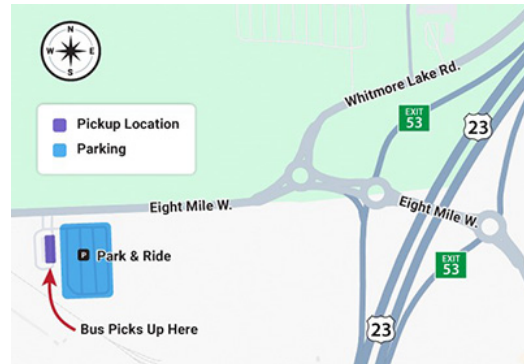




Our Brighton Stop has a New Temporary Location

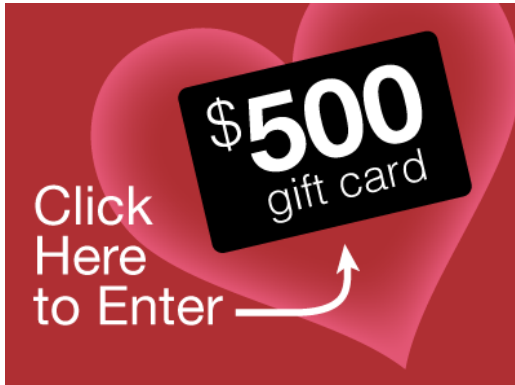


Effective Saturday, March 15—due to heavy road construction near the intersection of I-96 and Grand River Ave.—Michigan Flyer moved its Brighton stop from the Meijer parking lot to the MDOT Park & Ride off Exit 53 of U.S. 23 at Whitmore Lake Rd. at 8 Mile Rd.

We'll be using this temporary Park & Ride location (also called Public Carpool Parking) to pick up and drop off passengers until further notice. Depending on road construction progress, we'll then return to our normal stop at the Brighton Meijer store.

To ensure that as few passengers as possible are inconvenienced by this temporary move, we've reached out directly to those with current Brighton reservations, posted a sign in the Meijer parking lot, added a service advisory and updated schedule to the [MichiganFlyer.com](https://www.michiganflyer.com) website, and published a special edition of our E-News.

Tell Us Your Love Story, Win a Big Prize!



Don't miss out on our new "Love Connections" essay contest. It's your chance to win a \$500 gift card Top Prize, or one of five \$100 gift card Runner-up Prizes!

To enter, just tell a great—but true—story about how Michigan Flyer helped to connect you with a special person, place or adventure dear to your heart.

In addition to the gift card, all winners will have their stories and photos published in our E-news for the enjoyment of fellow passengers.

It doesn't get much easier: Submit your story of up to 300 words [here at SurveyMonkey](#) between now and May 22, 2025. We'll notify the winners sometime after that by phone or email. Entries will be judged by Michigan Flyer staff and creative consultants, based on which stories best fit the contest theme. Good luck!

Meet Your Driver, Shane Poe



Having served eight years on active duty in the U. S. Marine Corps, followed by 20 years in IT for the U.S. Defense Department in Battle Creek, Mich., plus another five years as a private contractor, Shane Poe decided it was time for a new career.

"I was living in Kalamazoo, and I needed a change of pace," he recalls. "I couldn't find anything I liked. Then a buddy of mine, who's a driver for Indian Trails, suggested I apply there."

Shane was already impressed by the Indian Trails motorcoaches he'd seen driving by in western Michigan. And once he started our weeks-long intensive training program in 2019, "everything just clicked. It felt natural. It's just what I needed."

He credits his veteran Indian Trails trainers—including then-Safety & Training Manager Becky Smith—for their calm, confidence-building styles of teaching new drivers. “When you first look at these big buses up close, they can be intimidating. But my trainers gave great advice, encouraged questions, and I discovered that driving a bus wasn’t as hard as I thought it would be.”

By the end of training, Shane was eager to get out on the road: “I was chomping at the bit to go solo. I felt confident from all the practice sessions I’d had.”

Route to Michigan Flyer

Shane gained a variety of experiences at Indian Trails, our parent company. He drove one route between Kalamazoo and St. Ignace, another around the Western Michigan University campus, a third between Kalamazoo and Coldwater, and piloted charter trips to wherever groups wanted to go. “My first charter was taking an enthusiastic group of fans to a Detroit Tigers game,” he says. “That was a lot of fun.”

He also treasured times he ferried elementary and middle school students to different destinations: “They’re so fascinated by and curious about the features on our motorcoaches. They’re so different from the school buses they’re accustomed to.”

Before becoming one of its drivers in 2023, Shane had never heard of the Flyer. “When I learned that we offer this airport shuttle service, too, I thought it was great,” he says. “Some people can’t drive. Others don’t want to hassle with traffic in getting to Detroit Metro Airport and then parking there. Michigan Flyer eliminates a lot of stress.”

