

CHINESE RAILWAY TIMETABLE

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INTRODUCTION

In 2001 I published the first edition of my Chinese Railway Timetable. This translates available timetable information into English, and also converts the information into the style of a British or European railway timetable, from the somewhat incomprehensible Chinese format. The timetable is now into its third edition, with the fourth planned for publication in June 2004. Further details of the timetable are given below.

The timetable is proving popular, but for many travellers, both potential and actual, it contains far more information than is required. I have therefore developed this timetable, which shows direct, air conditioned trains running between a selection of major Chinese cities. The timetable is set out in the 'quick reference' format used in airline timetables. In addition two tables in the style of my Chinese Railway Timetable are included. Table 20T# gives full details of the intensive express service between Guangzhou and Shenzhen, whilst Table 44 shows a very different railway in northern China, where it is possible to travel nearly 1,000km in a train hauled by steam locomotives. I hope that travellers who are not familiar with the use of railway timetables will find this timetable easy to understand; I welcome feedback as always.

The Quick Reference Timetable is based on my October 2002 timetable, and has been updated to take account of changes up to October 2003. Table 20T# is updated to September 2003 and Table 44 to October 2003. Whilst the changes to services since October 2002 have been minor, major changes are expected in April 2004 - potential travellers should bear this in mind. I intend to publish a new edition based on the April 2004 timetable.

Changes to train services can occur at any time (sometimes at short notice); itineraries should be confirmed locally whenever possible.

For many travellers the information in this timetable will be sufficient. In particular it may give potential travellers the confidence to include rail travel in their plans. However I do hope that it may whet some travellers' appetite for more information about rail travel possibilities in China - if so you now know where to find it!

Whatever your interest I hope you find the timetable informative and useful. If you like it please tell others; if you don't please tell me!

Duncan Peattie
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17 February 2004

THE CHINESE RAILWAY TIMETABLE

This quick reference timetable is made freely available to assist travellers with journey planning. It shows direct, air conditioned trains running between selected major cities in China. The trains in this timetable represent a small fraction of trains running in China. More information can be found in my Chinese Railway Timetable, which lists every train shown in the official timetable (over 2,400) plus some others. The timetable contains many useful features, including an index map, an index (in Pinyin and Chinese characters) to the over 850 stations shown, information about travelling by train in China and a copyable, bilingual booking form to assist with the purchase of train tickets.

Due to its size and complexity the full timetable is not a free publication, but I believe that it offers good value for money. The timetable is available either in printed form (size A4 or A5 - 147 pages) or as two .pdf files (total size 1.64MB). The .pdf version costs GBP9; the printed version costs GBP15 or 18 post paid dependent on size and destination. Payment may be made in various currencies and by various methods, including the possibility of credit card payment. Please contact me, stating your location and how you heard of me, for full details.

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CITIES COVERED BY THIS TIMETABLE

The Chinese characters on this page can be used to assist with buying train tickets.

The timetable shows trains between selected cities in China. It is divided into three parts as follows:

Part one covers trains between: Beijing,
Guangzhou,
and Shanghai

北京
广州
上海

Part two covers trains between Beijing / Guangzhou / Shanghai and the following cities:

Changchun	长春	Hangzhou	杭州	Shenzhen (for Hong Kong)	深圳
Changsha	长沙	Hong Kong (Jiulong)	九龙	Tianjin	天津
Chengdu	成都	Kunming	昆明	Wuchang	武昌
Chongqing	重庆	Nanjing	南京	Wulumuqi (Urumqi)	乌鲁木齐
Dalian	大连	Nanning	南宁	Xi'an	西安
Guilin	桂林	Qingdao	青岛	Zhengzhou	郑州
Haerbin	哈尔滨	Shenyang	沈阳		

Part three covers trains between the following city pairs:

Chengdu and Chongqing	Chengdu and Kunming	Chengdu and Xi'an
Chongqing and Kunming	Dalian and Shenyang	Guilin and Xi'an
Kunming and Nanning	Wulumuqi (Urumqi) and Xi'an	Wulumuqi (Urumqi) and Zhengzhou

HOW TO USE THE TIMETABLE

All trains shown in this timetable are air conditioned, and run direct between the places shown. Other journey possibilities may exist, either by non air conditioned direct trains or involving a change of trains. This timetable does not attempt to show all possibilities - full details are available in my 'Chinese Railway Timetable' - details above.

