

GENERAL INFORMATION

PASSPORTS

Passengers travelling to Belgium and Luxembourg must hold a valid passport or a British visitor's passport: passengers holding British passports, issued in the United Kingdom do not normally require a visa to enter or transit Belgium, or to enter Luxembourg.

Full information is obtainable from the following Passport offices :

- Clive House, Petty France, Westminster, London S.W.1.
- Fifth Floor, India Buildings, Water Street, Liverpool 2.
- First Floor, Empire House, 131 West Nile Street, Glasgow C. 1.
- First Floor, Malborough House, 30 Victoria Street, Belfast.
- or from any office of the Departm. of Employment and Productivity.

British passports are obtainable from the same Passport offices. British visitor's passports are obtainable only at the offices of the Departm. of Employment and Productivity.

British Subjects and Citizens of the Irish Republic, not in possession of passports, travelling **on an excursion for not more than 60 hours**, may obtain, free of charge, an « Identity Card » (in lieu of « passport ») available for use on one occasion only.

Other nationals must carry valid passports. Passengers (other than children under 16 years of age) wishing to travel with « Identity Cards » must surrender, at the time of booking, a passport size photograph 2 3/4" x 2" for affixing to the « Identity Card » which will be handed to the passenger. « Identity Cards » can be obtained at the same time as the excursion tickets.

TICKETS

Through tickets (single and return) from London to Belgium can be obtained at — Sealink Travel Ltd., Continental Ticket & Information Office, Victoria Station, London, S.W.1V1JX where travel via **Dover/Folkestone-Ostend** is involved, — For any route, also at the British Rail Travel Centre, Lower Regent Street, London S.W.1Y4PQ (personal callers only) and the British Rail Appointed Travel Agencies.

Through tickets from Dover/Folkestone are also obtainable at the Ports.

BREAK OF JOURNEY

Break of journey is permitted without formality on the direct route in Great Britain and Belgium.

REGISTRATION OF BAGGAGE

Baggage can be registered from London (one hour prior to the Boat Train departure time in order to ensure clearance of the baggage by H.M. Customs) or Dover (in sufficient time to effect such registration and Customs clearance without delaying the departure of the ship) to certain destinations in Belgium. The rates generally consist of a unitary registration fee of 40 p per ticket presented and a charge dependent on the weight of the baggage and length of the journey. A free allowance of baggage (66 lbs adult and 44 lbs child) per passenger ticket presented is granted to Ostend only and does not however apply to certain items which have to be registered and charged separately as :

	Period 1.10/31.10.72		From 1.11.72 onwards	
	LONDON-OSTEND	DOVER-OSTEND	LONDON-OSTEND	DOVER-OSTEND
	£	£	£	£
Two-wheeled vehicles	2.00	1.20	2.05	1.25
Invalid carriage (with or without motor) (1)	5.50	3.50	5.70	3.70
Motorcycle(2) or Motor Scooter combination(2) (with side-car detached when rail journey involved)	4.30	3.50	4.50	3.70

(1) Invalid chairs or carriages essential for the use of invalid passengers on the journey are conveyed free of charge.

(2) These vehicles when accepted from port to port only, are conveyed by the car-ferries.

EMBARKATION AT THE PORTS

Passengers joining the ships at Dover/Folkestone or Ostend should be on board at least 15 minutes before the advertised departure times.

DISEMBARKATION AT THE PORTS

Passengers must disembark at Dover, Folkestone or Ostend as soon as the ship arrives.

SEAT RESERVATIONS

Seats in England

OUTWARD DIRECTION — 1st and 2nd class seats in the Boat Trains from London (Victoria) to Dover Marine can be reserved by post up to 6 months in advance or by personal application 12 weeks in advance, but not later than at 14 hrs. before day of travel to Sealink Travel Limited Continental Ticket and Information Office, Victoria Station, London, SW1V1JX, or at the British Rail Travel Centre, Lower Regent Street, London SW1Y4PQ, or at the British Rail Appointed Travel Agencies. Reservation fee : 25 p. per seat irrespective of class.

INWARD DIRECTION — 1st and 2nd class seats in certain Boat Trains from Dover Marine to London (Victoria) can also be reserved at the above mentioned offices and travel agencies.

Seats in Belgium

The reservation of seats is not organised, owing to the hourly service between Ostend and Brussels.

CABIN AND BERTH RESERVATIONS

Cabin reservations

On board the ships a limited number of two berth cabins (also private cabins on most of the passenger ships) are available at the following charges : de-luxe cabin £ 3.00; special cabin £ 2.00; private cabins £ 1.45.

