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Why Folks Choose Our New Hytch Service

At Michigan Flyer, we like to check in frequently with customers to ask how well we're doing. So, now that we've officially launched Hytch—our new door-to-door service—we asked a couple of passengers to weigh in on their experiences.

But first, in case you're new to the concept, let's review. Hytch is a branded minivan that connects Michigan Flyer passengers with their bus at the East Lansing

Marriott right from—or to—the door of their home, workplace, or another location in the Hytch service area. This includes every address in roughly a four-mile radius from the Marriott, including downtown Lansing, the Michigan State University campus, parts of Meridian Township and more. Hytch rides are \$10 per person, one way, and available to Michigan Flyer passengers when they book their bus trips online.

Each Hytch minivan is a new-model, five-passenger, ride-share vehicle (one is wheelchair accessible) with an experienced driver. Rides are available Sunday through Friday from 3 a.m. to 11 p.m., but not on Saturday.

[Find complete details about Hytch at this link.](#)

Now, here's how two passengers say they use Hytch:

To Gain Work Experience

Claudia Castre, a law student at Michigan State University who will be transferring to the University of Michigan



Claudia Castre

the Flyer.”



Jeffrey Reeves

Reeves always got to his destination in time: “I realize this is a start-up and there might be some glitches at first, but it’s working out fine. I’m saving money using Hytch. It’s a great addition to Michigan Flyer. And I’m a champion for the combination.”

law school this fall, is working as a summer intern with the Michigan Attorney General’s office in Lansing.

She regularly uses Michigan Flyer to commute between MSU and Ann Arbor, where she and her family live. “Recently, I logged onto the Michigan Flyer website and saw that they were offering Hytch,” Castre says. “I thought, ‘This is great! It will make it so much easier for me to get off the bus, grab a ride with Hytch, and head to my internship downtown.’”

Claudia’s internship requires her to be in the office three days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with some flexibility. She appreciates the cost and time effectiveness of the Hytch service. “The drivers I’ve had are very friendly and accommodating,” she adds. “If I’m running a little behind, I can just text them to let them know. I recommend this service to anyone who uses

To Volunteer Out of State

A General Motors retiree and native of Lansing, Mich., Jeffrey Reeves has been a long-time fan of the Flyer, especially when he started traveling several times a month to Dallas, TX, where he serves as a special volunteer advocate for abused and neglected children in the non-profit [Dallas CASA](#) organization. His focus is connecting foster children who are aging out of the system with resources designed to help them.

Reeves was excited to learn about Hytch. “I thought this is a great marriage between the service Michigan Flyer offers to Detroit Metro Airport, and being able to use Hytch to connect directly with my home in Lansing,” he says.

As with any new service, there’ve been a couple of hiccups along the way, but in all the times he’s used it,

Attention Hytch Riders:

Take a Quick Survey, Enter to Win a \$100 Gift Card

Though we just recently rolled out our new door-to-door service, we’re eager to hear from more actual Hytch users—specifically, how it’s working from your perspective. In return for sharing your thoughts in this [five-minute survey](#), we’ll include you in a random drawing for a \$100 Amazon.com gift card. So, for a chance to win, please take a moment now to tell us how Hytch helps meet your travel needs. Good luck!



our website.



Travel Alerts

Reduced Schedule for Ann Arbor on July 4th

Due to the [Firecracker 5K and Mile Fun Run on Tuesday, July 4, in Ann Arbor](#), followed by the annual Jaycees Fourth of July Parade, only some of our nine roundtrips between Ann Arbor and Detroit Metro Airport will be operated on Independence Day. Eastbound from East Lansing, these are runs #8002, #8012, #8014, #8016, #8018, and #8020. Westbound from Detroit Metro Airport, the runs serving Ann Arbor will be #8009, #8011, #8013, #8015, #8017, #8019 and #8021. [See our Schedule here](#). Also, you can check which of our runs will be operating with the “[Book a Trip](#)” feature on

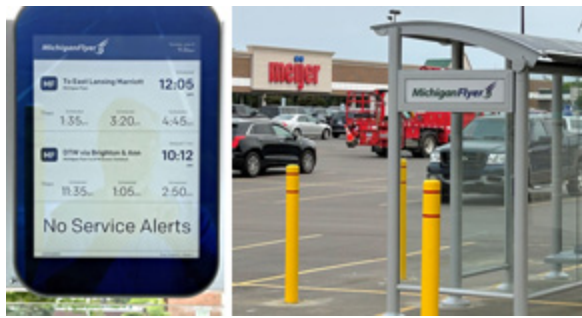
WestJet Begins Direct Flights to and from DTW

The Canadian airline's [new summer schedule](#) enables Detroit Metro Airport customers to fly directly to Calgary—and from there to other cities across Canada—for the first time since 2005. WestJet's summer schedule offers five weekly nonstop roundtrips between DTW and Calgary International Airport (YYC). In a quick spot-check, we found nonstop roundtrips available for \$555.87 at WestJet.com for flights originating at DTW on July 7 and returning from YYC on July 15.

