

Interrail

Pass Guide 2021

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Quickstart guide



1 Before your first journey of the day, always record the date on which you're travelling on the **Travel Calendar** (Flexi Pass only). The Travel Calendar is printed on your Pass, which is attached to the Pass Cover.



2 Before boarding each new train, bus or ferry; record the journey details in the **Rail Planner app** or in the **My Trip section** included in the Pass Cover. If you run out of space, you can download extra lines on interrail.eu/en/info.



3 Always use a **non-erasable pen** (no pencil) to record the date on your Travel Calendar and/or your journeys in the My Trip section. Once you've recorded the date in the Travel Calendar, you cannot change it.



4 For ticket inspections, always keep your Pass and passport (or ID card) at hand. Are you recording your journey details in the **Rail Planner app**? Then remember to show your mobile phone too.

Interrail Pass validity

Interrail Passes are categorised according to the countries they're valid in, and the type and duration of their validity. If you want to make a journey that isn't entirely covered by the validity of your Interrail Pass, you will have to buy a ticket for that part of the journey at a normal fare.

You can start travelling after 00:00 hours on the first date of validity, and the last trip must be completed by midnight (24:00) on the last date of validity. Similarly, travel days for Flexi Passes span from midnight to midnight.

Flexi Pass

A Flexi Pass lets you travel on a set number of days within a fixed period of validity. The 5 days within 1 month Pass, for example, counts 5 travel days within a 1 month period of validity. You decide which days count as travel days by recording them in the Travel Calendar. To learn more about travel days and the Travel Calendar, [click here](#).

Continuous Pass

A Continuous Pass lets you travel as often as you want during the entire validity period (eg., 1 month). You can find the start and end dates of your Pass on the top-left of your ticket attached in the Pass Cover.

1st and 2nd class

Your Interrail Pass is valid for travel in the class indicated on your ticket. 1st class Passes are also valid in 2nd class carriages, but 2nd class Passes are not valid for travel in 1st class carriages. There are no refunds available for 1st class Pass holders travelling in 2nd class.