Cabin passengers are provided without any extra charges with two towels and a small cake of soap as well as a rug and a pillow case for the day journey, or a woollen blanket, two sheets, and a pillow case for the night journey. Reservations for a de-luxe or a special cabin can be made in advance through the intermediary of railway stations or travel agencies or directly at the offices as mentioned on page 7.

P.S. : Private cabins (not available on m.v. « Prinses Paola ») and cabins on the « Folkestone-Ostend » v.v. sailings (£2 per 2 or 4 berth cabin) are however only obtainable through the Purser o/b ship and are not reservable in advance.

Berth reservations

On board of all the ships (except on the « Folkestone-Ostend » v.v. sailings), berths are at the disposal of passengers (free of charge) in the Ladies' and Gentlemen's saloons.

On board the **night** ships (April 19/20, May 25/26) berths can be reserved in advance upon payment of 20 p. per berth and upon application to Sealink Travel Ltd., Continental Ticket and information Office, Victoria Station, London, SW1V1JX, to the British Rail Travel Centre, Lower Regent Street, London SW1Y4PQ (personal callers only), or at the Mailboat Service Ostend.

Passengers occupying berths can hire a blanket against payment of 15 p. Passengers are earnestly requested to obtain from the steward a bill showing the price paid for any article hired.

REFRESHMENT FACILITIES

Restaurant

The restaurant is open to all passengers. Meals are served at fixed prices, but à la carte meals are also obtainable.

Special arrangements for school and other parties.

Moreover, there is a cafeteria where all sorts of specialities are offered at very reasonable prices.

There is also a tax-free shop for cigarettes, perfumes and spirits.

Complaints.

Should be made at once to the chief steward on board the ship.

MISCELLANEOUS

From one hour before sailing time, and during the crossing, passengers may send telegrams and obtain telephone calls with **all countries**. Please apply to the ship's radio officer on the upper deck.

Folding deck-chairs and stools are provided **free of charge**.

Blankets can be hired upon payment of 15 p.

COMPLAINTS

Should be made at once to the Purser on board the ship.

PORTERAGE AT OSTEND

Porters are at the disposal of passengers at Ostend Quay (not at Car Ferry Terminal). Passengers availing themselves of their services are doing so under their own responsibility and no claim for damage to or loss of luggage, whilst in the care of the porters, can be entertained.

The porterage fees between 5 a.m. and 10 p.m. on weekdays are as follows : per fraction of 15 minutes service 10 FB per package.

If this service exceeds the 15 minutes, the total fee is increased by 10 FB per package and per 15 minutes in excess or part thereof.

These porterage fees between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. or on Sundays and Public Holidays must be increased by 25 %.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE TRANSPORT OF CATS AND DOGS

Cats and dogs (charge per single crossing £ 1.85 via Dover/Folkestone-Ostend) can be taken to the passengers accommodation but must be kept under the owners' supervision and see that they do not inconvenience other passengers. Dogs not confined in suitable kennels, must be held on a lead and must be muzzled.

Special regulations are in force governing the landing of cats and dogs in Belgium. (*Certificate to be shown from an official Veterinary Surgeon.*)

EXCHANGE OF MONEY

An exchange office (Bureau de change) is available on board the ships.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information (but NOT for bookings or reservations) apply to the Belgian Maritime Transport Authority, 167, Regent Street London W1.

TOURIST INFORMATION

For illustrated guides and for all tourist information, apply to Belgian National Tourist Office, 66, Haymarket, London SW1Y4RF. — Tel. : 01-930.9618.

SPECIAL BOOKLETS AND FOLDERS

- The series of « Country Booklets » published by Sealink for passengers travelling to the Continent by rail/ship via Dover/Folkestone/Harwich-Ostend.
- The brochure « Sealink Car Ferries to Europe 1972'' or 1973'' with full details of the DOVER/OSTEND, FOLKESTONE/OSTEND and HARWICH/OSTEND car ferry services for motorists crossing with their cars.

