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Deniz Dost at home in Turkey

And the First “Great Connections” Contest Winner is ...

Back in April, we launched the latest edition of our “Great Connections” essay contest with a chance to win a \$500 gift card top prize, or one of five \$100 gift cards as runner-up prizes. Nearly 175 passengers submitted short stories about how Michigan Flyer connected them with a special person, place, or adventure. So many wonderful connections! So many wonderful stories that were both a pleasure and challenge for our judges to review.

We’re pleased to announce that the panel has selected the six winners. Over the coming months, we’ll share

them all with you, saving the top award winner for last.

First up: Deniz Dost, who came to the U.S. from Turkey in 2021 to earn her master’s degree in aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan. It was a “happy surprise” when she got the call letting her know that she’d won a \$100 Amazon gift card for her short story. “I was not expecting that,” she said. As someone who tries to buy only what she needs, Deniz says she’ll take her time pondering how to best use her gift card.

She’s been adjusting to life in America, which she describes as very different from the Turkish and European cultures she’s accustomed to. During her time here, she’s visited 10 states. Her favorite was Florida, where she enjoyed a brief warm-weather escape from Michigan’s winter. Upon her arrival in the U.S., Deniz especially

appreciated how easy it was to book a seat on the Michigan Flyer. “It’s much more difficult to make the same kinds of travel arrangements in Turkey.” Here’s her entry:



Embracing a New Chapter of Life

By Deniz Dost

“I left my home in which I have lived all my life in 2021. I traveled for almost a day—22 hours—from half the world away. From a country called Turkey (in between Europe and Asia) to a huge country, the USA, for the first time, and totally on my own. I knew no one living in this continent, let alone the country. The first ground transportation I took was the Michigan Flyer from Detroit Airport to Ann Arbor. I was starting a new chapter in my life and what got me here to my starting point—from which I will have to use an offline Google Map to my housing because I did not even have an American SIM card yet—was Michigan Flyer. I was a

total alien in this city, state, country. However, taking the Michigan Flyer from the airport to my destination (which would become my home for the next couple years) was one of the most endearing parts of my journey. I was tired after 22 hours of flights and catching connections. That 35-minute ride from the airport made me realize that there is more than exhaustion in this journey. It is a new chapter, or maybe a new book, which will be filled with adventures, laughs, cries, friends, loved ones, loved places and a lot more. So, thank you.”



Travel Alerts

SkyWest/Delta to Cut Flights at Small Michigan Airports

Five of Northern Michigan’s small airports will lose nonstop flights to and from Detroit and Minneapolis starting on Sept. 12. Nonprofit news service [Bridge Michigan](#) reports that Skywest/Delta blames the flight reductions on a pilot shortage. The affected airports—in Alpena, Escanaba, Iron Mountain, Pellston, and Sault

Ste. Marie—could each lose as much as half of their annual revenue as a result. It’s expected that the nonstop flights will be replaced by routes that start at a “hub” airport such as DTW, then make two or more stops at small “spoke” airports to let passengers get on or off before proceeding to the other hub, such as Minneapolis.

Ann Arbor’s Blake Transit Center Bypassed on U-M Football Saturdays

If you are planning a Saturday trip with Michigan Flyer-AirRide between Ann Arbor and East Lansing or Detroit Metro Airport this fall, please know that on U-M home football game Saturdays some of our runs will bypass the BTC on the way to and from the airport. In September, this will affect some of our runs before, during, and after the following home games:

Sept. 3: U-M vs. Colorado State, **Noon**

Sept. 10: U-M vs. Hawaii, **8 p.m.**

Sept. 17: U-M vs. Connecticut, **Noon**

Sept. 24: U-M vs. Maryland, **Noon**

However, please note that some Michigan Flyer-AirRide runs will continue to stop at the BTC on these days. It’s easy to find out which ones: Just check the **“Book a Trip”** feature on our website.

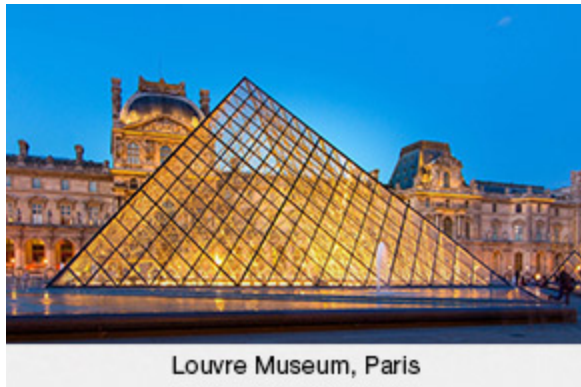
Frequent Riders Save Big with Our New Travel Pass!

Michigan Flyer's new travel passes offer folks who commute frequently between East Lansing and Ann Arbor—or between East Lansing and Detroit Metro Airport—an opportunity for big savings.

For example a digital “book” of 16 one-way East Lansing-Ann Arbor trips (regularly \$240 if purchased individually) is just \$192. Books of 24 and 40 trips are also available at similar savings for EL-A2 commuters. Likewise, a book of 16 one-way East Lansing-DTW trips (regularly \$512 if purchased individually) is only \$350.

BUT PLEASE NOTE: Each pass starts on the date you select and is valid only for 30 consecutive days. Also, the pass is non-refundable and non-transferable.

To buy a travel pass, simply create an account through the “Book a Trip” box on our home page at www.MichiganFlyer.com. Then, in order to make reservations using the pass, just return to “Book a Trip” and login to your account.