Interrail Pass types

Global Pass

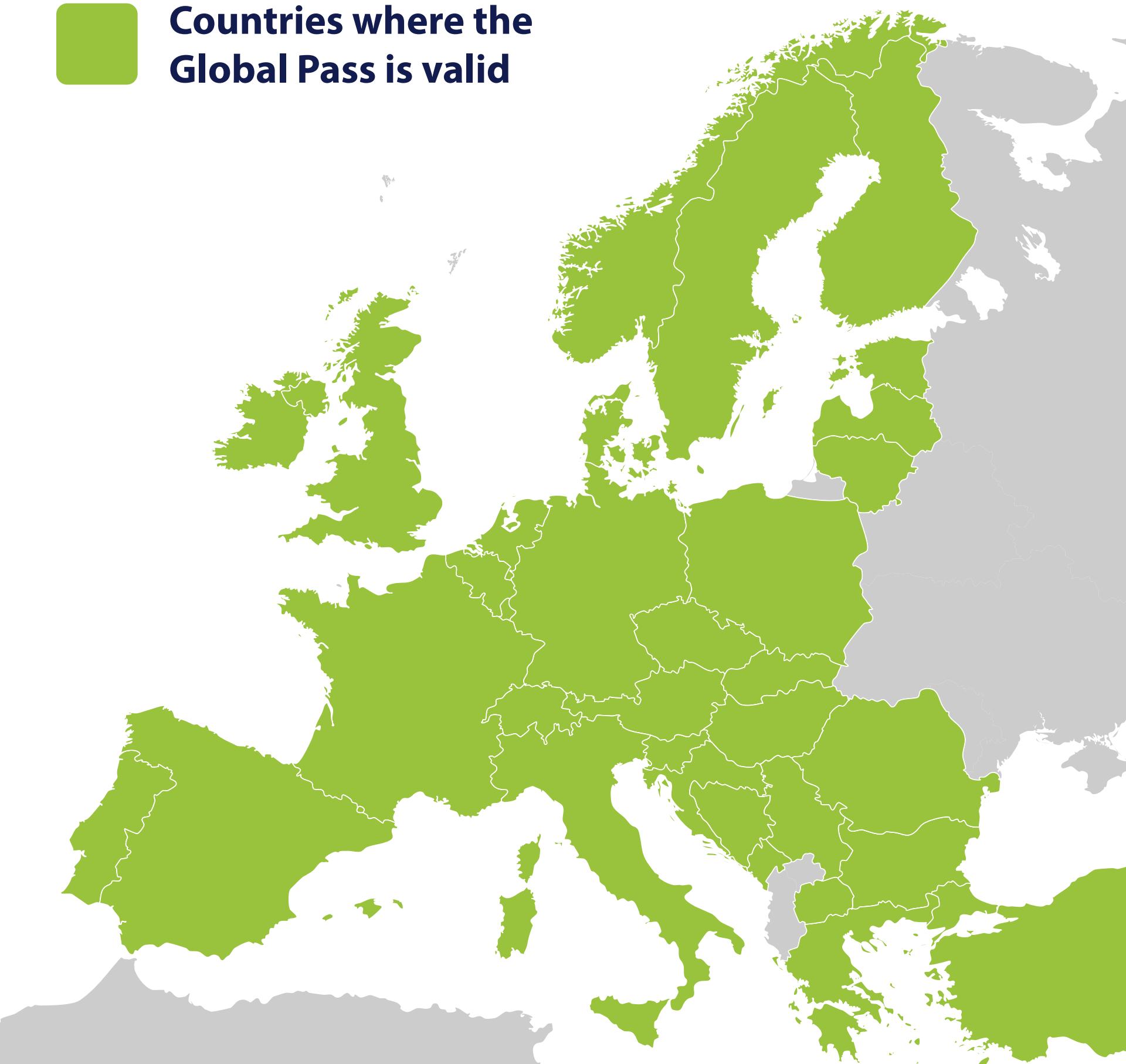
The Global Pass is valid with all the companies in our Pass Network. It can also be used to travel out of and back into your country of residence, so you can start your Interrail trip at your local train station. [Click here](#) for more information on how to travel in your country of residence.

One Country Pass

One Country Passes are valid for rail travel within a single country (or, in some cases, a group of countries). Keep reading to see which railway companies you can travel with, in the country where your Interrail Pass is valid.



**Countries where the
Global Pass is valid**



Pass Network

Participating companies

The list below shows all companies participating in Interrail. Your Interrail Pass is also valid with various private railway companies. You can find a full list of all participating companies in the Rail Planner app.

Austria (incl. Liechtenstein)	ÖBB + Westbahn
Belgium	SNCB/NMBS + Thalys* + Eurostar*
Bosnia-Herzegovina	ŽFBH + ŽRS
Bulgaria	BDŽ
Croatia	HŽ
Czech Republic	ČD + RegioJet + LeoExpress
Denmark	DSB + Arriva + NT
Estonia	Elron
Finland	VR
France (incl. Monaco)	SNCF + Thalys* + Eurostar* + Thello*
Germany	DB + Thalys*
Great Britain	ATOC + Eurostar*
Greece	TRAINOSE + Attica Group
Hungary	MÁV-START + GySEV
Ireland	ÍÉ + NIR
Italy	Trenitalia + Thello*
Latvia	PV
Lithuania	UAB + “LTG Link”
Luxemburg	CFL
Montenegro	ŽPCG
Netherlands	NS + Thalys*
North Macedonia	ZRSM
Norway	Vy
Poland	PKP
Portugal	CP
Romania	CFR
Serbia	SV
Slovakia	ZSSK
Slovenia	SŽ
Spain	RENFE
Sweden	SJ
Switzerland	SBB/CFF/FFS + BLS
Turkey	TCDD

* Your Pass must be valid in both the country of departure and arrival to travel with these companies.

How to use your Interrail Pass

What’s included in my Interrail Pass?