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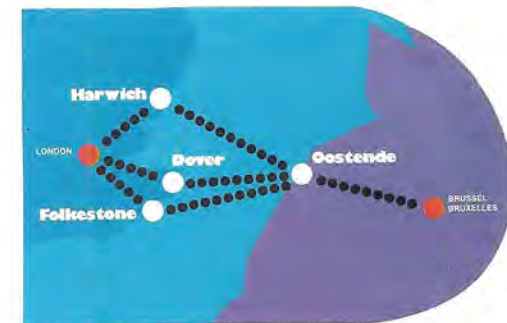
Sealink

To Belgium by train & ship via

Dover-Oostende Folkestone-Oostende Harwich-Oostende



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Services, fares, etc.
October 1, 1972 - June 2, 1973

TIMETABLES FROM LONDON TO BELGIUM VIA DOVER/FOLKESTONE-OSTEND

		DAILY (except 25 Dec)		26 & 27 May		14 April - Daily April 18 to 30 (except April 22, 23 & 26 Also May 5, 25 & 26)		DAILY (except 25 Dec)		14 April - Daily April 18 to 29 (except April 22 & 26)		DAILY (except 25 Dec)		DAILY (except Dec. 23, 24 & 25)		Night April 19/20 and May 25/26	
		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
London (Vict.)	D	—	09.00	09.30	11.00(A)	14.00	14.45(A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.00	
Dover (Marine)	A	—	09.20	10.50	12.20(A)	15.20	16.12(A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	00.22	
Folkestone Harbour	D	—	10.00	11.35	13.00(A)	16.00	16.50(A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	01.00	
Ostend (Railw. Station)	A	—	13.20	14.55	16.20	19.20	20.10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ostend (Car Ferry Term.)	A	14.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Trains to

BRUSSELS and LIEGE		DAILY (except Dec. 24, 25 & 26)		14, 15 & 16 April Daily April 20 to May 5 (except April 22) Also May 19 & 26, June 1 & 2		DAILY (except Dec. 25)		DAILY (except Dec. 25)	
Ostend	D	13.51	14.51	15.51	16.51	19.51	20.55	21.03	5.50
Bruges	A	14.05	15.05	16.05	17.05	20.05	21.11	21.19	6.04
Ghent S-Piet.	A	14.31	15.31	16.31	17.31	20.31	21.37	21.45	6.31
Bruss. Midi	A	15.04	16.04	17.04	18.04	21.04	22.10	22.19	7.05
Bruss. Centr.	A	15.13	16.13	17.17	18.12	21.13	—	—	7.12
Bruss. North	A	15.17	16.17	17.21	18.16	21.17	22.24	22.30	7.17
Liège Guill.	A	16.21(1)	17.25	18.45	19.27	22.22(3)	—	23.39(4)	8.25(1)

ANTWERP		DAILY (except Dec. 24, 25 & 26)		14, 15 & 16 April Daily April 20 to May 5 (except April 22) Also May 19 & 26, June 1 & 2		DAILY (except Dec. 25)		DAILY (except Dec. 25)	
Ostend	D	13.51	14.51	15.51	16.51	19.51	20.55	21.03	5.50
Bruss. Midi	A	15.04(a)	16.04(a)	17.04(a)	18.04(a)	21.04(a)	22.10(a)	22.15	7.05(a)
Mechel. (Mal.)	A	15.35	16.35	17.37	18.35	21.35	22.37	22.37	7.36
Antw. Centr.	A	15.52	16.52	17.53	18.53	21.52	22.53	22.53	7.53

NAMUR and LUXEMBOURG		DAILY (except Dec. 24, 25 & 26)		14, 15 & 16 April Daily April 20 to May 5 (except April 22) Also May 19 & 26, June 1 & 2		DAILY (except Dec. 25)		DAILY (except Dec. 25)	
Ostend	D	13.51	14.51	15.51	16.51	19.51	20.55	21.03	5.50
Bruss. North	A	15.17(a)	16.17(a)	17.21(a)	18.16(a)	21.17(a)	22.24	22.24	7.17(a)
Namur	A	16.39	17.11	18.43	19.06	22.39	23.09	23.09	8.13
Luxembourg	A	—	19.01	—	—	—	1.21	—	10.01

▲ One class only on ship.

NOTES :

- (A) One hour earlier from 29-10-72 until 17-3-73.
- (a) Change.
- (1) Not on Sundays and Public Holidays.
- (2) On Saturdays : Liège (Guill.) A.18.21.
- (3) On Saturdays : Liège (Guill.) A.23.08.
- (4) From 20 to 26.12.1972 and from 13 to 30.4.1973 this train takes only the passengers bound for Liège (G.) subject to eventual inspection by the Customs in this station.

Passengers should be on board the ships at least 15 minutes before the advertised departure time.

