

Ticket to Ride Map Collection Expands with Eighth Box: Iberia and South Korea

Paris – The Ticket to Ride series continues to expand. Following the enormous success of Ticket to Ride Legacy and the new "Cities" edition featuring Paris, a thrilling eighth "maps" expansion is set to debut in June. This latest addition will take players across the Iberian Peninsula and South Korea, offering a fresh gameplay experience and new challenges.

Embark on a scenic train journey through Portugal and Spain, where each stop is celebrated with festive flair. This expansion introduces "Festival" cards that players collect as they expand their rail networks. However, plan your routes carefully, as other players will fiercely compete to reach cities and claim rewards before you.

Additionally, the game introduces a ticket drafting mechanism at the start and during the game, which will challenge you to manage an ever-growing list of destinations. Making choices means making sacrifices. Whether it's managing Festivals or the second round of drafting, the Iberia map plays with the deck of wagons and locomotives. The appearance of festivals and the drafting card within this deck brings a unique rhythm to the gameplay. It is also worth noting that this expansion eliminates the longest route bonus, requiring players to complete tickets and strategically engage with Festivals and routes to score points.

The expansion also includes the South Korea map. Here, you will plot your routes by night, following a unique distribution of routes (each region has its own track color). Players also start with bonus "express trains" which should be used wisely to secure the most advantageous routes and best positions on the new "Province Board," which awards points based on a majority mechanic.

"For many years, the SWITZERLAND map was my favorite in Ticket to Ride. Now, IBERIA has taken that spot. Without adding real complexity to the rules, it transforms the game in a very fun way. It makes the choice between claiming routes and drawing wagon cards tense at almost every turn. The SOUTH KOREA map is my second attempt at grouping routes by color, and it also significantly alters the game without increasing complexity. Express Train Cards also allow players to pursue different strategies. Use them wisely, and they can yield a lot of extra points. The design and development took time, but Expansion 8 is my favorite so far. Enjoy."

— Alan R. Moon

Practical Information

- 2-5 Players
- Ages 8 and up
- Duration: 30 to 60 minutes

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