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Travel Alerts

Final Notice: Book Seats Now for Spring Break

Though we published this alert in January, it bears repeating that Michigan Flyer-AirRide seats are apt to sell out during the **March 2-March 10** spring break period for students at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. Unlike most years, both universities have scheduled spring break for the same period in 2019. So, the combined 96,400 students from the East Lansing and Ann Arbor campuses will be traveling all at once, along with many of their 42,400

faculty and staff members. Bottom line: Reserve your seats ASAP if you're planning to ride with us in early March.

Take Care to Park in Our Assigned Spaces in East Lansing

Parking elsewhere in the City Center ramp may well inconvenience others who count on finding certain spaces available, such as those designated for Marriott customers or building residents. Plus, failing to park in our designated spaces on the 4th level could put you at risk of having to pay normal parking rates instead of Michigan Flyer's deeply discounted prices.

Expect More Classes of Service at Delta Airlines

Airlines are creating more passenger levels of service than ever. Starting January 23, for example, [Delta implemented](#) a system with [eight classes](#), plus a new color-coded boarding process (i.e., no more "zones"). Passengers who need assistance and parents with little kids still go first, followed by those in the ultra-premium



high customer experience scores,” the airline says.

Delta One cabin (if the plane has one). Then come First Class passengers and Diamond Medallion members of its frequent-flyer program.

Next are folks with extra-legroom Comfort+ coach seats, lower-tier frequent flyers in Sky Priority, three groups of Main Cabin passengers, and finally the no-frills basic economy class. There’s a nice [comparison chart here](#) showing old and new boarding categories. “This is the latest evolution in Delta’s multi-year work to bring consistency, simplicity, and clarity to the gate and boarding experience, efforts that have driven all-time



More Great Connections: Finding a Mentor on MI Flyer

“As a student at Michigan State University, it has been crucial to network with almost everyone you meet. Growing up, I was always shy and never liked going out of my comfort zone to talk with other people. Once I got to Michigan State University, I learned the importance of networking and getting internships. I was taught skills in classes that we were told to try out and use in our everyday lives. One day, I was on the Michigan Flyer being driven to the airport to go home to

New Jersey. The bus was packed and I sat down next to a guy in a Baltimore Orioles hat. I am a big baseball fan, so I knew it could be an easy way to break the ice between us. I started talking to him, and we talked throughout the entire bus ride. I told him I was interested in working in sports, and he told me he actually worked for a Minor League Baseball team in Maryland. His job title was the Director of Ticket Sales, and he actually offered me an internship for that summer. I took the job, and had an amazing experience. None of this would have been possible without us connecting on the Michigan Flyer and I am forever grateful that I get to call this man, my mentor.”

—Julie K., East Brunswick, N.J.



Customer Comments

“Fantastic reliable service. My family has used Michigan Flyer since its inception, especially valuable with two students traveling between East Lansing and U of M. The service is 100 percent reliable, drivers and office staff are courteous, and perks on the bus such as water, free WiFi and cleanliness are always expected and appreciated. Also, fantastic and stress-free way to travel to Detroit Metro airport. Often matches or is less expensive than driving our car and parking at the airport.”

—Christine N., East Lansing, Mich.

Travel Bargains

Good news: Some airlines are expanding service from Detroit Metro Airport (DTW). This month, for example, Spirit will begin offering nonstop service to Austin, Texas. In April, Frontier will start flying from DTW to Las Vegas. And in May, Spirit begins service to Raleigh-Durham, N.C. The additional flights generally mean more competition between airlines, and lower prices for passengers.



Using Skyscanner.com and Kayak.com, we looked for the cheapest published roundtrip fares for those destinations, as well as others costing less than \$400. As part of our criteria, the return flight had to arrive at DTW in time for you to catch our last daily run from the airport to Ann Arbor and East Lansing.

We found the following basic economy fares—which include taxes but not necessarily baggage or other “extras”—for the sample travel dates shown in parentheses. All flights are nonstop in both directions

except where otherwise noted.

