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### **Indian Trails Invests \$2.8 million in New Eco-Friendly Motorcoaches for its Charter Fleet**

OWOSSO, MI – At a cost of \$2.8 million Indian Trails, Inc., has added five new full-size motorcoaches to its fleet available for group charters and tours. The new coaches were put into service this month.

“We invest in coaches with the latest safety, comfort, and eco-friendly features because of our commitment to our customers, our communities, and our environment,” said Indian Trails and Michigan Flyer CEO Gordon Mackay.

“In the past year, our charter service alone carried 500,000 passengers. This included groups from major colleges and universities, K-12 school districts, professional sports teams, corporations, associations, churches, and many others—such as the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. They hire us for travel from anywhere in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana to whatever destinations they desire in the continental U.S. or Canada.”

#### **About the New Coaches**

- Safety features of the five new 2016 Prevost H3-45 coaches include an electronic stability system that enables drivers to avoid danger on slippery roads; an engine fire-detection and suppression system; two GPS systems; and a tire pressure monitoring system. All the coaches are equipped with three-point retractable seatbelts for passengers, ADA-compliant wheelchair lifts, and a large under-floor luggage compartment.
- Comfort features in the new coaches include ergonomic seating with ample leg room; individual climate controls, reading lamps and cup holders; tinted, panoramic side windows; 110-volt AC outlets at each seat for charging mobile devices; free WiFi; on-board lavatories; and enclosed, overhead parcel racks.

In addition, the coaches offer five color monitors connected to a DVD player—along with USB and VGA hookups to connect laptops to the audio visual system—enabling groups to play movies or display presentations while on the road.

- Eco-friendly aspects of these coaches include technology that exceeds EPA standards by reducing exhaust pollutants to near zero while achieving high fuel economy of about 206 passenger miles per gallon on average. Also, each coach has the potential to remove 50-55 automobiles from the highway, further reducing air pollution and traffic congestion.

#### **About the Indian Trails Fleet**

The purchase of the new, deluxe motorcoaches represents a recurring investment by Indian Trails to ensure that its fleet remains among the newest in Michigan. The current charter fleet consists of all 2010 or newer models.

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Altogether, the Indian Trails fleet includes 75 vehicles, of which 54 are over-the-road coaches ranging in capacity from 30 to 56 passengers, plus transit buses used to provide contract shuttle service. The company's vehicles travel over 4.8 million miles—and transport more than 1 million passengers—each year.

Groups seeking to arrange a charter bus trip should contact the Indian Trails charter department by phone at 800-292-3831 or by email at [chief@indiantrails.com](mailto:chief@indiantrails.com). Customer service representatives are available to guide them through the process and provide price quotes.

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Indian Trails, Inc. has served as Michigan's premier, family-owned, inter-city bus company for 106 years, and is based in Owosso, Mich. It operates one of the state's largest and newest fleets of deluxe motorcoaches out of three locations, including Owosso, Romulus and Kalamazoo, Mich. In addition to daily scheduled routes throughout Michigan and into Chicago, Duluth and Milwaukee, its services include charters, tours, shuttles, casino runs, and airport transfers. On the web at [www.indiantrails.com](http://www.indiantrails.com).

Ranked by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation in the top 5 percent of transportation companies nationwide for safe driving, Indian Trails is the parent company of the Michigan Flyer, which offers affordable, comfortable, and reliable motorcoach connections between East Lansing, Ann Arbor and Detroit Metro Airport. On the web at [www.michiganflyer.com](http://www.michiganflyer.com).

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