Airfares for Autumn Getaways

Our focus this month is on international destinations accessible by nonstop flights—and there aren't many of them. Using Skyscanner.com we sampled trips originating at Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) on Saturday, Oct. 15, and returning on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Among the criteria used for our spot check: Flights had to be nonstop in both directions, and the return had to arrive at DTW in time for you to catch our last run at 8:15 p.m./8:30 p.m. to Ann Arbor, Brighton, and East Lansing.

You can definitely find lower prices than we did if you're flexible about the dates of travel. If you're also willing to change planes at least once enroute to your destination, then not only will you find lower fares, but the whole world of potential places to visit opens up to you. The following economy **roundtrip** fares include taxes but not necessarily baggage or other “extras”:

- **Toronto (YYZ) United \$281**
- **Montreal (YUL) United or Delta \$338**
- **Cancun (CUN) Delta, as AeroMexico \$771**
- **Amsterdam (AMS) Delta \$807**
- **Paris (CDG) Air France \$826**
- **Frankfurt (FRA) Lufthansa/United \$850**
- **Munich (MUC) Delta \$860**
- **London (LHR) Delta, as Virgin Atlantic \$1,085**
- **Seoul (ICN) Delta, as Korean Air \$1,800**

Top Coming Events—We Can Get You There!

East Lansing

[John Mulaney: From Scratch](#)

The current tour by the two-time Emmy award-winning writer, actor, and comedian has sold out massive



venues across North America from Madison Square Garden to the Hollywood Bowl and he continues to add more shows. On Sept. 8, 2022, he'll perform at 7 p.m. (sold out) and again at 10 p.m. (tickets remaining) at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts, 750 E. Shaw Ln., on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing. [Tickets start at \\$59.](#)

Check out more local coming events with the Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau calendar: <http://www.lansing.org/events>.

Ann Arbor

[Dinner & Show By Trumpeter Charlie Porter](#)

Internationally acclaimed and Grammy Award winning trumpeter Charlie Porter has toured the world as a sideman and band leader for years. He studied under the great trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and played with many other legendary musicians. Chicago Jazz Magazine called Porter "...one of the most brilliant and imaginative contemporary composers of mainstream jazz ... stimulating and emotive original music with a rare blend of sophistication and organic spontaneity." Catch his performance at 6 p.m. on Thursday, [Sept. 15, for a \\$25 cover charge](#) (show only). Or make

reservations for one of his two shows—6 p.m. or 8:30 p.m.—on Friday, [Sept. 16 for \\$85](#) (including a “tasting menu paired with the show”). It’s at the Blue Llama Jazz Club, 314 S. Main St., Ann Arbor.

For more entertainment in and around A2, see the Ann Arbor Area Convention & Visitors Bureau calendar of coming events: <https://www.visitannarbor.org/splash/events>.



Brighton

[Stand Up Comedy with The Daily Show Writers](#)

Four brilliant comedy writers from The Daily Show—Comedy Central’s longest-running program and winner of 24 primetime Emmy Awards—will perform in Brighton as part of their nationwide tour! The show features the comics behind Trevor Noah and the satirical late night talk and news show that makes America laugh every weeknight. It’s on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts, 7878 Brighton Rd., Brighton. Tickets \$35-\$55.

Brighton, like other communities in Livingston County, offers a multitude of events to delight visitors of all ages. Explore them with the Livingston County Convention & Visitors Bureau events calendar: <https://visitlivingstoncounty.com/events/>.

Detroit

[Disney on Ice Let's Celebrate!](#)

This monumental ice-skating spectacular returns to Detroit for eight fun-filled performances at Little Caesars Arena, 2645 Woodward Ave., in Detroit from Sept. 16 to Sept. 18, 2022 (times vary). Mickey Mouse leads a



Little Caesars
arena



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parade of more than 50 beloved characters through 14 classic and modern stories. This epic production features an international team of award-winning figure skaters, high-energy choreography and a breathtaking set. With over 30 melodious masterpieces such as “Let It Go!,” “You’ve Got A Friend in Me” and “Hakuna Matata,” it’s the ultimate Disney fan experience. [Tickets starting at \\$22.](#)

PLEASE NOTE: The D2A2 Express Bus from Ann Arbor’s Blake Transit Center (BTC) to Detroit’s Grand

Circus Park can get Ann Arbor-area residents to and from this event. It’s within easy walking distance of D2A2’s stop in Detroit. When the [D2A2 schedule](#) coincides with [Michigan Flyer’s schedule](#) at the BTC (as it does for some of these performances), it’s also possible for East Lansing and Brighton residents to get to Disney on Ice by bus.

To learn what’s happening in Detroit, check out the Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau calendar of coming events: <https://visitdetroit.com/events/>.



Stress-Reducing Travel Tips

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Happy Labor Day!

On Monday, Sept. 5, we celebrate the 128th Labor Day, which honors the enormous contributions of workers to the strength and prosperity of the United States.

The first labor parade was organized by New York City unions in 1882. More than 10,000 workers marched, though it cost most of them a day's pay. Back then, the average worker toiled for 12 hours a day—seven days a week—just to earn a meager living. In many states, children as young as five worked in mills, factories and mines for even lower wages.

In 1894, Congress established Labor Day as a federal holiday to be celebrated on the first Monday of September. President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. The eight-hour workday was established with passage of the Adamson Act in 1916.

Whether you celebrate Labor Day with a parade, cookout, picnic, fireworks, or long weekend at the beach, enjoy the rest of summer! Astronomically speaking, the first day of fall arrives on Thursday, Sept. 22.

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