

Michigan's premier motorcoach connection between East Lansing, Whitmore Lake, Ann Arbor & Detroit Metro Airport.



Check Out Michigan Flyer's Expanded New Schedule!



You asked for it. Now we're delivering.

Last December, we surveyed riders to find out, among other things, how we could improve their passenger experience. Their overwhelming answer was to expand our schedule to offer more frequent runs between East Lansing, Whitmore Lake*, Ann Arbor and Detroit Metro Airport.

So, starting on Aug. 25, Michigan Flyer will expand to 14 daily roundtrips. You can [view our current and new schedules here](#).

Most notably, our last daily westbound run from Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) will be an hour later than now. It will depart the Evans Terminal at 10:45 p.m. and the McNamara

Terminal at 11:00 p.m. This will give many travelers the option of reserving flights that arrive at DTW later in the evening and are often less costly than earlier flights.

The new runs are available for advance booking NOW through the "Book a Trip" feature on our website at MichiganFlyer.com.

***PLEASE NOTE:** To more accurately describe the location of boarding points along our route—and to avoid causing confusion among passengers—we've replaced Brighton with Whitmore Lake. That's our actual stop, and it's about eight miles south of Brighton. Specifically, our location is at the MDOT Park & Ride lot off Exit 53 of U.S. 23 at Whitmore Lake Rd. and 8 Mile Rd. From there, of course, Michigan Flyer continues to serve the people of Brighton and other communities throughout Livingston County.

Revealing Our First "Love Connections" Contest Winner of 2025

Our latest essay contest asked folks to tell us a great—and true—story about how Michigan Flyer helped to connect them with a special person, place, or adventure dear to their heart. It features a \$500 gift card Top Prize and five \$100 gift card runner-up prizes. Our judges—Michigan Flyer staff and creative consultants—selected this year's winners based on which essays best fit the contest theme. (Note that each winner is notified in the month their entry is to be published.)

We're happy to announce that the first of our five runner-up winners is **Patricia "Tish" Majot** of Barefoot Bay, Fla.



Tish and Richard making dill pickle soup

When Tish got our call earlier this month, she was happily surprised: "I had just been thinking about the contest a couple of days before, so my reaction was 'Wow!'" Her entry recalls when she first met her friend, Richard, more than a decade ago in Florida, and how much fun they've been having ever since. It was Richard who invited Tish to visit him in Michigan, where he lives near Brighton. "He suggested that I book the Michigan Flyer from Detroit Metro Airport because he'd heard good things about the service," Tish says.

And so she did back then and does now on a regular basis: "It's reliable, very comfortable, and has very good drivers. I always feel very safe on the Flyer."

Tish remembers the spark she felt when she first met her "guy friend" Richard. "We shared similar interests," she says. "Neither of us are highfalutin. We're just down-to-earth people." When they're in Michigan, they love spending time going to the movies, golfing, fishing, and kayaking. "We have good times together," she says.

What will Tish do with her \$100 gift card? She's not sure yet but says it's possible she'll be boosting sales in a gift shop on her way back to Florida. Here's her winning story:

When Life Surprises You

By Tish Majot

"Born and raised in rural Pennsylvania, I retired in 2004 after working 44 years in office environments. My husband passed away in 2005 after 45 years of marriage. I had relatives in Florida on the east coast, so in 2013 I decided to move to Florida permanently. I met some ladies and became great friends. One of the ladies said I had to meet a guy friend of hers from Michigan and I was reluctant as I did not want to get involved with anyone. She invited me to her house for dinner and did not tell me her guy friend would be there with another couple from Michigan.

"Well, we became friends—dinner dates, boat rides, beach days, etc. He invited me to Brighton, Mich., to visit and of course I was excited to go. Flew from Melbourne, Fla., to Detroit, and then he suggested I take the Michigan Flyer to the parking lot in Brighton where he would pick me up. I did that and have been doing the same route (to and from) every year. Each bus trip is enjoyable with no problems. To this day we are still meeting in Michigan for the summer, and then winter in Florida. I must say though, being in our mid-80s has not stopped us from enjoying life. Thank you, Michigan Flyer, for making these visits possible."

Passengers Give More High Marks to DAX



The [Detroit Air Xpress](#)—or DAX for short—is the pilot express bus service that connects Downtown Detroit to Detroit Metro Airport (DTW). This past March marked its first anniversary. DAX was created by the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) and is operated by Indian Trails and Michigan Flyer. It's a pilot service funded by a \$2.5 million grant through the Federal Highway Administration's Carbon Reduction Program.

