



Press release

## Europe's most comfortable night coach starts operation

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The Swiss mobility start-up Twiliner is launching its operation, revolutionising long-distance night travel in Europe: On the first two routes from Zurich to Brussels/Amsterdam and Zurich to Barcelona, Twiliner is the first bus in Europe to offer seats that can be converted into a lie-flat bed at the touch of a button. The aim is to establish comfortable, eco-friendly, and time-efficient overnight travel in Europe.

### New night bus routes from Zurich

With the first routes, Twiliner connects Zurich with Brussels, Amsterdam, and Barcelona. The buses run three times a week in each direction (every two days).

Route 1: ZÜRICH - BRÜSSEL/AMSTERDAM			Route 2: ZÜRICH - BARCELONA - ZÜRICH		
Ab Zürich	Ab	An	Ab Zürich	Ab	An
Zürich, Busstation Sihlquai	21:30		Zürich, Busstation Sihlquai	19:30	
Basel, Meret Oppenheim Strasse	22:55	22:45	Bern, Carparkplatz Neufeld	21:15	21:00
Luxemburg P&R Bouillon	03:15	03:00	Girona, Busstation	07:45	07:30
Brussels, Nord	06:10	06:00	Barcelona Sants		09:45
Rotterdam Central Station	09:05	08:55			
Amsterdam, Sloterdijk		10:15			
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Amsterdam, Sloterdijk	20:00		Barcelona Sants	19:30	
Rotterdam Central Station	21:20	21:10	Girona, Busstation	21:45	21:30
Brussels, Nord	23:50	23:35	Bern, Carparkplatz Neufeld	08:15	08:00
Luxemburg P&R Bouillon	02:50	02:35	Zürich, Busstation Sihlquai		09:45
Basel, Meret Oppenheim-Strasse	07:10	07:00			
Zürich, Busbahnhof Sihlquai	08:40				

### A fusion of night train, business class flight and coach

Twiliner is the first bus company in Europe with seats that can be transformed into a lie-flat bed at the touch of a button. Twiliner thus combines the comfort of a business class flight with the sustainability of the night train and the flexibility of a coach.



Twiliner developed the innovative seat together with **Airline Services Interiors**, a subsidiary of the Swiss company Lantal Textiles AG. An integrated restraint system consisting of a two-point belt and leg bag, developed in close cooperation with the road safety experts at **DTC AG**, a subsidiary of the Bern University of Applied Sciences, and **IWW-Trier**, specialists in passive safety in vehicles.

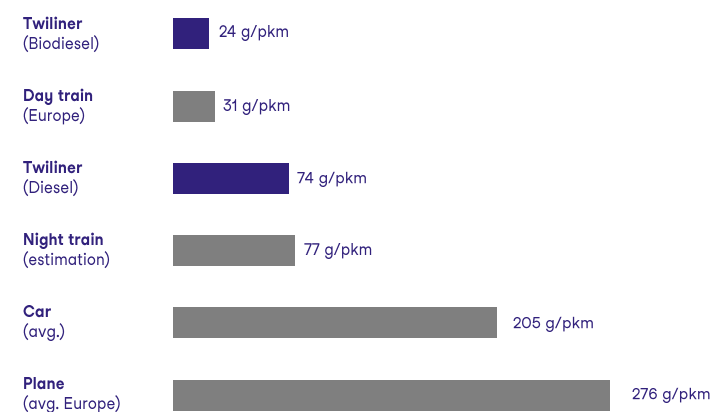
Two drivers are on duty per trip. Each bus has:

- 21 reclining seats (business class comfort)
- Spacious toilet
- Wardrobe
- Snack bar with drinks & snacks

Tickets are available online at: [www.twiliner.com](http://www.twiliner.com). Tickets start at CHF 150 and are dynamically priced. This means that the prices are in the range of train tickets on these routes.

## Sustainability

With HVO diesel, the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of a trip with Twiliner per passenger kilometer are comparable to that of a European train. Even with normal diesel, Twiliner is as sustainable as the night train. This is the result of a calculation by the Zurich-based foundation myclimate on the climate impact of Twiliner based on data from the Mobitool of the Federal Office for the Environment. In addition to the direct climate impact of the operation, this calculation also includes vehicle production, maintenance, and disposal as well as infrastructure. Twiliner is mostly powered by HVO diesel (availability in European destinations has not yet been definitively clarified).





## A gap in the market

With this offer, Twiliner is closing a gap in the European mobility sector. Many people want to reduce flying for ecological or health reasons (15% of people have a severe fear of flying). Long bus journeys are uncomfortable, car journeys are dangerous, expensive and tiring, day trains take a lot of time and night trains are only available on a few routes. Twiliner is aimed at business and leisure travelers who:

- want to travel ecologically
- want to use travel time efficiently
- save a hotel night and still want to start the day early
- travel with a lot of luggage

## Charter offer

In addition to scheduled trips, Twiliner offers a charter bus for corporate and private events, events, sports trips and travel agencies. Booking is also possible via the website.

## About Twiliner

Twiliner wants to change how people travel long distances across Europe by working with partners from across the transport ecosystem to establish first-class night bus travel as the preferred and sustainable mobility solution.

Twiliner was founded in Zurich in 2021 as an independent startup. The lengthy and expensive investigations were made possible by the Migros Pioneer Fund. Later, Innosuisse and the City of Zurich (climate programme) supported the project, and Emile Weber, a leading bus company, joined as an investor in 2024. In autumn 2025, more than 160 private and institutional investors invested CHF 1.8m in Twiliner, thus enabling Twiliner to test the first routes and the business model. At the same time, Twiliner is working on improving the service and on more night bus lines.

## Partners

Twiliner works with leading European companies in the fields of transport, vehicle construction, seat development and safety. For operations, Twiliner cooperates with two established bus companies: Luxembourg's **Emile Weber** provides two of the buses currently in use and is also the lead investor in Twiliner. The family-run traditional company has more than 150 years of experience in international passenger transport. The leading Belgian bus company **Staf Cars**,



one of the largest operators of double-decker coaches in Europe, operates the third bus. Staf Cars is considered an innovation pioneer in European long-distance travel. The Twiliner buses are manufactured in Spain by the double-decker bus specialist **Ayats** – individually according to Twiliner's design and comfort requirements. The patented reclining seat was developed together with the British aviation specialist **Airline Services Interiors**, a subsidiary of the Swiss Lantal Textiles AG. For maintenance, service and parking of the buses in Switzerland, Twiliner works together with the **Eurobus Group** in Bassersdorf. Twiliner also relies on Swiss quality when it comes to interior design: blankets, cushions and covers come from the Zurich-based start-up **Skin Euphoria**.

## Twiliner Quotes

"We want to make travelling beautiful again. Instead of mass processing and stress, our focus is on stylish, relaxed travel."

"Twiliner combines the business class comfort of flying with the sustainability of the night train. We are closing a gap for all those who want to travel through Europe in an environmentally conscious and rested way."

"A trip with Twiliner is as environmentally friendly as by train."

"Our goal is a network of comfortable night bus routes through Europe. We want to learn from the first routes and passengers and constantly improve our offer. In 2027, we would like to add more routes, for example to Rome, Cannes or San Sebastian."

## Media material

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