

The Gotthard Base Tunnel

57km

length makes it the world's longest rail tunnel, overtaking Japan's **53.9km** Seikan Tunnel

260

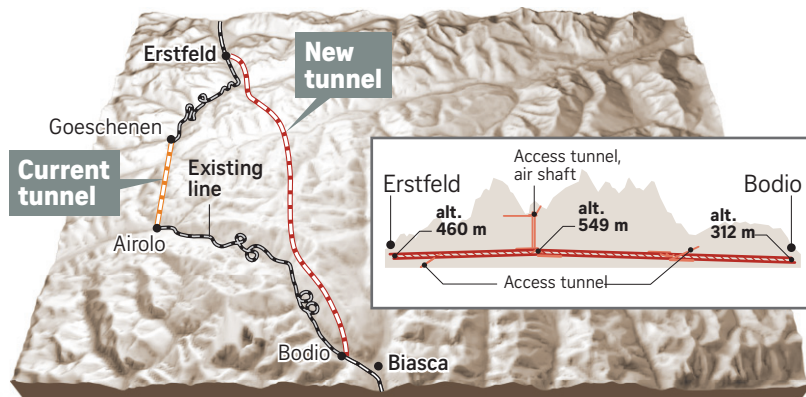
freight trains and **65** passenger trains are set to pass through per day, at speeds of **200kmh**

A **410m**-long boring machine excavated roughly

28 million

tonnes of rock

Open to traffic: **December 2016**



The total cost was over **12 billion** Swiss francs

(**\$16.6 billion**)

It will cut by

one hour

the current journey of **3 hours 40 mins** from Zurich to Milan



A test train close to the northern gate near Erstfeld, Switzerland.