All trains shown in this timetable run daily except as shown. Where the day of arrival is not the same as the day of departure this information is given in the notes column.

Times shown in **bold** indicate that the train starts at (in the case of departure times) or terminates at (in the case of arrival times) the station shown. Where this applies to both departure and arrival the whole line is shown in **bold**. Reservations (and seats where reservations are not held) are often easier to obtain from the starting point of a train; boarding may be a more relaxed experience than at intermediate stations.

The example below shows trains from Guangzhou to Shenyang in the left box, and from Shenyang to Guangzhou in the right box.

Within each box a line of entry represents a train, in the form: Train number, departure time, arrival time and notes (if any)

Some trains serve a station other than the main station; this is shown by a **bold letter** between the hours and minutes for the station - see examples below

EXAMPLE TABLE

Table numbers (in my full timetable)
applicable to this journey (in order)

SHENYANG

20,1		GUANGZHOU		SHENYANG		1,20		SHENYANG		GUANGZHOU	
Train	dep	arr	Notes	Train	dep	arr	Notes	Train	dep	arr	Notes
T92	08 39	15b39	+1	T122	12 48	20d35	+1	T238	21b38	05d13	+2
T236	18d05	01b51	+2	T94	22b20	05 15	+2				
T124	23d30	07 14	+2								

Bold type - train starts at Guangzhou and terminates at Shenyang - reservations can be easier to obtain on such trains

Light type - train terminates beyond Shenyang

b - bei 北 (north) station

d - dong 东 (east) station

n - nan 南 (south) station

x - xi 西 (west) station

no letter - main station

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PART TWO (continued) - Trains between Beijing / Guangzhou / Shanghai and:

DALIAN

1.5 Train T225 T81	BEIJING dep 18 48 21 30	DALIAN arr 06 42 07 07	Notes +1
5.1 Train T227 T83	DALIAN dep 17 45 20 32	BEIJING arr 05 30 06 09	Notes +1
20.1,5 Train No direct service	Guangzhou dep Travel via Beijing	DALIAN arr Notes	
5.1,20 Train No direct service	DALIAN dep Travel via Beijing	Guangzhou arr Notes	
15.1,5 Train T132	Shanghai dep 16 03	DALIAN arr 15 56	Notes +1
5.1,15 Train T131	DALIAN dep 11 53	Shanghai arr 11 57	Notes +1

GUILIN

20,21 Train T5 K157	BEIJING dep 10x51 16x20	GUILIN arr 10 21 21 55	Notes +1
21,20 Train K158 T6	GUILIN dep 01 06 17 29	BEIJING arr 05x20 16x54	Notes +1
20(S), 21 Train K36	Guangzhou dep 19 09	GUILIN arr 08 21	Notes +1
21, 20(S) Train K38	GUILIN dep 18 25	Guangzhou arr 07 22	Notes +1
18,21 Train K149	Shanghai dep 20 10	GUILIN arr 20 34	Notes +1
21,18 Train K150	GUILIN dep 16 37	Shanghai arr 18 10	Notes +1

HAERBIN

1 Train K339 T47 T71 T17	BEIJING dep 12 40 16 00 17 30 18 20	HAERBIN arr 03 38 04 29 06 19 06 49	Notes +1
1 Train T238 T72 T18 T48	HAERBIN dep 15 58 17 11 20 32 21 27	BEIJING arr 05 06 06 01 09 01 09 56	Notes +1
20,1 Train T236	Guangzhou dep 18d05	Haerbin arr 07 33	Notes +2
1,20 Train T238	Haerbin dep 15 58	Guangzhou arr 05d13	Notes +2
15,1 Train K56	Shanghai dep 09 21	Haerbin arr 16 31	Notes +1
1,15 Train K58	Haerbin dep 14 01	Shanghai arr 21 42	Notes +1