Calgary offers the nearby scenic splendor of Banff National Park in the Canadian Rockies, with stunning views of turquoise Lake Louise. Meanwhile, in town, you'll find top attractions like the Heritage Village Historical Park, Calgary Zoo, and Calgary Tower. As a longstanding partner of Delta Airlines, WestJet also gives Canadian travelers access to over 150 U.S. destinations on a single ticket, which promises to bring more visitors to Michigan.

Inside Our New Bus Shelter in Brighton

Our Brighton passengers now have a brand new bus shelter at our stop in the Meijer parking lot. It not only serves as a place to rest with some protection from the weather, but also offers a couple of electronic amenities. First and foremost, it includes an electronic bus-tracker monitor that continuously displays updated



arrival times for Michigan Flyer buses, so passengers needn't wonder, "Where the heck is my bus?" The shelter also features LED lighting and USB ports for passengers who'd like to charge their electronic devices.

Note that the data used by the bus-tracker sign is delivered via WiFi from satellite-based GPS systems and computers on each of our motorcoaches, which monitor bus location and speed to predict arrival times.

The same bus tracking info is available to ALL passengers through our website at <https://www.michiganflyer.com/bus-tracker>. For quick access, you may want to bookmark this link in the web browser on your smartphone.

Top Coming Events—We Can Get You There!



Lansing

July 4th Prelude to Fireworks Concert. Join the Lansing Concert Band at Adado Riverfront Park in downtown Lansing for favorite patriotic tunes, marches, a salute to our service members and more, including tunes from the jazz Big Band! This FREE outdoor concert begins at 8 p.m. Bring your favorite lawn chair or blanket. Food vendors will be available in the park for snacks. The city's fireworks show immediately follows the concert at about 10 p.m. Location: 201 E.

Shiawassee Street, Lansing.

NOTE: A Capital Area Transportation Authority bus can get you from East Lansing to Adado Riverfront Park fairly quickly and for just \$1.25. Near the corner of westbound Grand River Ave. and M.A.C. (a short walk from our location at the East Lansing Marriott), catch CATA's #1 bus to downtown Lansing, then get off at Grand Ave.

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

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



Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor Art Fair 2023. Drawing nearly half a million attendees over three days, it's the largest juried art fair in the nation, with works by about 1,000 artists displayed (and for sale) over 30 city blocks downtown. You'll find art in virtually every medium—handcrafted ceramics, jewelry, leather and metalworks, painting, photography, sculpture, wood, and more. In addition, there will be dining and sidewalk sales, [plus live music and art activities](#).

Now in its 63rd year, the fair is actually three independently juried, nonprofit art fairs in one (Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, The Original; Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair; and Ann Arbor State Street Art Fair). They all take place

concurrently on Thursday, July 20, 10 a.m.– 9 p.m.; Friday, July 21, 10 a.m.– 9 p.m.; and Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m.– 8 p.m. [Click here to download a map of the event](#). FREE and fun for all ages.

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



Brighton

 [Michigan Challenge Balloonfest](#). The 38th annual balloonfest features carnival rides, kid attractions, fireworks, and the spectacular balloon launches, fly-ins, and evening glow.

The [event schedule](#) spans three days—Friday, June 23, 2 p.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday June 24, 6 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday, June 25, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.—and is hosted by the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce. Admission is \$5 per day per person, but free for children three and under. [See the schedule of events here](#). The event takes place at the [Howell High School Complex](#), 1200 W. Grand River Rd., Howell, Mich. That's about a 20-

minute drive West on I-96 from our location at the Brighton Meijer. Parking is free.