Your Interrail Pass consists of a Pass Cover with a ticket attached inside.



Important: Do not detach your ticket from your Pass Cover as one is not valid without the other.

Once you receive your Interrail Pass, it’s important to first check all the details, especially your name, passport/ID number, and validity period. If you find any mistakes, you can get in touch with your point of purchase to get a replacement.

What travel documents do I need?

As well as your Interrail Pass, you need to travel with a valid passport or legally equivalent identification document (no photocopies). Ticket inspectors may ask to see this when checking your Interrail Pass - so be sure to keep it at hand. Your Interrail Pass is not valid without an identification document.

Pass Cover

Your ticket is stapled inside of the Interrail Pass Cover. This protects your Pass and contains the essential **My Trip** section.

My Trip

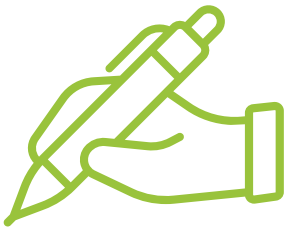
Before you board each new train, bus or ferry; you need to fill in the details of your journey in My Trip. But first, choose where you would like to record your journeys! You can write your journey details in the Pass Cover, or you can enter the details in the Rail Planner app (choose which option suits you best). Make a note of your decision in the tickbox provided on the Pass Cover:

