



Eurostar and WebBeds expand hotel package programme

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Eurostar, the high-speed passenger rail service linking the UK with mainland Europe, is increasing the choice of properties in its hotel collection, in partnership with WebBeds. 70 new hotels will be added to its rail and accommodation packages; 25 in Paris, 15 in Brussels, 10 in Amsterdam and 20 in other destinations.

Launched in 2018, Eurostar's hotels collection offers an exclusive range of hand-picked hotels with special rates when booked together with travel. It has been developed with WebBeds, the world's second largest and fastest growing B2B accommodation provider. A year on, the new partnership is proving a success with the number of passengers booking a hotel in conjunction with their rail ticket growing at an average of 25% per month.

Eurostar's hand-picked portfolio ranges from value two-star to luxurious five-star hotels and even serviced apartments, spread over 15 cities; Amsterdam, Antwerp, Avignon, Bruges, Brussels, Cologne, Disneyland, Ghent, Lille, London, Lyon, Marseilles, Paris, Rotterdam and Strasbourg. The collection has been curated by Eurostar to provide travellers with the best selection of high quality city-centre hotels, grouped in different themes to make booking the trip quick and easy. From design gems to gastronomic hot-spots, the platform helps customers identify the perfect, tried and tested hotel.

Henry Ledden, Head of Commercial, Eurostar, said: “Our partnership with WebBeds allows us to provide a tailored selection of hotels to suit the varied needs of our customers. We want to make it easy for travellers to find quality places to stay, and we now have an appropriate break across an even broader range of our destinations, with the lowest fares when booking accommodation and travel together.”

Nigel Horne, CEO Europe, WebBeds, said: “The expansion of the Eurostar programme is a reflection of a very successful partnership and increasing demand from travellers who want to book rail ticket and hotel packages in a simple and seamless way. Customers are becoming ever more appreciative of the convenience, comfort and environmental advantages of travelling by train; so given the quality of Eurostar’s service, I expect these rail and accommodation packages to keep growing in popularity.”

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About Eurostar:

Eurostar is the high-speed train service linking St Pancras International, Ebbsfleet International, Ashford International, Paris, Brussels, Lille, Calais, Disneyland Resort Paris, Lyon, Avignon, Marseille, the French Alps, Rotterdam and Amsterdam. From its early days of operation Eurostar has championed the environmental benefits of high speed rail and the switch to sustainable modes of transport for short haul travel. A Eurostar journey from London to Amsterdam emits **80% less carbon** than the equivalent short haul flight making it a clear choice for the future of travel in Europe.

Customers travelling by Eurostar can enjoy a range of benefits including:

- Seamless city centre to city centre travel, with stations located in the heart of our destinations
- Comfort and space on board to work or unwind with wifi connectivity and onboard entertainment
- Fast and convenient check-in - passengers are asked to arrive only 30 minutes before departure
- Generous, free-of-charge baggage allowance with each passenger allowed 2 bags/suitcases and 1 piece of hand luggage
- No queues or baggage reclaim upon arrival - simply take your bag with you on board

About WebBeds:

Formed in 2013, WebBeds is the world’s second largest and fastest growing accommodation supplier to the travel industry, operating its B2B business in Europe through a portfolio of brands comprising JacTravel, Sunhotels, Totalstay, and Destinations of the World, (DOTW). WebBeds provides a global distribution network of travel trade partners with the choice of 250,000 hotels in over 10,000 destinations worldwide.

Customers can access this huge choice of inventory, (ranging from affordable guest-houses to luxury hotels and including international chain hotels, city-centre and resort properties) via market-leading, trade-only websites or simple and seamless platform to platform API connectivity.

WebBeds is a subsidiary of Webjet Limited (ASX: WEB) – an ASX 200 listed company operating a digital travel business with AUD\$3.5 billion in total annual turnover. For more information about WebBeds visit www.webbeds.com.

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