

European Train Travel Questionnaire

Are you thinking about vacationing in Europe and wondering if you should travel throughout Europe using a rail pass or just get tickets for the towns and cities you want to visit? Here are the questions you should ask yourself to help make the decision.

1. What countries and cities do you plan to visit on your trip?

2. How long do you plan to travel in Europe? _____

3. Do you want to travel every day, or do you plan to stay a few days in each city?

4. Will you be traveling alone? If not, how many in your party will be traveling together? _____

5. What are the ages of those in your party? _____

6. What is your budget? _____

7. What level of accommodations would you prefer; first class, second class, etc...?

8. Do you generally travel with a lot of luggage? _____

9. Do you have any particular hobbies or interests that will dictate which cities you may want to visit?

Generally, if you are travelling to several cities and will be spending at least 3 or more days using the train, you will want to look at the cost of a rail pass. With a rail pass you can take several train trips over the course of several days all for one simple fee. I would suggest that you check out <http://www.raileurope.com/index.html> to get an idea of your various options. Make sure to check with me before you make any purchases as I may be able to find you a special rate or promotion that can save you some money.

The more countries you visit and the greater the number of train travel days and the longer the total visit, the more expensive the pass will be. That does not mean that you want to cut your trip short, but you may want to spend more time in each city and fewer days on the train. You may also want to consider an overnight train to save the cost of a hotel room. Generally trips that start after 7:00 pm and go into the next day are counted as only one train travel day.