT Nachtexpress arrives on Sylt for first time this season

Successful start to the season: ALPEN-SYLT Nachtexpress arrives on Sylt with 220 guests from southern Germany, Austria and, for the first time, also from Switzerland.

Westerland/Salzburg | 17. July 2021 _In bright sunshine, the ALPEN-SYLT Nachtexpress reached Westerland on Sylt for the first time this season on **Saturday – and thus successfully completed its premiere tour from the island to Salzburg, Lake Constance and back.**

On Friday, the evening before on Sylt the train was in the Mozart city of Salzburg and in its new destination Radolfzell on Lake Constance. "In addition to Salzburg, we now also offer passengers in southern Hesse and Baden-Württemberg this comfortable and climate-friendly direct connection by train overnight to the North Sea and Sylt and back," says Dr. Markus Hunkel, Managing Director of RDC Germany.

Destinations such as the coasts of Schleswig-Holstein or the Alpine region in Austria, Lake Constance and Switzerland are particularly popular destinations this year. The [ALPEN-SYLT Night Express](#) of the private railway company, RDC Group, is the only full-service night train provider in Germany – and offers one up to 4x a week a congestion-free and stress-free journey until the beginning of November 2021. The route leads from Westerland/Sylt via Hamburg and Hanover southwards, from the Gemünden stop one train wing runs via Nuremberg and Munich to Salzburg, the other via Frankfurt/M-Süd, Heidelberg, Ludwigsburg and Gäubahn route to Radolfzell and back (Thursdays and Saturdays to the south; Fridays and Sundays to the north) .

"We believe in the successful renaissance of night trains in Europe. The offer fulfils travellers' desire for climate-friendly mobility by rail, even over longer distances," says Henry Posner III, main shareholder of the RDC Group, who was personally on board for the premiere trip to Sylt.

Travellers can comfortably stretch out in a personal couchette or sleeping car compartment overnight more than a thousand kilometers to the north or south and arrive the next day rested at the holiday destination. "This is an attractive alternative to air travel or car trips, especially on long-haul routes. And the CO₂ balance is impressive," says Markus Hunkel. In addition to the couchette cars, the ALPEN-SYLT Nachtexpress also offers two sleeping cars for the first time this season. The sleeping car comfort compartment can accommodate up to three travellers and has a private washing facility in the compartment; The deluxe sleeping car compartment offers a complete bathroom-en-suite, with shower, sink and toilet – and on two double beds, space for up to four travelers.

The ticket price from 199 € (single compartment incl. 1 child up to 14 years) or from 399 € (Friends+ Family compartment incl. 6 persons) includes an entire private compartment with couchette equipment (bedding and linen) for all passengers in the compartment included. The infection

protection on board is e.g. ensured that passengers travel in their own private life without the access of third parties – and this remains empty after the passenger has disembarked on the way. There is no need to put on a mask in your own compartment on the way. Only in the public seat car, where the passengers travel through the night without the possibility of lying, masks are mandatory on the way for infection protection reasons.

Booking online at www.nachtexpress.de | *Printable photos available on request.*

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ALPEN-SYLT Nachtexpress from RDC

The private rail transport provider RDC, based in Hamburg, has many years of experience with night trains and has one of the largest operational night train fleets in Germany. This fleet comprises a total of 37 couchette cars, which can be used as seat cars in daytime operation and folded down to a couchette car at night. The trolleys are fully air-conditioned, and the window in each compartment can be opened individually for ventilation. Mobile Wi-Fi on board is available. Each car offers two washrooms and two toilets as well as 10 compartments each.

In addition to the Couchette cars, the RDC Group owns nine sleeping cars, five of which will be in use in 2021 on the BTE car passenger train between Hamburg and Lörrach and two on the ALPEN-SYLT Night Express.

The new ALPEN-SYLT night express will include 13 cars (including special cars for people with disabilities or reduced mobility) and the locomotive. The train team on board is available to passengers for information and service. A hygiene concept applies on board.

If you want to travel with the ALPEN-SYLT Night Express, you will always buy a ticket for a complete compartment in the travel year 2021 – regardless of whether you want to travel alone or with up to five relatives or friends in it. The price is independent of the chosen destination. Included in the ticket price are fresh bedding, on-board service, stable Wi-Fi. Snacks, fine drinks and breakfast are available for purchase. Pet, bicycle and bulky luggage etc. can be taken with you for a fee/registration. A ticket for the ALPEN-SYLT Night Express costs regularly from 199 €/compartment/one-way. For travelers with a tight budget, the new seat ticket is ideal, which allows travel over the entire route without the possibility of lying in a public seat car (here on the way masks mandatory) from as much as 29 €.

Tickets are available online at www.nachtexpress.de

Start and route

The new ALPEN-SYLT Night Express runs continuously until the beginning of November 2021 per week up to 2x from Sylt to Salzburg or Lake Constance (Thursdays and Saturdays) and up to 2x from Salzburg or from Lake Constance to Sylt (Fridays and Sundays). From the end of September, the train runs from the north to the south on Fridays and from the south to the north on Saturdays (arrival there On Sunday).

Route: Westerland (Sylt), Niebüll, Husum, Heide, HH-Altona, HH-Hf, Hannover, Göttingen, GEMÜNDEN with train division into two wings as follows: Destination Lake Constance via Frankfurt/M-Süd, Darmstadt, Heidelberg, Ludwigsburg (Stuttgart-Nord), Böblingen, Horb, Rottweil, Tuttlingen, Singen (Hohentwiel), Radolfzell, Konstanz (due to track construction work only accessible from September). Destination Salzburg via Nuremberg, Augsburg, Munich-Pasing, Rosenheim, Prien am Chiemsee, Traunstein, Freilassing, Salzburg. The stops offer the possibility to easily reach attractive holiday regions such as around the Tegernsee, the Chiemsee, the Bavarian Alps, Lake Constance, Switzerland (change Bf. Singen in 1h to Zurich), the Black Forest and in northern



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