

Special timetable during the refurbishment work

Owing to the four construction phases, BLS will be operating at the maximum capacity of seven car trains per hour and direction on peak days between Christmas and Easter. During the remaining construction phases, the Lötschberg Car Transport service can only offer a reduced timetable. Particularly on weekends, public holidays and during the holiday season, there is a greater likelihood of delays. For the current timetable and tips on how to avoid potential hold-ups and long delays, please visit bls.ch/autoverlad-loetschberg. Please also note the special timetable for large-capacity vehicles.

	Mornings	Afternoons	Evenings
Monday	Green	Green	Green
Tuesday	Green	Green	Green
Wednesday	Green	Green	Green
Thursday	Green	Green	Green
Friday	Green	Yellow	Pink
Saturday	Yellow	Pink	Pink
Sunday	Yellow	Pink	Pink

Normal traffic volumes – longer delays are unlikely to occur.

Increased traffic volumes – delays may occur (of up to 30 minutes).

High traffic volumes – delays of one hour or more may sometimes occur.

BLS hopes that you have a pleasant journey.

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SMS alert
 Would you like to stay informed about delays affecting the Car Transport service? Rapid, reliable and free of charge: smsalarm.bls.ch



Timetable changes due to refurbishment work:

 bls.ch/autoverlad-loetschberg

Investing in the future

New track in the Lötschberg Summit Tunnel

Over the course of four years, BLS is replacing the tracks of the Lötschberg Summit Tunnel (LST), thereby ensuring that the Mittelland and Valais remain directly connected with one another.

Construction period: August 2018 until late 2022

An overview of the benefits

The old track used for the BLS Car Transport service between Goppenstein and Kandersteg has become outdated and is therefore being replaced by a modern, durable “non-ballasted track”. In the process, the trestles are being embedded in concrete with the rails mounted on top. Although this is very time-consuming, BLS can look forward to the following benefits once the work is complete:



Greater comfort

Because the tracks will be more precisely aligned, there will be fewer bumps. The ride will therefore be much smoother.



Longer service life

A normal ballasted track can be used for around 40 years. In contrast, a “non-ballasted track” lasts about 60 years.



Less maintenance

A “non-ballasted track” is easier to look after and therefore cheaper to maintain.

A quicker journey southwards

Use the BLS Simplon Car Transport service to travel from Brig or Kandersteg to Iselle (Italy) without jams or stress.

For more details, visit:
bls.ch/simplon



Four construction phases for the new track (2018–2022)

In order to avoid a total closure and reduce waiting times to a minimum, BLS will carry out the construction work in phases while continuing its rail operations. Owing to demand, four construction phases with a seasonal timetable have been defined. This allows BLS to offer its Car Transport customers the usual timetable during the Christmas/New Year season up until Easter, with a half-hourly service during the rest of the year. In November and December, when demand is at its lowest, there will be an intensive construction phase with just one hourly connection in each direction. The phases will be repeated annually during the four-year construction period.

	From Easter to the end of October	November to mid-December	Mid-December to the start of January	Start of January to Easter
Service levels	Restricted service (up to three car train services per hour in each direction)	Restricted service (only one car train service per hour in each direction)	Full service on weekends and on public holidays (up to seven car train services per hour in each direction)	Full service on weekends and on public holidays (up to seven car train services per hour in each direction) Limited service on weekdays (up to three car train services per hour in each direction)
Recommendation	We recommend outward/return travel on weekdays or outward travel as early as possible on weekends.	We recommend outward/return travel on weekdays or outward travel as early as possible on weekends.	Consult the online timetable in good time before travelling.	Consult the online timetable in good time before travelling.

Please note: Attractively priced online tickets can be bought at autoverlad-ticketshop.bls.ch.