I'm using **My Trip** in the **Rail Planner app**

☐

I'm using **My Trip** in this **Pass Cover**

☐



You cannot change your mind once you start to travel. Naturally, there is no need to account for any journeys not taken with your Interrail Pass.

Day	Month	Time	From	To	Train	Bus	Ferry	Control area ↑↓
11	07	09:42	VIENNA	BUDAPEST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
09	08	09:50	PRAHA	BUDAPEST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12	08	14:55	BUDAPEST	VILLACH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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2

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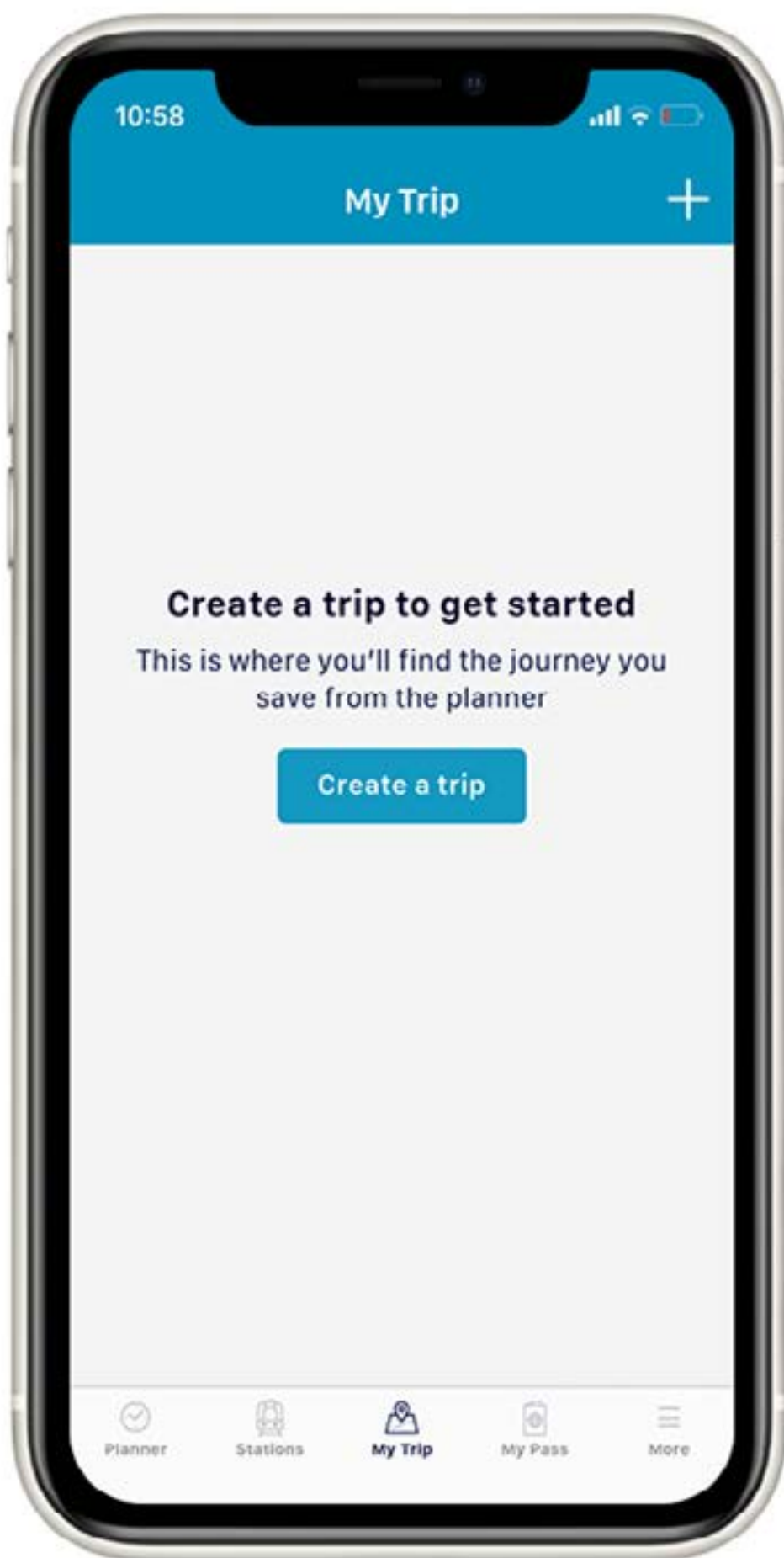
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- 1. Write the day, month and time** of departure in the My Trip section of the Pass Cover.
- 2. Record the start and end station** of your journey (in the local name if possible).
- 3. Indicate which mode of transport** you're taking (train, bus or ferry).
- 4. The control area** is for ticket inspectors only - they could stamp it when checking your Pass.