Last month, we reported some of the responses we received from the recent DAX ridership survey. Now, more responses are in, and the good news continues:

- 99% of riders say they got to their stop on time
- 99% of riders are satisfied with the cleanliness of the bus
- 61% of riders would use a rideshare if DAX didn't exist, meaning they're saving a lot of money

In short, DAX riders love the comfort, cleanliness, timeliness, and overall experience of the service.



Travel Alerts

Checked Bags Don't Fly for Free Anymore

Earlier this year, the [Money](#) website reported that Southwest Airlines—which had not charged passengers for the first two checked bags since it was founded nearly 60 years ago—would begin imposing luggage fees in May. As a result, every U.S. airline now charges passengers for checked bags. Depending on the carrier, baggage fees reportedly make up between 3 percent and 21 percent of revenue.

We can't fault the airlines for doing what they must to make a go of it. Every industry faces its own imperatives for economic survival.

The Michigan Flyer Difference

Still, we'd like to take this opportunity to point out Michigan Flyer charges NO FEES for:

- Checked luggage (two bags plus a carry-on are free)
- Seat assignments (we have open seating)
- Changing your reservations (whether online, by phone or in person)

Also worth noting: For 10 years running we've offered covered parking for just \$2.50 per day in the ramp connected by a bridge walk to our location at the East Lansing Marriott.

And when you need assistance during office hours, you can still talk with or email one of our live, professional, customer service agents—not an AI machine.

Reserve Early—Here Come the College Students!

If you're planning to ride with us between mid-August and Labor Day, it would be wise to reserve your seat soon. That's because college students will once again flood into East Lansing and Ann Arbor—and many will be using Michigan Flyer.

Because classes begin on Monday, Aug. 25, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan will each be welcoming back more than 50,000 undergraduate and graduate students, plus upwards of 15,000 faculty and staff members. Worth noting: This influx gives our mid-Michigan economy an estimated \$2 billion boost.

Head to Detroit in 2025 for Big-City Thrills

Since it emerged from bankruptcy in 2014, Detroit, has been rising like the legendary Phoenix from the ashes. Economic investments in infrastructure, especially downtown, plus things to see and do, dining experiences, public transit and more, have made this a must-visit destination. Which is why [Travel & Leisure recently named Detroit one of the top places to go for big-city thrills.](#)

But first, two fun facts: (1) Detroit was dubbed the "Motor City" in the early 1900s when the "Big Three" automakers emerged there—Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler; (2) During Prohibition—codified in the U.S. Constitution in 1920 and repealed in 1933—an estimated 70 percent of illegal alcohol came into the United States through Detroit.



Rivera Court, Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA)

Now, on to the top attractions in Detroit, according to Tripadvisor. Informed by traveler reviews and ratings, these include:

1. **The Motown Museum**, home of Hitsville, USA. Launched by entrepreneur Berry Gordy, Jr., in 1959, it sparked a revolution in sound and the careers of many musical artists including the Miracles, The Supremes, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, and The Jackson 5.
2. **The Detroit Institute of Arts**. Founded in 1885, it covers 658,000 square feet that includes more than 140 galleries, a 1,140-seat auditorium, a 333-seat lecture/recital hall, an art reference library, a state-of-the-art conservation department, and artist Diego Rivera's amazing murals.
3. **The Guardian Building**. An Art Deco landmark with historical tours, stunning city views, and intricate interior details.



Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, Belle Isle

4. **Belle Isle Park**. A 985-acre island park located on the Detroit River near downtown Detroit, it's rich with natural beauty and historical and cultural resources. The park provides spectacular views of Detroit to the north and Canada to the south.

5. **Comerica Park.** Home of the Detroit Tigers major league baseball team, featuring a Ferris wheel and retro styling amid city views.
6. **Detroit Riverfront.** A popular riverwalk extending from the Ambassador Bridge on the west to Belle Isle on the east, it spans 5.5 miles along the Detroit River.
7. **The Ford Piquette Avenue Plant.** The birthplace of the Ford Model T car, the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant is recognized as one of the most significant automotive heritage sites in the world. The Ford Model T was developed here and introduced in 1908 as a 1909 model.
8. **Eastern Market.** It's enormous—the largest historic public market district in the U.S. More than 150 food and specialty businesses are located within the market, selling an incredible array of produce, meat, spices, jams, flowers, poultry and more. It was added to the National Registry of Historic Places in 1978.
9. **Detroit Historical Museum.** Established in 1921 by the Detroit Historical Society, this museum has been committed to preserving and bringing to life Detroit's vibrant history with interactive exhibits, engaging displays, and family-friendly experiences that celebrate the city's industries, culture, and stories.
10. **Ford Field.** Home of the resurging NFL Football Team, the Detroit Lions, Ford Field is a multi-purpose indoor stadium located in Downtown Detroit.



