



## **INTERRAIL FACILITATES TRAVEL TO EURO 2008**

### ***Special Rail Pass on sale for travel in Austria and Switzerland***

Utrecht, the Netherlands, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – Eurail Group GIE, the company managing the InterRail Pass, is offering a special Euro 2008 Rail Pass, in conjunction with ÖBB and SBB, the Austrian and Swiss Federal Railways.

The UEFA European Football Championships, which are being held next month in various cities across the two host countries, attract floods of football fans; five million supporters are expected to travel to this event. Train travel is highly recommended, in order to avoid congestion on the roads and, consequently, additional trains are being put on to cope with the expected high volume of travellers.

To facilitate rail travel within the host nations, the InterRail Austria Switzerland Pass has been created, offering customers up to a staggering 35% discount on the usual price of purchasing two separate InterRail passes for these countries. This promotional pass, which is on sale now, can be purchased up until the end of June and is valid for a whole month, for three, four, six or eight days of travel.

Sixteen European teams will be competing in this tournament, which kicks off on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June in Basel, Switzerland with the first match between host nation Switzerland and the Czech Republic. The tournament comes to a climax on 29<sup>th</sup> June with the final being played in Vienna, Austria. Extensive information on the Euro 2008 Championships can be found at [www.euro2008.uefa.com](http://www.euro2008.uefa.com).

Austria's and Switzerland's railways are among the most modern, efficient, reliable and scenic in Europe. This rail pass is the perfect travel solution for those lucky enough to have a ticket to attend one of the matches or just wanting to soak up the exhilarating atmosphere. Additionally, however, visitors not interested in the matches can take advantage of this promotional offer to avoid the crowds in the host cities and head off the beaten track, for the pass is valid on all ÖBB and SBB trains as well as on many privately operated railways, covering literally thousands of miles of track.

Prices for the InterRail Austria Switzerland Pass start from 125 Euros for a three-day Youth Pass in second class. Both first and second class options are available for adult passengers. Note that this special offer is not available to permanent residents of Austria, Switzerland or Liechtenstein.

Eurail Group offers a wide range of InterRail Passes for single country travel, as well as the highly popular InterRail Global Pass, valid in 30 participating countries. For more information and to purchase visit [www.InterRailnet.com](http://www.InterRailnet.com) or contact a rail travel agent or participating Railway company.

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**Editor's note:** The railway companies of the following countries participate in the InterRail offer: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, (FYR) Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden and Turkey.