





**Professional Sales Manual** 





**GWR** Great Western Railway

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## **Overview**

#### About AccesRail 9B/450

AccesRail is specialized in intermodal travel and GDS distribution for Passenger Railways. Since 1998, AccesRail has made it possible to book rail on the airline primary screen displays of all important GDSs around the world through carrier code 9B. Today, AccesRail opens up new opportunities to over 120,000 IATA accredited travel agents around the world.

By fostering Air-Rail cooperation, AccesRail helps increase the distribution and visibility of railway products by allowing them to interline or code share with any of the 260 airline IATA members. This allows railway companies to grow through cooperation strategies with airlines and to share the costs associated with system maintenance and development with the alliance of railway companies that make up AccesRail.

In short, AccesRail is a seamless solution for partner railways who wish to interline or code share with any of the growing list of airlines already implemented with AccesRail.

#### About this Sales Manual

The purpose of this Sales Manual is to help Tour operating companies and travel industry professionals familiarize themselves with AccesRail and the booking process of intermodal Air-Rail tickets. In this document you will find information related to rail partners offering service between train stations and airport stations as well as contact information should you require additional help. We hope this document helps you provide the highest quality of service to your customers.



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## **GWR Product Overview**

Distribution: 9B/450 Interline

Great Western Railways (GWR) offers air-rail interlining and standalone booking with AccesRail 9B/450. Passengers can make a single booking that covers both the air and the rail segment (via a print at home ticket) to a selection of GWR stations.

## To/From Heathrow Airport (LHR)

Part of this interoperable ticket includes a Heathrow Express ticket to enable passengers to travel between London Heathrow Airport (LHR) and the London Paddington train station.



## To/From Gatwick Airport (LGW)

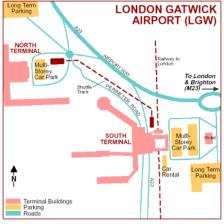
Passengers traveling from London Gatwick Airport (LGW) receive two rail tickets valid on GWR trains from the airport to Reading station and from Reading to their destination.



The railway station at LGW is located at the South Terminal and is also just a few minutes from the North Terminal by a free shuttle.

Passengers travelling from LGW use the GWR service to Reading where they change trains to reach their final destination. Passengers travelling to LGW, change trains at Reading to take the correct service to LGW.







 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{GWR}}$  offers train service between LHR and LGW and to/from the following destinations:

- Bath (QQX)
- Bristol Temple Meads (TPB)
- Bristol Parkway (BPR)
- Cardiff (CFW)
- Exeter (EXS)

- Oxford (OXQ)
- Penzance (PZE)
- Plymouth (PLH) / Par (PCW) / St Austell (USX)
- Swansea (SWS)

All 9B/FGW prices include the train tickets for travel between the airport and the final destination. If traveling in or out of Heathrow Airport, the Heathrow Express ticket (HEX) will be provided to passenger at the time of check-in on the AccesRail website. Passengers will receive both their GWR and HEX tickets.

### Train Range

9B flights 5000 - 5999

### **Booking Classes**

J:  $1^{st}$  class Y:  $2^{nd}$  class

## Inventory

11 months forwards

## **Ticketing Time Limit**

One day before departure

## Participating GDS

Abacus – Amadeus – Apollo – Axess – Galileo – Infini Sabre – Sirena Travel – SITA – Travel Sky – Topas – Worldspan





## **Booking Process**

Travel agents/airline ticket offices book the rail sector to/from LHR in conjunction with a flight to/from LHR or LGW.

AccesRail replies to the booking that includes GWR segments indicating the need to check-in within 72 hours before departure of the rail segment at www.accesrail.com/checkin to retrieve their train ticket.

All bookings out of London Heathrow Airport will be mapped to a Heathrow Express segment, where the customer will at the time of check-in be supplied with two tickets; One for GWR and One for HEX.

Bookings out of London Gatwick Airport will include two rail tickets; namely one from Gatwick airport to Reading and one from Reading Station to your destination.

### GDS Availability Display

The image below is a typical GDS availability display demonstrating a possible itinerary between London Heathrow and Oxford train station.