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

 [Ed Sheeran's + - = ÷ x Tour](#)

The multiple GRAMMY® Award-winning, global superstar brings his "Mathematics Tour" to Ford Field on July 15 at 6 p.m. (doors open at 4:30 p.m.). This tour is Sheeran's first major effort to support his latest full length album, which debuted at #1 on the Billboard 200 upon its 2021 release, becoming his fourth consecutive album to top the chart. Tickets [\\$49-\\$149+](#).

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. Ford Field is about a half-mile walk from D2A2's 1508 Park Avenue in Detroit.

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

Customer Comment

"I've been riding the Flyer from East Lansing to Detroit Metro Airport since it started. Never a bad experience! It's the best thing ever! I would recommend it to anyone. Thank you, Michigan Flyer!"

—Mary M., Lansing, Mich.



Sample Airfares for Late Summer Getaways

If you're thinking of getting out of Dodge one last week before K-12 schools and colleges resume classes, now is the time to start planning. Using [Kayak.com](https://www.kayak.com) and [Skyscanner.com](https://www.skyscanner.com), we spot-checked prices for domestic roundtrips originating at Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) on Friday, Aug. 11, and returning on Saturday, Aug. 19.

Good news: Fares are generally lower than they were six months ago. 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 8:15 p.m./8:30 p.m. to Ann Arbor, Brighton, and East Lansing.

NOTE: Lower prices than these are often available for anyone who is 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."

Minneapolis, MN (MSP) Spirit \$111
Orlando, FL (MCO) Frontier \$119
New York, NY (LGA) Spirit \$130
Raleigh, NC (RDU) Frontier \$130
Las Vegas, NV (LAS) Frontier \$173
Dallas, TX (DFW) Spirit \$182
Fort Myers, FL (RSW) Spirit \$182
Boston, MA (BOS) JetBlue \$188
Denver, CO (DEN) Frontier \$191
Washington, DC (DCA) American \$208
Los Angeles, CA (LAX) Spirit \$232
Nashville, TN (BNA) Delta \$238

Philadelphia, PA (PHL) Spirit + Delta \$242
Charlotte, NC (CLT) Delta \$256
San Antonio, TX (SAT) Delta \$268
Austin, TX (AUS) Delta \$268
Miami, FL (MIA) Spirit \$299
Phoenix, AZ (PHX) Frontier + American \$342
Portland, OR (PWM) Delta \$358
Des Moines, IA (DSM) Delta \$438
New Orleans, LA (MSY) Delta \$508
Seattle, WA (SEA) Delta \$556
San Francisco, CA (SFO) Delta \$628

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Kindly take a moment to help others understand how our service might improve their travels. Simply visit one of

the websites below to write a brief review about your experience with Michigan Flyer. Thank you!



Professional Drivers Wanted

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 \$21.42, provide a 6-week PAID training program leading to a Commercial Drivers License, and operate Michigan's newest and largest fleet of motorcoaches. Full-time drivers also 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

Also important, Indian Trails truly appreciates the hard work of its staff members—it's a 113-year-old, family-run company with old-fashioned values like fairness, honesty, teamwork, and service excellence.

We encourage anyone, including those with no commercial driving experience, to apply. It takes a special person to be a professional bus driver. To us and to our passengers, they're truly heroes of the road. [Learn more and apply here.](#)



Happy 247th Birthday, America!

On July 4, 1776—247 years ago—the Founding Fathers of America's original 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence. Drafted largely 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."

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

Fascinating facts about the founding of our great nation:

- ✍ When the Declaration of Independence was signed, the fighting had been ongoing for more than a year—since April 1775. That's when local militiamen fought British soldiers in the Battles of Lexington and Concord,

Massachusetts, marking the “shot heard round the world” that started the Revolutionary War.

✍ George Washington, who would become America’s first president, did not sign the Declaration along with other Founding Fathers in Philadelphia. He was in what’s now Manhattan, N.Y., commanding the Continental Army as it prepared to battle the British again. On July 9, he received a copy of the Declaration from John Hancock and read it to his ecstatic troops, some of whom promptly pulled down a nearby statue of Britain’s King George III.

✍ In 1778, France joined the war on the side of the colonists. Its assistance helped the Continental Army to force the British surrender at Yorktown, Va., in 1781. Great Britain formally recognized the independence of the United States in the Treaty of Paris on Sept. 3, 1783.

✍ John Adams, America’s second president, and Thomas Jefferson, our third president, were both Founding Fathers of America. As young men, they were political rivals. In later life, they became close friends. Both died on the same day—July 4, 1826, our 50th Independence Day.

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