Shane notes that the Flyer also benefits Michigan State University and University of Michigan students, who find it an easy and affordable way to visit each other’s campus.

The best part of his job? “I get to meet people from all over the world, a lot of whom come here because of our universities. I enjoy meeting my passengers and seeing the regulars. From my time working in IT, I learned how to help de-stress folks and put them at ease.”



Right Place, Right Time

Joining Indian Trails changed Shane’s life in another way, too. It happened in 2022 when he drove a bus to a Lansing parking facility after finishing his route. Another driver happened to arrive at the same time. As they chatted, he learned that her name was Kelly, and they became fast friends. “I remember thinking, ‘Wow! What just happened?’” he says.

The two started dating and, in 2023, they married and found a home together in Owosso, Mich.

When they're not out on the road, Shane and Kelly like watching movies together. Shane also enjoys playing golf when he can, and finds joy in writing, especially poetry.

"My career change has been so surprisingly rewarding," he adds. "This company trusts you to do the job well, and the passengers entrust you with their safety. It feels like I'm doing a public service. It offers much more than a paycheck in return."



Travel Alerts

Budget Carrier Avelo Airlines Adds Cheap Flights from DTW



[Avelo Airlines](#) is adding three new nonstop destinations out of Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Beginning April 4, it will fly between DTW and Connecticut's Tweed-New Haven Airport on Mondays and Fridays. On June 12, it will start twice weekly service (Thursdays and Sundays) to and from North Carolina's Wilmington International Airport.

And on June 13, it will launch service to Concord-Padgett Regional Airport (about 20 miles from Charlotte, N.C.) on Mondays and Fridays.

In our spot check of these Avelo roundtrips for sample dates in June, fares were just \$59 for Wilmington. And they're even lower for New Haven and Concord—just \$49.

Restrooms in DTW's McNamara Terminal Undergoing Renovation

All 67 restrooms in the terminal are being stripped down to the studs and rebuilt. The upgrades include terrazzo tile flooring, lighting technology that indicates if a stall is occupied, step stools for sinks, oversized sinks, individual lighted mirrors, convenience

shelving in each stall and urinal, light-up entry signage and more. The first set of renovated restrooms near Gate A10 opened in late June.

"This project, thanks to the Biden administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grants, will improve our customer experience as we strive to exceed the high standards that our guests have come to expect," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Chad Newton. A \$28 million grant from that law's Airport Terminal Program is paying for most of the \$38 million construction cost. WCAA is covering the rest.

Restrooms are being closed on a rolling basis to minimize the impact on customers. Signs on construction walls direct guests to the nearest open restroom. The renovations are expected to be completed in 2027.

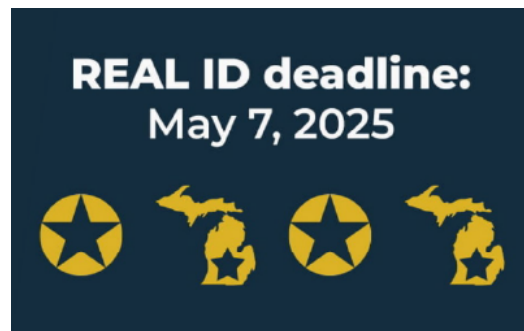


Before



After

Reminder: There are New ID Requirements to Fly in 2025-26



If you're planning to take a domestic flight in the U.S. on or after May 7, be aware that the Dept. of Homeland Security will require everyone to have a state-issued **REAL ID** driver's license, U.S. passport or passport card, or [other credentials acceptable at TSA Checkpoints](#).

Planning a trip to the U.K.? Then you already need to arrange for a United Kingdom Electronic Travel Authorization (UK ETA) linked to a traditional passport or visa. It costs £10 British pounds or about \$12.97 U.S. dollars to [apply for a UK ETA](#), which is valid for two years.

Finally, if you'd like to visit any of 30 European Union countries, you'll likely need approval from the EU's European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS). It will allow for short stays of up to 90 days in a 180-day period and should be valid for about three years. Once the often-delayed system becomes operational in the latter part of 2026, it's expected to cost about \$7 to [apply for ETIAS](#).

Hats Off to Our Award-Winning Safe Drivers!

We're proud to honor the 25 Indian Trails and Michigan Flyer drivers who completed the 2024 calendar year without having a preventable accident. Theirs is a remarkable accomplishment considering the thousands of miles each has driven, often in hazardous weather or road conditions, while sharing the highways with countless unsafe drivers.

These exceptional and well-deserving drivers are recipients of the Cora V. Taylor Safe Driving Award, named after the co-founder of Indian Trails—a similarly dedicated and remarkable woman who was the first female licensed chauffeur in the U.S., and was inducted into the Michigan Department of Transportation Hall of Honor in 2006.

The names of these safe driving award winners will be displayed on plaques at each Indian Trails location, and all received a bonus check in appreciation for their accomplishments. Please join us in congratulating them on a very important job well done!