TIMETABLES FROM BELGIUM TO LONDON VIA OSTEND-DOVER/FOLKESTONE

LUXEMBOURG and NAMUR		DAILY (except Dec. 24, 25 & 26)		14, 15 & 16 April Daily April 20 to May 5 (except April 22) Also May 19 & 26, June 1 & 2		DAILY (except Dec. 25)		DAILY (except Dec. 25)	
Luxembourg	D	—	4.59	9.19	—	—	—	—	—
Namur	A	6.22	7.08	11.14	—	—	—	—	—
Brussels North	A	7.13(a)	7.57	11.58(a)	—	—	—	—	—
Ostend	D	7.47	8.01	12.25	—	—	—	—	—
	A	9.13	9.34	13.54	—	—	—	—	—

ANTWERP		DAILY (except Dec. 24, 25 & 26)		14, 15 & 16 April Daily April 20 to May 5 (except April 22) Also May 19 & 26, June 1 & 2		DAILY (except Dec. 25)		DAILY (except Dec. 25)	
Antwerp Central	D	6.37	7.06(2)	12.07	—	—	—	—	—
Mechelen (Mal.)	D	6.53	7.24	12.24	—	—	—	—	—
Brussels Midi	A	7.19(a)	7.48(a)	12.47(a)	—	—	—	—	—
Ostend	D	8.00	8.00	13.00	—	—	—	—	—
	A	9.13	9.13	14.13	—	—	—	—	—

LIEGE and BRUSSELS		DAILY (except Dec. 24, 25 & 26)		14, 15 & 16 April Daily April 20 to May 5 (except April 22) Also May 19 & 26, June 1 & 2		DAILY (except Dec. 25)		DAILY (except Dec. 25)	
Liège Guillemins	D	6.22	6.45	11.18	—	—	—	—	—
Brussels North	D	7.47	7.58	12.25	—	—	—	—	—
Brussels Central	D	7.52	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brussels Midi	D	8.00	8.13	12.39	—	—	—	—	—
Ghent St-Pieters	D	8.33	8.47	13.12	—	—	—	—	—
Bruges	D	8.59	9.13	13.38	—	—	—	—	—
Ostend	A	9.13	9.29	13.54	—	—	—	—	—

Ostend-Dover/Folkestone-London Services		DAILY (except Dec. 24, 25 & 26)		14, 15 & 16 April Daily April 20 to May 5 (except April 22) Also May 19 & 26, June 1 & 2		DAILY (except Dec. 25)		DAILY (except Dec. 25)	
Ostend (Car Ferry Term.)	D	4.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.00
Ostend (Railway Station)	D	—	—	9.50	—	—	—	—	—
Folkestone (Harbour)	D	8.00(A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.00(A)
Dover (Marine)	A	—	—	13.10	—	—	—	—	—
London (Victoria)	A	—	—	13.40	—	—	—	—	—
	D	—	—	13.40	—	—	—	—	—
	A	—	—	15.08	—	—	—	—	—

▲ One class only on ship.

NOTES :

- (A) One hour earlier from 29-10-72 until 17-3-1973.
- (a) Change.
- (1) Not on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.
- (2) Not on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Passengers should be on board the ships at least 15 minutes before the advertised departure time.

FARES

All tickets (single or return) valid for 2 months. Port taxes are included in the fares.

(These are the normal fares - for special reduced fare facilities see p. 6)

Adult fares (one class only)	S	Period 1.10/31.10.72(*)		From 1.11.72 onwards	
		Dover/Folkestone to Ostend	3.30 6.60	Dover/Folkestone to Ostend	3.70 7.40
via Dover/Folkestone to Ostend (one class on ship)		1st class rail	2nd class rail	1st class rail	2nd class rail
OSTEND	S	5.70	4.90	6.10	5.30
ANTWERP	S	8.65	6.85	9.55	7.60
BRUGES	S	6.15	5.20	6.60	5.70
BRUSSELS	S	7.80	6.30	8.55	6.95
GHENT	S	6.80	5.65	7.40	6.20
LIEGE	S	9.55	7.50	10.60	8.35
MECHELEN (a)	S	8.20	6.60	9.05	7.30
NAMUR	S	8.90	7.05	9.85	7.80
LUXEMBOURG	S	11.65	8.90	13.10	10.00

(*) Fares to destinations beyond Ostend are subject to a « floating £ » surcharge.
(a) Via Brussels.

REDUCED FARES FOR CHILDREN

Single and return tickets are issued to children of 4 but under 12 years of age at half adult fares. On British rail and maritime sections this reduction is also obtainable for children of 12 but under 14 years of age.

PARTY TRAFFIC — Reduced fare facilities are granted to organised parties of 10 (or paying for this number) adults, juveniles, scholars and students travelling to the Continent. In addition free travel facilities are granted to the conductors of parties of at least 15 adult passengers. Party fares will be quoted upon application.

BELGIAN COASTAL RESORTS

Electric trams run between Ostend and the various coastal resorts East and West of Ostend. The tramstation at Ostend is situated about 150 yards to the left leaving Ostend Station.

