



Travelling by InterRail

Since 1972, backpackers have enjoyed the freedom to explore 30 European countries, thanks to the InterRail pass. Here, InterRail travellers say why they love InterRail so much.

Hannah Kopper (23, England)

Route

Amsterdam – Hamburg – Berlin – Warsaw – Krakow – Prague – Vienna – Budapest – Zagreb – Split – Mostar – Sarajevo – Belgrade

I love InterRail because you can go where you want, when you want! When we started our journey, we had an idea of where we wanted to go, but as we travelled we got new ideas. Changing our plans was easy – you can stay an extra night or two if you like a place, and if you don't like it you can go somewhere else. The InterRail pass gives you real freedom.

Arno Valentijn (29, The Netherlands)

Route

Amsterdam – Bonn – Stuttgart – Salzburg – Ljubljana – Split – Pescara – Bari – Corfu – Igoumenitsa – Patras – Athens

One of the best things about InterRail is that you get cheaper, or even free travel on ferries as well as trains. I travelled to Split in Croatia and then took the ferry to Pescara in Italy. Then I travelled by InterRail to the south of Italy, and then took the ferry to the Greek island of Corfu. It was fantastic! You also get discounts on hotels, tourist attractions, and lots more.

Virginie Gauguet (26, France)

Route

Paris – Versailles – Épernay – Blois – Angers – Lyons – Chamonix – Nice – Monaco – Ventimiglia – Pisa – Florence – Perugia – Assisi – Rome – Naples

In six weeks I met so many new interesting people and made friends from all over the world. It's a cheap way to travel too, especially if you take the night trains – I saved a lot of money on accommodation this way. I really want to go InterRailing again!

Rory Mitchell (21, Scotland)

Route

Innsbruck – Venice – Sienna – Lucca – Pisa – Florence – Cannes – Monaco – Nice – Figueras – Rosas – Barcelona – Paris – Antwerp

This was the first time I'd left the UK, and I loved it. InterRail is safe and easy for first-time travellers. I got an InterRail Global Pass so I could take as many trains as I wanted. I saw many amazing places, and learnt a lot about Europe's culture and history. I visited over 15 cities in less than a month. I'm definitely going to do it again next year!

READING

Read the text. Answer the questions with H (Hannah), A (Arno), V (Virginie), or R (Rory).

- 1 Which person made new friends while travelling? ☐
- 2 Who spent very little on accommodation? ☐
- 3 Who used their InterRail pass on another form of transport? ☐
- 4 Who was travelling abroad for the first time? ☐
- 5 Which person found it easy to make new plans while travelling? ☐