My Trip - Rail Planner app

Getting started is easy:

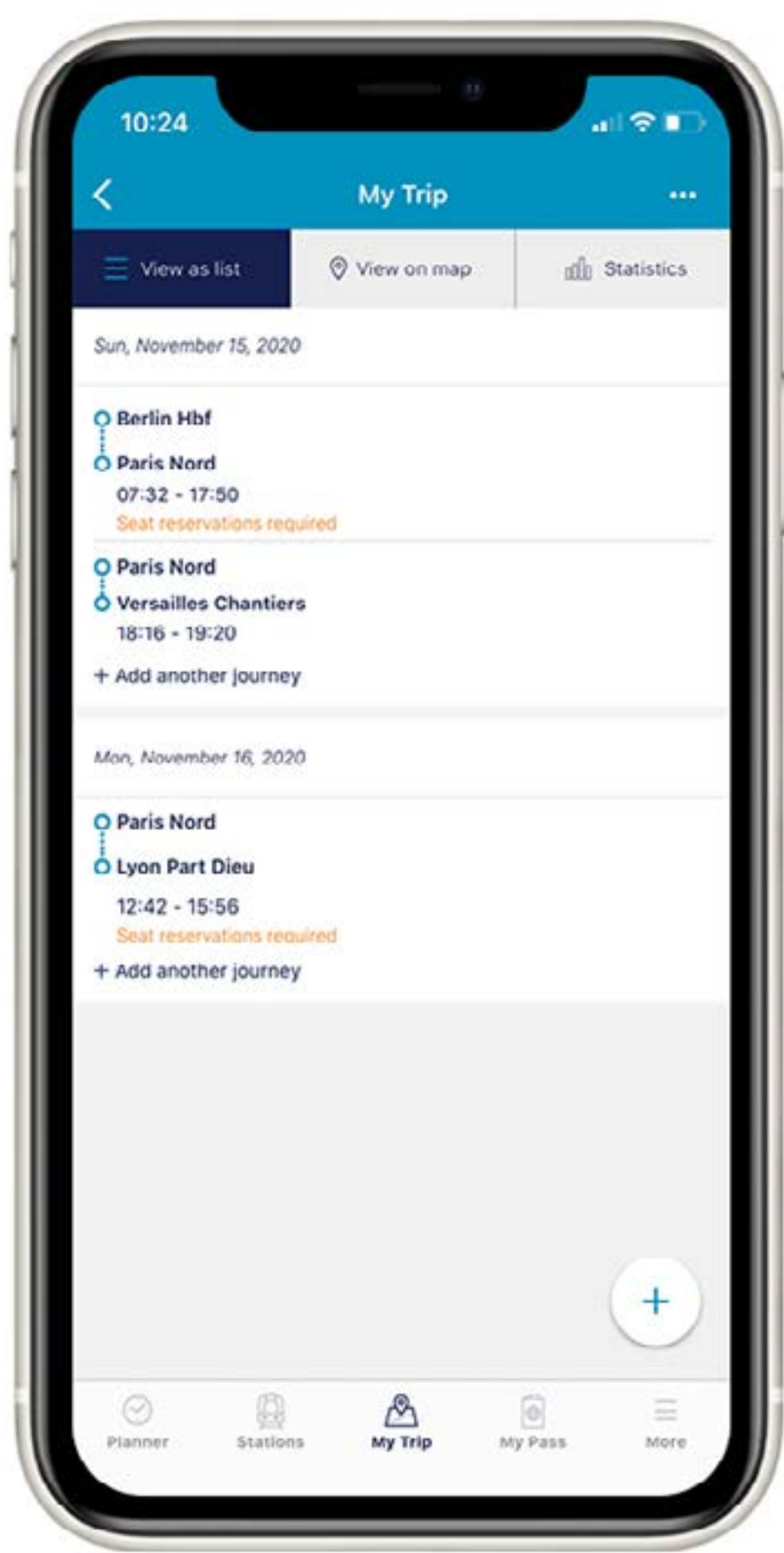
- 1. Create a new trip with My Trip** in the Rail Planner app.
- 2. Connect your Interrail Pass** to the Rail Planner app by entering the details of your Interrail Pass, such as the start date and the Pass Cover number. If you're travelling in a group, it is possible to connect more than one Interrail Pass to the same device (repeat steps 1 & 2 to add another Interrail Pass).



- 3. Record your journeys** straight from the Planner in just a few taps. You can add, edit, and remove your planned

journeys up until the moment you board the train. Can't find a journey in the Planner? No problem! You can add it to your trip manually by entering the details. If you have connected more than one Interrail Pass to the same device (e.g., an Adult Pass and a Child Pass), remember to add the journeys in My Trip for all Passes.

4. For inspections, show your recorded journeys in My Trip along with your Interrail Pass(es) and passport (or ID card).




Whether you write the details in the Pass Cover or enter your journey details in the Rail Planner app; you will create a personal keepsake of your journeys in **My Trip**.


Travel Calendar

If you are travelling with a Flexi Pass, you have a certain number of travel days to use within an overall validity period. On a travel day, you can travel as much and as often as you want from midnight to midnight, but remember to check if a seat reservation is required for the trains, buses, or ferries you're travelling with.

The Travel Calendar on your ticket is used to record the travel days you use. This is important because your Flexi Pass is not valid if you're travelling on a day not marked in your Travel Calendar.

Your Travel Calendar has a day and month box for each travel day. Both days and months must be written as two digits (so 7 May is 07/05) and in sequential order. It's best to fill in the Travel Calendar as you go, as it can't be changed afterwards. Just write in the date before your first journey on each day you travel.