Through bookings may be effected from London (Victoria) or Dover/Folkestone to the Belgian coastal resorts (and vice versa) by adding the undermentioned fares to the fares from London or Dover/Folkestone to Ostend. Registered baggage however can only be accepted from London (Victoria) or Dover to Ostend (and vice versa). For the conveyance of baggage by the Belgian Vicinal Railways from Ostend to the Coastal resorts (or vice versa) the undermentioned baggage charges have to be paid by the passenger.

VICINAL RAILWAYS FARES AND BAGGAGE CHARGES

EAST OF OSTEND FROM OSTEND TO	Fares in each direction		WEST OF OSTEND FROM OSTEND TO	Fares in each direction	
	Adult	Child. (4-10 years)		Adult	Child. (4-10 years)
Bredene a/zee	0.09	0.06	Mariakerke, Bad	0.09	0.06
Klemsk., De Haan	0.14	0.07	Raversijde	0.10	0.06
Wenduine	0.20	0.10	Middelkerke	0.14	0.07
Blankenberge	0.24	0.12	Westende, Bad	0.19	0.10
Zeebrugge, Muur Zeebrugge, Vaart	0.30	0.15	Lombardsijde, Bad	0.22	0.11
Heist, Dijk Heist, Duinbergen	0.33	0.17	Nieuwpoort, Bad	0.28	0.14
Knokke, Station	0.35	0.18	Oostduinkerke, Bad	0.31	0.16
Knokke, Zoute	0.37	0.19	Koksijde, Bad	0.33	0.17
			De Panne, Dijk	0.37	0.19

BAGGAGE CHARGES :

Weight of consignment : from 0 kg to 5 kg : 10 FB
from 6 kg to 30 kg : 20 FB
from 31 kg to 50 kg : 30 FB
from 51 kg to 70 kg : 40 FB
from 71 kg to 90 kg : 50 FB

For certain specified articles, such as pedal bicycles and tandems, etc., special rates are applicable.

SEASON-TICKETS ON VICINAL RAILWAYS TO VISIT THE BELGIAN COASTAL RESORTS

- One day season ticket : 100 FB + 10 FB guarantee.
- Season ticket for 5 days, chosen freely by the holder out of 7 consecutive days : 300 FB + 20 FB guarantee.

The guarantee will only be refunded if the ticket is handed in the same day after the last journey (10 FB) or the day following this of validity (20 FB).

SPECIAL REDUCED FARE FACILITIES

APPLICABLE BY PASSENGER SERVICES ONLY

« WEEK-END RETURN » TRIPS (1)

From 29.9.72 until 18.12.72; from 5.1.73 until 16.4.73 and from 4.5.73 until 21.5.73.

These trips will only be valid on passenger steamers and for outward travel on Fridays or Saturdays with return on Sunday or Monday of the same week-end.

Return fares

		one class on ship	
		1st class rail	2nd class rail
		£	£
LONDON-OSTEND	adult	7.50	6.50
	child (4-14)	3.75	3.25
DOVER/FOLKESTONE-OSTEND	adult	—	4.50
	child (4-14)	—	2.25

Reduced rate tickets are obtainable from the offices mentioned on page 7 (Tickets).

Valid Passports are required but « No Passport » facilities exist if return to the United Kingdom is made on Sunday (Monday if passengers travelled out on Saturday) (see regulations on page 7).

(1) If not used on the appropriate services for the return journey an additional payment up to normal return fare will be collected on board.

RAIL EUROP JUNIOR (R.E.J.)-CARD

The attention is drawn upon the fact that this card — about which full information is obtainable in the Railwaystations — entitles to a reduction of 25 % upon the normal price of the crossing.

CONVEYANCE BY CARFERRIES

The information contained in this folder e.g. fares, timetables, etc. applies only to the passenger services between Dover and Ostend which are operated by means of 6 modern passenger ships.

In addition to this, the Sealink fleet has roll-on-roll-off ferries specially designed and built for the conveyance of accompanied motor vehicles and providing regular services between Dover/Folkestone and Ostend. Although in principle intended as carferries, a certain number of foot passengers, this means passengers not accompanying a vehicle are also accepted on board the carferries. During the period 1.10.1972 until 2.6.1973 these ships operate every day (except Christmas Day) in both directions at least 3 services between Dover and Ostend (a night sailing and 2 day sailings) and 2 services between Folkestone and Ostend.

Full information with regard to conveyance of accompanied vehicles (cars, motor-cycles, coaches, etc.) is given in the Sealink brochure « Carferries to the Continent » (1972 or 1973 edition), which can be obtained free of charge from your Travel agent or Automobile club.