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Latest News on Our Expanding Michigan Flyer-AirRide Service

Earlier this week, on June 14, we returned our buses to full capacity, in line with how the airlines are handling pandemic precautions as vaccination rates rise across the nation. This means it's way more likely we'll be able to accommodate you when you're ready to travel.

Also this week, Gov. Whitmer announced that capacity limits in both indoor and outdoor settings will end on June 22, and the state of Michigan will no longer require residents to wear a face mask.

However—while social distancing on board our buses is now purely voluntary—[passengers must still wear face masks for the duration of their trips](#). This is required by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and by the Transportation Security Administration until further notice.

Meanwhile, we're improving things behind the scenes to make the passenger experience better than ever. For example ...

It's now easy to change your reservation online.

Here's how to do it in just a few clicks:

Book a Trip

+ ADD PROMOCODE + ADD TRAVELPASS

Choose departure

Choose destination

DEPARTING DATE
Tue, 06/15

Return date

PASSENGERS
1 x Adult

Search

Login Create Account **My Trips**

1. In the “Book a Trip” box at MichiganFlyer.com, click “My Trips,” then enter your email address and ticket number.

2. On the next screen, select “Manage Booking” and confirm what ticket or tickets to change.
(Note that tickets are non-refundable once purchased, but two reservation changes are allowed.)

3. On the “Ticket Change” screen, just select the new date and time of your reservation.

Once that’s done, you can download your new ticket. Also, an email will automatically be sent to you confirming the reservation change.

Your ticket includes a QR code that you should bring—either on paper or your phone—for the driver to scan when you check in at the bus.

PLEASE NOTE: Reservation changes can be made online up until 20 minutes before departure, and only two such changes are allowed. In addition, if you purchased parking along with your ticket, you’ll need to contact our office to get a parking refund, and then rebook. Find a few more details [HERE](#).

Manage Booking

East Lansing
East Lansing Marriott
Sun, 06/27
9:15 AM

2h
(Direct)

Detroit Airport
DTW McNamara Terminal
Sun, 06/27
11:15 AM

Show ticket **Manage booking** Email ticket Download ticket Print

9:15 AM East Lansing Marriott
11:15 AM DTW McNamara Terminal

Ticket change

East Lansing Marriott DTW McNamara Terminal **Sun, 06/27**

Sun, 06/27

Time	From	To	Airline	Starts at	Info	Action
6:30 AM	East Lansing Marriott	DTW McNamara Terminal	Michigan Flyer	\$0.00	Info	Reverse seat
8:30 AM	East Lansing Marriott	DTW McNamara Terminal	Michigan Flyer	\$0.00	Info	Reverse seat
7:45 AM	East Lansing Marriott	DTW McNamara Terminal	Michigan Flyer	\$0.00	Info	Reverse seat
9:15 AM	East Lansing Marriott	DTW McNamara Terminal	Michigan Flyer	\$0.00	Info	Your current trip
11:15 AM	East Lansing Marriott	DTW McNamara Terminal	Michigan Flyer	\$0.00	Info	Reverse seat
10:45 AM	East Lansing Marriott	DTW McNamara Terminal	Michigan Flyer	\$0.00	Info	Reverse seat
12:30 PM	East Lansing Marriott	DTW McNamara Terminal	Michigan Flyer	\$0.00	Info	Reverse seat

Travel Alert: Airlines Now Adding Flights to Europe

As evidenced by Delta’s growing list of destinations, Europe is once again within reach of travelers who had been effectively grounded by COVID-19 restrictions.

This includes Paris! From Detroit Metro Airport (DTW), Delta now offers three flights a week to Charles de



Gaulle airport for the lowest roundtrip fare of \$1,635. Among the airline's other current European destinations from DTW, the cheapest roundtrip fares are:

- ✈ Athens, Greece \$991
- ✈ Milan, Italy \$998
- ✈ Rome, Italy \$1,021
- ✈ Venice, Italy \$1,006
- ✈ Barcelona, Spain \$1,000
- ✈ Madrid, Spain \$1,021

Rates shown are from a recent spot check for a sample trip departing DTW on or about June 30 and returning around July 15. All fares shown are "economy light basic," meaning among other things that no changes or refunds are allowed, seats are assigned after check-in and not eligible for upgrades, and ticket value is zero if you cancel.

For about \$150 more than the fares shown above, flight changes are allowed free of charge, you can select & change seats, the first checked bag is free, you're eligible to purchase seating upgrades, and you get an "eCredit" to use on another flight if you cancel a reservation.