Eastern Market

For more details on these, as well as many other must-see sites in Detroit, check out [Tripadvisor here](#).

NOTE: The [D2A2 Express Bus](#) from Ann Arbor's Blake Transit Center (BTC) to Detroit's Grand Circus Park can put you within walking distance of many of these sites. So can [Detroit Air Xpress](#) or DAX, which connects Downtown Detroit with Detroit Metro Airport. Michigan Flyer operates D2A2 and DAX, and can connect you with both.

Top Coming Events—We Can Get You There!

East Lansing



R E Olds Transportation Museum **CAR CAPITAL AUTO SHOW**

In addition, attendees can tour the [museum collection](#) for half the [regular admission fee](#).

A Capital Area Transportation Authority bus can get you from our location at the East Lansing Marriott to the Auto Show in about 30 minutes for \$1.25. Find [CATA's Trip Planner](#) here. Folks from the Brighton and Ann Arbor areas who are going to the Auto Show should know that our last eastbound run of the day will leave East Lansing at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Kommuna Lux - Fundraiser Concert for the People of Ukraine

Come fall in love with Odesa, Ukraine—the Pearl of the Black Sea—as Kommuna Lux brings you the heritage music of their beloved hometown. This “Odesa Gangsta Folk” group stirs the crowd with a high-energy Big Band sound from the days of speakeasies and rum runners.

Car Capital Auto Show

This 32nd annual FREE celebration of Lansing's automotive history features approximately 225 classic cars competing in 45 categories, plus food vendors, exhibitors, and music. The State Capitol serves as a backdrop for the event. It takes place at the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Dr., in downtown Lansing, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 26.



Playful, passionate, and conservatory-trained, these musicians have so much fun on stage that you'll get swept up in their joy. Catch them at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. [Tickets \\$22+fee general admission](#); reserved seating also available.

You can get to UrbanBeat from Michigan Flyer's location at the East Lansing Marriott in about 45 minutes on CATA buses (see [CATA's trip planner](#) to pick your route). Or, you can get there in roughly 12 minutes by car or Uber.

Check out more local coming events with the Choose Lansing calendar: <http://www.lansing.org/events>

Whitmore Lake



[Elvis: In Person](#)

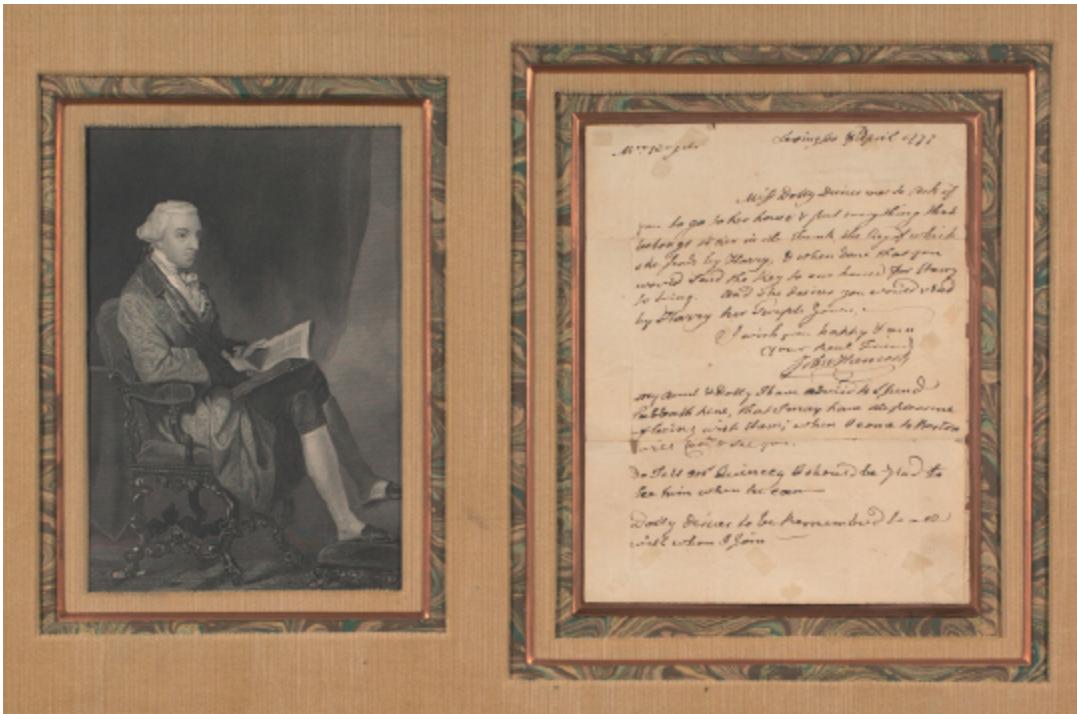
The most electrifying Elvis concert experience in America, starring Matt Stone, is coming to rock the nearby Brighton community at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 7! Recognized by Graceland and the Elvis Presley Estate, Stone delivers an unforgettable tribute to the King, capturing the energy, voice, and charisma of Elvis in his prime.