INTERRAIL

FULL NAME:
COUNTRY:*

PASS-/ID-NR:
DATE OF BIRTH

VANESSA GREEN
NETHERLANDS

04/02/1988

VALID: 28/12/2019 - 27/02/2020

DATE	TIME	FROM	→ TO
		INTERRAIL GLOBAL PASS	
		FLEXI	

15 DAYS/02 MONTHS

TRAVEL CALENDAR BELOW MUST BE FILLED IN:

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
DAY: MONTH:	05 07													

VALID: ALL COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN INTERRAIL
ADULT ONLY VALID WITH PASSPORT/ID AND COVER
*ONLY 1 OUT-AND 1 INBOUND JOURNEY IN THIS COUNTRY

NOT FOR SALE

Once a travel day has been written in the Travel Calendar, it cannot be changed. Doing so can be considered as attempted fraud. For this reason, you must use blue or black non-erasable ink to fill in the dates, and not pencil. If you make a mistake, you will have to mark the correct date in a new box, which means you lose one travel day.

Travelling in your country of residence

Your country of residence is the country in which you live and/or have citizenship. You can find it printed on your ticket in the top-right corner. An Interrail Pass generally cannot be used to travel in your country of residence. Still, the Interrail Global Pass does allow you to make two trips in your home country, provided it's a country participating in Interrail. All countries listed [here](#) are considered to be participating in Interrail.

These two trips are referred to as the **outbound** and **inbound** journey.

The outbound journey can be used to travel from any location in your country of residence to the border, or an airport or port.

The inbound journey can be used to travel from the border, or an airport or port, back to your destination in your country of residence.

You don't have to use the outbound journey first – this is up to you. You can travel on more than one train, provided all legs of your journey are made within the same travel day. If you're travelling by night train, there are dedicated rules which can be found on [here](#).

How to travel in your country of residence

Outbound Journey

Day

Month

Inbound Journey

Day

Month

1. Record the outbound/inbound date on the Pass Cover in the designated area of My Trip even if you have chosen to record your journeys in the Rail Planner app. If you do not make use of these trips, this space can be left blank.

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					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

2. Record your journey details in My Trip

As with all other journeys, make sure that all the trains you take during your outbound and inbound journeys are recorded in My Trip.

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ADULT:		ONLY VALID WITH PASSPORT ID AND COVER																	

3. Flexi Pass? Record the date on your paper ticket

If you have a Flexi Pass, you'll need to use a travel day, which should be recorded in the Travel Calendar.

Saving a travel day for overnight trips

If you're taking an overnight trip using a Flexi Pass, and do not change trains after midnight, you only have to use one travel day: the day of departure. Note that both the day of departure and arrival need to fall within the overall validity of your Pass. This also applies to night ferries that are fully covered by your Pass.

For example, if you board a night train that departs at 18:10 (6.10 pm) on 11 August, which is due to arrive at your destination at 02:15 (2.15 am), you only have to enter 11 August in your Travel Calendar. If you are still on the train past midnight, you do not need to use a second travel day, unless you board a second train.

This rule also applies if you are using your outbound or inbound journey, as long as both days on which you're travelling are within the overall validity of your Pass. Write the day of departure in your Travel Calendar as well as in the outbound/inbound journey space (whichever is applicable).

For example, let's say you start your Interrail trip with an overnight train from Düsseldorf, Germany (your country of residence) to Vienna, Austria on 2 July. Your departure time is 20:54 (8.54 pm), due to arrive at 08:11 (8.11 am) on 3 July. In this case, you should write 2 July in the Travel Calendar, as well as in the outbound journey field.

Replacement of Interrail Passes

An Interrail Pass can only be replaced when it bears incorrect information due to an error at the point of sale. This must be done at the same point of sale where you bought your Pass. Passes that have been damaged, lost or stolen cannot be replaced. Tickets purchased to replace lost or stolen Passes can also not be refunded.

Misuse of an Interrail Pass

Failing to follow the principles outlined in this Pass Guide can mean your Pass is not valid for travel. If you travel with an invalid Interrail Pass, you are, depending on the rules of the relevant railway or ferry company, either subject to payment of a fine, payment of a full-fare ticket, or both.