HANGZHOU

15, [18/15L] Train T31 K101	BEIJING dep 15 50 23 10	HANGZHOU arr 07 30 21d37	Notes +1
[15L/18] 15 Train K102 T32	HANGZHOU dep 16d20 21 40	BEIJING arr 14 57 13 20	Notes +1
20(S), 18 Train K48 1311 1312 K210	Guangzhou dep 09 46 05d58 09 54	Hangzhou arr 06d46 04 56 07d40	Notes +1
18, 20(S) Train K209 K47	Hangzhou dep 12 36 14d00	Guangzhou arr 10 30 11 18	Notes +1
18 Train Frequent service	Shanghai dep 05d58	Hangzhou arr 04 56	Journey time c.2 hours
18 Train Frequent service	Hangzhou dep 13 35	Shanghai arr 11 04	Some trains serve Shanghai Nan or Hangzhou Dong

HONG KONG (Juilong)

20,20T Train T97 # - Alternate day service: Departs Beijing Xi on: ODD days in Feb, Apr, May, Aug, Nov & Dec 2004 EVEN days in Jan, Mar, Jun, Jul, Sep & Oct 2004	BEIJING dep 10x06 #	HONG KONG arr 11 52 +1 #	Notes
20T,20 Train T98 # - Alternate day service: Departs Hong Kong on: ODD days in Jan, Mar, Jun, Jul, Sep & Oct 2004 EVEN days in Feb, Apr, May, Aug, Nov & Dec 2004	Hong Kong dep 16 10 #	BEIJING arr 18x05 +1 #	Notes
20T Train T811 T801 T813 T361 T803 T817 T819	Guangzhou dep 08d38 09d50 11d00 11d50 14d28 15d55 17d20	Hong Kong arr 10 25 11 22 12 42 13 38 16 00 17 32 19 17	Notes
20T Train T820 T824 T812 T802 T814 T362 T804	Hong Kong dep 08 25 09 25 11 05 12 10 13 25 14 30 16 45	Guangzhou arr 10d07 11d12 12d42 13d42 15d22 16d17 18d17	Notes
20T, 20(S), 18 Train K99 # - Alternate day service: Departs Shanghai on: ODD days in Jan, Mar, Jun, Jul, Sep & Oct 2004 EVEN days in Feb, Apr, May, Aug, Nov & Dec 2004	Shanghai dep 12 25 #	Hong Kong arr 11 52 +1 #	Notes
18, 20(S), 20T Train K100 # - Alternate day service: Departs Hong Kong on: ODD days in Feb, Apr, May, Aug, Nov & Dec 2004 EVEN days in Jan, Mar, Jun, Jul, Sep & Oct 2004	Hong Kong dep 16 10 #	Shanghai arr 15 54 +1 #	Notes

KUNMING

20,22 Train T61	BEIJING dep 20x00	KUNMING arr 15 17	Notes +2
22,20 Train T62	KUNMING dep 18 44	BEIJING arr 13x40	Notes +2
20U, 21 Train 1165	Guangzhou dep 09 58	KUNMING arr 15 31	Notes +1
21, 20U Train 1166	KUNMING dep 23 23	Guangzhou arr 06 08	Notes +2
18,22 Train K79	Shanghai dep 12 42	KUNMING arr 08 36	Notes +2
22,18 Train K80	KUNMING dep 16 06	Shanghai arr 12 36	Notes +2