This isn't your average Elvis impersonator. Backed by the powerhouse TEC Band, this high-energy show promises a night of music, memories, and rock 'n' roll magic for fans of all ages.

Catch it at the Brighton Center for Performing Arts, 7878 Brighton Rd., in Brighton. [Tickets \\$35-\\$55.](#)

The communities of Livingston County offer 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>

Ann Arbor



John Hancock print and letter

Bloody Work: Lexington and Concord 1775

Serious history buffs are in for a real treat. In recognition of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, this exhibit at U-M's William L. Clements Library explores the early months of 1775 in Massachusetts, the battles of Lexington and Concord, and related events that ignited the nearly eight-year war between the British Empire and the American colonies.

Visitors have the opportunity to see original historical manuscripts, letters, documents, newspapers, and artwork that reveal aspects of the bloody work of the Empire and various individuals. Among the items on display are British General Thomas Gage's draft orders for the Concord Expedition; a bundle of letters collected by former Sons of Liberty supporter Dr. Benjamin Church, which he secretly turned over to British Army intelligence; letters by Silas Deane, John Hancock, and Rachel Revere; and much more.

The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Friday, Noon-4 p.m., until Sept. 19. It's about a half-mile walk from Michigan Flyer's location at the Blake Transit Center to the Clements Library at 909 S. University Ave. Or, you can view much of the exhibit online. Also, you could sign up for a one-hour guided tour of all of the library's collections.

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

Detroit



Earth, Wind & Fire - Live in Concert

Legendary music group Earth, Wind & Fire will perform at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave. in Detroit, on Saturday, Aug. 2, at 8 p.m. In 1969, Maurice White birthed the music force named after the elements from his own astrological charts. Earth, Wind & Fire went on to score eight number one hits and sell more than 100 million albums worldwide.

They've released 23 albums—eight of which went double platinum and hit the Top 10—won nine GRAMMY® Awards, and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The music of Earth, Wind & Fire is more alive than ever as they continue to inspire new audiences and thrill those who've been with them all along. Groove to their hits at the Fox Theatre, [Tickets \\$76-\\$322+ before taxes](#).

NOTE: [The D2A2 Express Bus](#) from Ann Arbor's Blake Transit Center (BTC) to Detroit's Grand Circus Park can get Ann Arbor-area riders to and from this event. The Fox Theatre is a short walk from D2A2's stop at 1508 Park Ave., Detroit.

Among other top-notch performers appearing in Detroit over the next month are Katy Perry, Linkin Park, The Fray, Chris Brown, and Nine Inch Nails. To learn more about what's happening in Detroit, check out the Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau calendar of coming events:
<https://visitdetroit.com/events/>.



Tips for Smarter Travel

Know How to Find Us at DTW (click the link for each terminal)

Easily Change Your Own MI Flyer Reservations at this Link

Where's Your Bus? Find Out with Our Real-Time Tracker

Please, Help Others by Reviewing Us Online

Kindly take a moment to help others understand how our service might improve their travels. Just visit one of these websites to write a quick review about your experience with Michigan Flyer. Thank you!



Customer Comment

"Michigan Flyer is the only transportation we use when we fly out of the Detroit Metro Airport. We are constantly talking with friends and family about this service. Michigan Flyer is amazing!"

— LeeAnn A., Okemos, Mich.