- ✈ **Raleigh-Durham, N.C.** (RDU) \$196 on Frontier and Spirit Airlines (May 24-June 2)
- ✈ **Boston, Mass.** (BOS) \$202 on JetBlue airlines (June 16-June 24)
- ✈ **Las Vegas, Nev.** (LAS) \$228 on Spirit Airlines (May 3-May 11)
- ✈ **Myrtle Beach, N.C.** (MYR) \$237 on Delta Airlines, with a brief layover in Atlanta on the return flight (June 14-June 25)
- ✈ **Austin, Texas** (AUS) \$242 on Spirit Airlines (March 8-March 17)
- ✈ **Miami, Fla.** (MIA) \$302 on American Airlines (June 14-June 24)
- ✈ **Brussels** (BRU) \$340 on WOW Air with a 70-90 min. layover in Reykjavik (KEF) in each direction (March 3-March 13). These “WOW Basic” fares include taxes and fees, plus one personal item up to 17x13x10 in.
- ✈ **London** (LGW) \$340 roundtrip on WOW Air (March 15-March 24), same details as for Brussels.

But please note, however, that much lower fares are available—particularly if you’re flexible on dates. For instance, by searching the [Spirit Airlines website](#) directly, we easily found a roundtrip to Raleigh-Durham for \$103 when choosing the alternate dates of May 22 for departure from DTW and June 4 for the return. Similarly, the Spirit website quoted us \$137 for a roundtrip to Austin if we were willing to return two days early with the travel dates of March 8-March 15.

Top Coming Events—We Can Get You There

East Lansing

✈ [Greater Lansing Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale](#). This free event includes hundreds of blooming orchid plants from around the world, orchid photography, art and flower arrangements, and talks by experts on caring for orchids. It’s 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 23, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24, on campus at MSU Horticulture Gardens, 1066 Bogue St., A288 Plant & Soil Sciences Bldg., East Lansing.

[Harlem Globetrotters](#). The famous exhibition basketball team brings its combination of athletic feats, theater, and comedy to the MSU campus on Friday, March 1, 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. It’s at the Breslin Student Events Center, 534 Birch Rd., East Lansing. Tickets start at \$18. At a “Magic Pass Pre-Game Event,” 5:30 p.m.-6:00



Wharton Center for Performing Arts, 750 E. Shaw Ln., on the MSU campus in East Lansing. Features stunning spectacles, a sensational cast of 42 performers, and a soaring score of Broadway hit songs.

Find more local coming events with the Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau calendar:

<http://www.lansing.org/events>

Ann Arbor

 **[U-M Men's Basketball vs. Michigan State](#)**, 3:45 p.m., Feb. 24, Crisler Center, 333 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. While tickets priced at face value are sold out, others are available from Stub Hub at premium prices via the link above. NOTE: Michigan Flyer's schedule can accommodate East Lansing fans who plan to attend the game.

 **[Yo-Yo Ma: Culture, Understanding, and Survival](#)**. In this special talk (with some musical illustration), the celebrated cellist will explore the role culture can play in helping us to imagine and build a better future, drawing on examples from his own life as a musician and citizen. It's at 7 p.m.-9 p.m. on Feb. 27, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. Tickets start at \$25.

 **[Loudon Wainwright III](#)**—the songwriting, storytelling icon of American folk music who has recorded more than 20 albums—comes to Michigan with new music he produced for a film by Judd Apatow called "Surviving Twin." He performs at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 1, at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Tickets start at \$25.



 **[Lewis Black – The Joke's on Us Tour](#)**. With his comedic yelling and finger-pointing, the king of the rant skewers the hypocrisies and madness of anything and anyone that gets under his skin. It's at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Tickets start at \$39.

 **[Randy Rainbow Live](#)**. The comedian, actor, writer, and Internet sensation best known for his viral comedy

videos presents political spoofs and song parodies at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Tickets start at \$37.

The Ann Arbor Area Convention & Visitors Bureau calendar offers a multitude of other event possibilities:

<https://www.visitannarbor.org/splash/events>

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Happy Springtime!

The days are getting longer and the nights are getting shorter. Soon—on March 20—when the Sun is directly above the Earth's equator, day and night will both be 12 hours long. Astronomers call this the vernal equinox. But most of us know it simply as the first day of spring. All of us at Michigan Flyer-AirRide wish you the very best of this season of rebirth, rejuvenation, and renewal, as the weather warms and flowers bloom.

And just a quick reminder: Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. on March 10 in every state except Arizona and Hawaii. That's when clocks are reset one hour ahead ("spring forward") so there's more daylight to enjoy in the evening, but less in the morning.

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