Know Before You Go: COVID-19 Issues

Since the pandemic is waning but not over, you are strongly encouraged to review the entry requirements for any international destination before purchasing a ticket.

Is a vaccination certificate or negative COVID-19 test required? For example, Greece is open to passengers from the U.S. who are either fully vaccinated or can provide evidence of a negative PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival. PCR

tests, using a nasal swab, are used to directly screen for the presence of viral RNA, which is detectable in the body before antibodies form or symptoms of the disease are present. The swabs must to be sent to a lab in order to get results.

Also, Delta flights to Italy that are not designated as "COVID-Tested" will require a 10-day quarantine for U.S. travelers upon arrival there. To find out what to expect in the way of COVID-19 restrictions, the airline offers a handy [Delta Discover Map](#) that can help.

When returning to the U.S., passengers without their negative COVID-19 test results and a signed "attestation" will be denied boarding in accordance with a CDC order.

If your itinerary includes a connecting flight, the COVID-19 test must be taken within three days of the initial flight departure, and connections cannot be longer than 24 hours.

Passengers who have recovered from COVID-19 can travel with a positive test (taken within 90 days before travel) and a letter from a licensed health provider or public health official stating that the customer has been cleared for travel.



Will Our Brighton Passengers Get a Terminal? Maybe ...

Michigan Flyer-AirRide passengers in the Brighton area may be pleased to know that the Livingston Essential Transportation Service (LETS), headquartered in Howell, is looking to build a new multimodal transportation terminal in Brighton. The transit hub would be a place for connections with other regional transit agencies, and would also provide a permanent home for Michigan Flyer, which has been operating out of the local Meijer parking lot.

The project would cost at least \$10 million, 80 percent funded by a federal grant and 20 percent by the state of Michigan. LETS Director Greg Kellogg is seeking authorization from the Livingston County Commission to apply for the proposed federal grant. Approval would be just the first step, since a property search, site

planning, and construction would follow—a process that could take a couple of years.



Want More Daily Roundtrips? Help Us Find New Drivers

Michigan Flyer-AirRide offers eight daily roundtrips right now. Many of you have asked for more, and we're ready to deliver up to 12 roundtrips daily—as soon as we can hire and train enough drivers.

Would you—or someone you know—be interested in a rewarding professional driving career—one where travel and adventure come standard? Would you like to be paid while training for the job and get help in obtaining a Commercial Driver's License (CDL)?

If so, our parent company, Indian Trails, Inc.—which staffs Michigan Flyer motorcoaches with professional drivers—has got you covered. And it's now hiring!

Drivers are responsible for ensuring that passengers experience top-notch customer service while getting to their destinations safely and on time.



In return for this most important work, Indian Trails—a 110-year-old, family-owned company based in Owosso, Mich.—prides itself on providing an employee-friendly atmosphere along with a host of benefits such as:

- ✍ \$3,000 sign-on bonus
- ✍ Comprehensive, paid training, plus help in getting a CDL
- ✍ Competitive salary

- Two weeks of paid time off during the first year
- Medical, dental, vision and life insurance
- 401(k) retirement program with employer match
- Annual safety bonus
- Paid hotel and meal allowances on multi-day trips
- Michigan's newest and largest fleet of motorcoaches

We encourage anyone, including those without any previous commercial driving experience, to apply. We are also a Certified Veteran-Friendly Employer and welcome all veterans. Please visit our website to find out more or to apply: <https://www.indiantrails.com/careers>.



Celebrating Juneteenth, Summer, Dads & Our Nation's 245th Birthday!

This week, President Joe Biden signed a bill establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday celebrating the end of slavery in America in 1865. To be observed this Saturday—and on each June 19 thereafter—Juneteenth National Independence Day is the nation's 12th legal public holiday. Also, it's the first new one since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was signed into law in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan.

The following day—Sunday, June 20—marks the official start of summer 2021 in the Northern Hemisphere. Astronomically speaking, that's when the summer solstice will occur, giving us the longest day (and shortest night) of the year.

June 20 also happens to be Father's Day in the United States. Historical note: In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson approved a resolution officially making Mother's Day the second Sunday in May. However, it was not until 1972 that Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a national holiday.

Most importantly—exactly 245 years ago, on July 4, 1776—the Founding Fathers of America's original 13 colonies adopted the [Declaration of Independence](#). Drafted by Thomas Jefferson, it condemns and proclaims freedom from the oppressive rule of Great Britain.

Including this famous passage—"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness"—it ends with fighting words: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Ever since then, July 4 has been celebrated with fireworks, parades, picnics and concerts as America's Birthday!

P.S. Look for us in the Brighton parade.

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



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