Sample Airfares for Fall Getaways



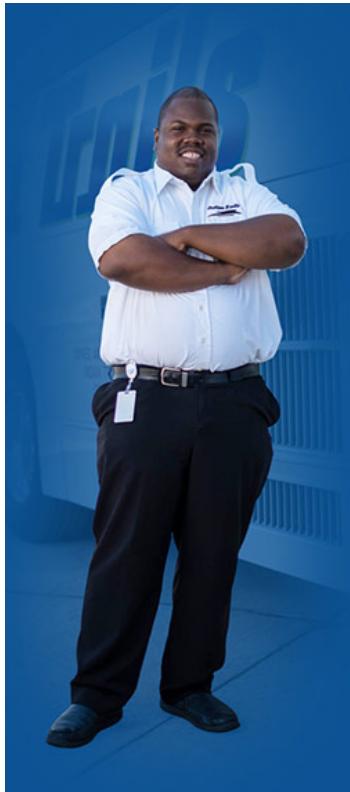
Using [Skyscanner.com](#), we spot-checked prices for domestic roundtrips originating at Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) on Friday, Oct. 10, and returning on Sunday, Oct. 19. Among our search criteria: Flights had to be nonstop in each direction, and the return flight had to arrive at DTW in time for passengers to catch our last run at 10:45 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. to Ann Arbor, Whitmore Lake, and East Lansing.

NOTE: You may well find different fares for nearly the same roundtrips on [Expedia](#), [Kayak](#), or [Orbitz](#)—or by buying tickets directly from a carrier like [Delta Air Lines](#). Lower prices than these are surely available for anyone who's flexible about the dates of travel, or willing to change planes once or more enroute to their destination. Our sample economy roundtrip fares include taxes but not necessarily baggage or other "extras."

St. Louis, MO (STL) Spirit \$100
Tampa, FL (TPA) Spirit \$101
Atlanta, GA (ATL) Spirit \$104
Durham, NC (RDU) Frontier \$117
Ft. Lauderdale, FL (FLL) Spirit \$128
Philadelphia, PA (PHL) Spirit \$128
Boston, MA (BOS) Spirit \$135
Hartford, CT (BDL) Spirit \$139
Charlotte, NC (CLT) Spirit \$140
Norfolk, VA (ORF) Spirit \$140
Minneapolis, MN (MSP) Spirit \$148
Orlando, FL (MCO) Frontier \$157
Dallas, TX (DFW) Frontier \$159
Memphis, TN (MEM) Delta \$159
Los Angeles, CA (LAX) Spirit \$164
Charleston, SC (CHS) Spirit \$169
New York, NY (LGA) JetBlue \$172
Chicago, IL (ORD) Delta \$204
Fort Myers, FL (RSW) Delta \$219

Nashville, TN (BNA) Southwest \$228
Denver, CO (DEN) Frontier \$238
Austin, TX (AUS) Delta \$239
Phoenix, AZ (PHX) Delta \$244
Washington, DC (IAD) United \$274
Des Moines, IA (DSM) Delta \$299
Seattle, WA (SEA) Alaska \$315
San Antonio, TX (SAT) Delta \$339
San Diego, CA (SAN) Delta \$339
Las Vegas, NV (LAS) Spirit \$354
Miami, FL (MIA) Delta \$359
Myrtle Beach, SC (MYR) Delta \$359
New Orleans, LA (MSY) Spirit \$400
Providence, RI (PVD) Delta \$448
Burlington, VT (BTV) Delta \$484
San Francisco, CA (SFO) Delta \$489
Portland, OR (PWM) Delta \$499
Salt Lake City, UT (SLC) Delta \$539
Houston, TX (IAH) United \$570





Bus Drivers Wanted

No experience necessary! Indian Trails, Inc.—which staffs Michigan Flyer with professional drivers—is accepting applications for full-time motorcoach drivers. These positions pay a starting hourly rate of \$23.00, provide a 5-week PAID training program leading to a Commercial Driver's License, and operate Michigan's newest and largest fleet of motorcoaches. Among other benefits, full-time drivers receive:

- Two weeks of paid time off in the first year
- Medical, dental, vision and life insurance
- 401(k) retirement program with employer match
- Annual safety bonus

Worth noting, too, drivers with the highest seniority currently earn \$33.82 an hour. Indian Trails truly appreciates the hard work of its staff members—it's a 115-year-old, family-run company that values fairness, honesty, teamwork, and service excellence. [Click here](#) to learn more and ask to get in touch with our recruiter, Jennifer Freeman.

Why Drive?

Booking is easy, [click here](#) to view schedules.



333 Albert Street - Suite 214 | East Lansing, MI 48823

www.michiganflyer.com