Railway or ferry staff are entitled to confiscate a Pass:

- Which is a counterfeit or copy
- That is being used by anyone other than the person it was issued to
- Where the data on the ticket has been altered manually
- Used outside of its validity period
- Used without a passport or other legally equivalent identification document (no photocopies)

In these cases, the Pass holder is considered to be attempting fraud against both Eurail B.V. and the carrier they are travelling with. This will be reported to national authorities, who will determine the penalty. Confiscated Interrail Passes cannot be returned or replaced under any circumstances.

For further information on the Interrail Pass Conditions of Use (including, but not limited to: cancellation, refund and compensation policies, and legal provisions), please visit: [**interrail.eu**](https://interrail.eu).

Seat reservations

Interrail is accepted on most trains throughout Europe, but some railway companies require an advance seat reservation for their trains, which means paying an additional fee not covered by your Pass. This reservation guarantees a seat (or bed) and can also include additional services like a meal and drink served at your seat, or free WiFi, giving a more pleasant and comfortable trip.

Train services that require an advance reservation include (but are not limited to):

- Seats for most high-speed trains (like SNCF TGV, Thalys, Lyria, Trenitalia Freccia, RENFE AVE, PKP EIP, Eurostar)
- Sleeping accommodation in night trains, like couchettes and beds
- Panoramic coaches, available in some scenic trains

For ferries, Interrail Pass holders must book and pay for the following in advance:

- Use of cabins, berths and reclining seats
- Seasonal supplements from June to September on the ferry lines operated by Attica Group (Superfast Ferries and Blue Star Ferries)
- Port taxes
- Use of certain boats

Seats that require an advance reservation can be in high demand, especially during the summer (particularly July/August), so we recommend you book your reservations well in advance. In case you have a 1st class Pass and 1st class reservations are sold out; you can also book a 2nd class reservation if those are available. High-speed trains in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland generally don't require reservations.

The Planner in the Rail Planner app will show when a seat reservation is compulsory. Reservations can be booked at train stations, with a rail pass agent, or online. Reservations for Italy and France, as well as some international trains (including Eurostar and Thalys), can also be booked via the Rail Planner app. You can find out more about reservations and where to book on [interrail.eu/reservations](https://www.interrail.eu/reservations).

Tip: In the Rail Planner app, you can use the 'No reservation needed' option when planning your trip. You might spend more time travelling and may need to change trains more frequently, but you'll avoid having to pay additional fees for seat reservations.

Pass benefits and discounts

Your Interrail Pass gives you access not just to Europe's train network, but also to lots of extra benefits and discounts across the continent for an even better trip. These include discounts on city cards, boat tours, hotel and hostel accommodation, museum tickets, other public transport, and plenty more.

You can make use of these discounts on any day within the overall validity of your Pass, even if you've used all of your travel days. For international ferry lines; it is important to check what validity is needed, as this can vary between operators. Sometimes a Pass only needs to be valid in the country of departure or the country of arrival.

How to book benefits and discounts

A lot of benefits can be arranged at the destination by showing your valid Interrail Pass, but most require advance booking. Check interrail.eu/en/benefits or the Rail Planner app before buying or booking, as benefits are subject to change without prior notice.

Tip: In the Pass Benefits section of the Rail Planner app, you can find a list of benefits listed by country. If a benefit requires an advanced booking, it will also contain details on how to book.

Interrail benefits

Save on more than just travel with our trusted benefit partners. Enjoy a wide range of free and discounted benefits with your Pass and experience the best of Europe at the most attractive prices. Download our Rail Planner app or go to interrail.eu/en/benefits to find benefits for your trip.

Must-see scenic routes

Up to 50% off or only a seat reservation required

Ferries

20-50% discount across Europe

City cards

10-50% discount on city cards, including Budapest, Frankfurt, Vienna, York, and many more

Tours and attractions

Up to 50% off on attractions, museums, and tours

Accommodation

10-20% discount on hotels and hostels across Europe

Food and drinks

10% discount at selected Hard Rock Cafes across Europe



Go one stop further

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