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### **PNR Booking**

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#### Ticketing

When the trip purchase is completed, the travel agent or the airline ticketing officer issues an airline electronic ticket plated on the interlining airline. The passenger receives a document with his itinerary. The printout can either come from the airline, the GDS the travel agent or the Amadeus Itinerary Receipt (ITR).

Airlines will make sure that customers collect the information on the Special Service Request (SSR) from the Travel Agent at the time of booking.

#### Rail Check-in

As instructed during the booking process, the passenger can only check-in on <u>www.accesrail.com/checkin</u> within 72 hours of their travel date.

The passenger will enter his/her first and last name and one of the following information:

- Airline electronic ticket number (13 digit)
- Airline PNR locator

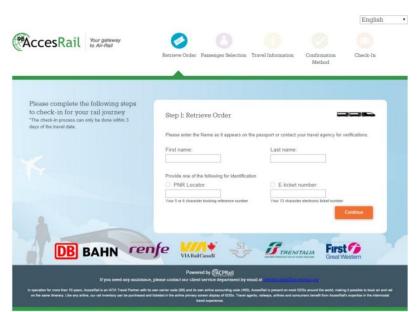
There is a limit of 9 passengers that can be checked-in in one transaction.

#### **Additional information**

GWR tickets are valid on any departure. The passenger should always check departure screens at Stations for the exact departure times and check platform numbers since they can be altered at short notice.

Train schedules can be verified at https://www.gwr.com/your-journey/journey-information/train-times-and-routes

#### AccesRail Check-in Site





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## **Travel Documents**

### **GWR travel documents**

The issued travel documents include one Great Western Railways ticket and a Heathrow Express e-ticket if the passengers is arriving at Heathrow Airport. Passengers arriving at Gatwick Airport receive 2 Great Western Railways tickets. The GWR ticket contains information on connections between two train stations, as seen bellow. They can be printed at home once you've checked-in on the AccesRail website.

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#### **Heathrow Express E-ticket**

Passengers traveling between Heathrow Airport and London Paddington Station receive a Heathrow Express e-ticket and a page containing information on connections between airports and train stations.



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### Transfer Connections to/from the Airport

Additionally, passengers receive information on transfer connections between the airport and the London Paddington train station.

#### How to commute between HEX terminals and London Paddington station:

During the check - in process on Accessral.com PAX receives 2 tickets: one for First Great Western and one for Heathrow Express. Pax is entitled to travel with Heathrow Express between London Heathrow and London Paddington train station. **Pdf printed documents are required to board: HEX and FGW.** 

From Heathrow Airport:

- If you're arriving at Terminal 1 or Terminal 3, follow signs for Trains to reach Heathrow Central station. From there, take a Heathrow Express service to London Paddington – journey time is 15 minutes.
- In Terminal 5 the station is at basement level and reached by lift or escalator. All trains call
  at Heathrow Central and then run non-stop to London Paddington total journey time is 21
  minutes.
- In Terminal 4, take the inter-terminal shuttle to Heathrow Central (departures every 15 minutes, travel time four minutes). From there, take a Heathrow Express service to London Paddington journey time is 15 minutes.

#### From London Paddington:

Trains usually depart from Platforms 6 and 7 at London Paddington:

- If you're going to Terminal 1 or Terminal 3, board any train and get off at Heathrow Central. Journey time is 15 minutes.
- For **Terminal 5**, get on the London-Heathrow train at Paddington and stay on board at Heathrow Central all trains continue to Terminal 5, arriving six minutes later.
- For **Terminal 4**, change at Heathrow Central and catch the free transfer service. These connecting trains depart every 15 minutes and travel time is four minutes

#### Luggage Policy

Travelers bring their own luggage on the train and must be able to handle their own luggage without assistance, within the following:

- one item of hand luggage that must be capable of being held in their lap if required,

- plus up to 2 items of luggage each not exceeding  $30 \times 70 \times 90$  cm in size.





# **Contact information**

For assistance, feel free to contact the AccesRail help desk.

### AccesRail Help Desk

8375 Bougainville, Suite 100 Montreal, Quebec H4P 2G5, Canada

Hours of operation Mon to Fri: midnight to 5PM EST

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**Check-in assistance** Checkin.help@AccesRail.com