NANJING

15 Train K255 K45 T85 T65 K101	BEIJING dep 04n54 09 03 17 01 20 40 23 10	NANJING arr 19 34 23 07 04 35 08 01 13 40	Notes +1
15 Train K102 K46 K256 T86 T66 1426	Nanjing dep 00 32 08 25 16 13 19 27 21 09 21 48	BEIJING arr 14 57 22 20 06n46 07 02 08 31 14 13	Notes +1
20(S), 18,15 Train 1312	Guangzhou dep 09 54	Nanjing arr 14 30	Notes +1
15,18, 20(S) Train 1311	Nanjing dep 23 03	Guangzhou arr 04 56	Notes +2
15 Train Frequent service	Shanghai dep Frequent service	Nanjing arr Journey time c.3 hours	
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PART THREE - Trains between City Pairs (in alphabetical order):

Chengdu & Chongqing

CHENGDU & CHONGQING				
Train	dep	arr	Notes	
K927	21 08	07 29	+1	
K928	21 10	07 28	+1	

Chengdu & Kunming

CHENGDU & KUNMING				
Train	dep	arr	Notes	
K113	13 44	08 25	+1	
K165	14 14	09 25	+1	
2511	22 00	18 55	+1	
T2512	11 51	07 08	+1	
K114	13 07	07 40	+1	
K166	21 04	15 50	+1	

Chengdu & Xi'an

CHENGDU & XI'AN				
Train	dep	arr	Notes	
T8	09 00	22 49		
K292	14 55	07 37	+1	
K166	16 08	08 22	+1	
K118	22 10	13 43	+1	
K117	03 26	18 20		
K291	05 11	20 56		
T7	05 39	19 18		
K165	22 18	13 56	+1	

Chongqing & Kunming

CHONGQING & KUNMING				
Train	dep	arr	Notes	
K167	09 11	09 13	+1	
K159	14 43	13 59	+1	
K160	12 39	10 48	+1	
K168	16 49	15 35	+1	

Dalian & Shenyang

DALIAN & SHENYANG				
Train	dep	arr	Notes	
T453	08 00	11b58	\$	
T451	13 00	16b58	\$	
K681	15 40	20b45	\$	
4233	16 25	22 11		
T455	17 36	21b40	\$	
2019	17 53	23 25		
K653	20 40	02 07	+1	
T261	21 39	01b41	+1	
T4234	00 10	06 30		
K654	01 31	07 23		
T262	02b10	06 12		
2020	02 59	08 30		
T452	08b00	11 58	\$	
K682	09b30	14 35	\$	
T454	13b00	16 58	\$	
T456	17b45	21 49	\$	

Guilin & Xi'an

GUILIN & XI'AN				
Train	dep	arr	Notes	
K316	14 04	19 28	+1	
K315	09 02	12 48	+1	

Kunming and Nanning

KUNMING & NANNING				
Train	dep	arr	Notes	
2060	20 41	11 36	+1	
1166	23 23	14 01	+1	
1165	00 46	15 31		
2059	19 42	10 24	+1	

Wulumuqi (Urümqi) & Xi'an

WULUMUQI & XI'AN				
Train	dep	arr	Notes	
T54	10 07	20 22	+1	
T70	11 44	21 58	+1	
T198	14 45	01 55	+2	
T190	20 25	07 19	+2	
T194	20 50	08 37	+2	
T197	00 07	10 30	+1	
T189	04 48	16 08	+1	
T69	10 02	19 59	+1	
T53	11 00	21 04	+1	
T193	22 10	08 53	+2	

Wulumuqi (Urümqi) & Zhengzhou

WULUMUQI & ZHENGZHOU				
Train	dep	arr	Notes	
T54	10 07	03 04	+2	
T70	11 44	04 40	+2	
T198	14 45	09 00	+2	
T190	20 25	14 16	+2	
T194	20 50	15 34	+2	
T69	03 21	19 59	+1	
T53	04 19	21 04	+1	
T193	15 14	08 53	+2	
T197	17 00	10 30	+2	
T189	21 52	16 08	+2	