Top Coming Events – We Can Get You There!

East Lansing



Jazz at Lincoln Center: New Orleans Songbook

This amazing evening is all about the soul of New Orleans and the spirit of Mardi Gras, celebrating composers and songs from Jelly Roll Morton and Louis Armstrong to Ellis Marsalis and James Black.

Led by 2019 MSU Jazz Studies alum Luther S. Allison on piano, along with vocalists Quiana Lynell and Milton Suggs, New Orleans Songbook immerses audiences in the spirit of the Crescent City. Catch it at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts, 750 E. Shaw Ln., on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing. [Tickets are \\$25-\\$66 plus fee.](#)



61st Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the State Capitol Lawn

On Saturday, April 19, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., with participants divided into three Egg Scramble groups: 10:30 a.m. for ages 3 and under, 10:45 a.m. for ages 4 to 6, and 11 a.m. for ages 7 and up. Then comes the Bunny Hop from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., when everyone is invited to collect candy and treats and enjoy fun activities at Downtown Lansing businesses on the 100 to 300 blocks of S. Washington Ave. Be sure to bring your basket! No purchase is necessary, and street parking is free on Saturday.

NOTE: A Capital Area Transportation Authority bus can get you from our location at the East Lansing Marriott to within a block or two of the Capitol Building in about 30 minutes for \$1.25. Find [CATA's Trip Planner here](#). Folks coming from the Brighton and Ann Arbor areas should know that after the event there's ample time to catch our last eastbound run of the day, which leaves East Lansing at 5:30 p.m.

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

Brighton

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: visitlivingstoncounty.com/events/.

Ann Arbor

63rd Ann Arbor Film Festival

The oldest avant-garde and experimental film festival in North America, founded in 1963, is internationally recognized as a premiere forum for independent filmmakers and artists.



The six-day festival presents 40 programs with more than 180 films from over 20 countries of all lengths and genres, including experimental, animation, documentary, fiction, and performance-based works. The Ann Arbor Film Festival received 2,642 films from 93 countries for consideration this year. Also, it serves as one of only a handful of Academy Award®-qualifying festivals in the United States.

It's screening films from March 25 to 30 (times vary) at various venues in downtown Ann Arbor. [See the schedule and list of film screenings here.](#) [Tickets are generally \\$14 per program, though some events are free.](#)

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

Detroit

Tina Fey & Amy Poehler
Restless Leg Tour



**DETROIT, MI
FOX THEATRE**

[Tina Fey & Amy Poehler: Restless Leg Tour](#)

Comedy icons, writers, producers, actresses and Saturday Night Live alumni Amy Poehler and Tina Fey are bringing their Restless Leg Tour to the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave. in Detroit on Friday and Saturday, April 4 & 5, at 7 p.m. Fans can expect to see the duo celebrate their 30 years of friendship with an evening of jokes, iconic stories and conversational entertainment that has sold out shows nationwide. [Tickets \\$155-\\$480.](#)

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.

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

Sample Fares for International Flights



If you dream of exploring another country while on summer vacation, now is the time to start making it come true. That's because the sooner you start planning your trip, the less expensive your airline tickets are apt to be. Using Skyscanner.com, we spot-checked prices for roundtrips originating at Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) on Saturday, July 5, and returning on Saturday, July 19. Among our search criteria: Flights had to make no more than one stop or plane change in each direction, any layover between flights had to be fairly brief, and the flight return had to arrive at DTW in time for passengers to catch our last run at 9:45 or 10 p.m. to Ann Arbor, Brighton or East Lansing.

NOTE: Lower prices than these are often available for anyone who's flexible about dates of travel, or willing to make two or more stops or plane changes. Our sample economy roundtrip fares include taxes but not necessarily baggage or other "extras."

San Juan, PRI (SJU) Spirit \$324
Cancun, MEX (CUN) Spirit + Frontier \$416
Vancouver, CAN (YVR) United \$439
Toronto, CAN (YYZ) Delta \$482
Montreal, CAN (YUL) Delta \$510
Nassau, BHS (NAS) American \$686
Brussels, BEL (BRU) United \$1,012
Geneva, CHE (GVA) AirFrance \$1,018
Venice, ITA (VCE)
 AirFrance or Delta **\$1,082**
Berlin, DEU (BER) Lufthansa \$1,089
Lisbon, PRT (LIS) Delta \$1,103
Warsaw, POL (WAW) Delta \$1,130
Luxembourg, LUX (LUX) AirFrance \$1,141
Zurich, CHE (ZRH) Delta \$1,176
Athens, GRC (ATH) Delta \$1,182
Helsinki, FIN (HEL) Delta \$1,182
Naples, ITA (NAP) United \$1,191
Vienna, AUS (VIA) Lufthansa \$1,197
Santiago, CHL (SCL) Delta \$1,199
Bucharest, ROU (OTP) Lufthansa \$1,219

Copenhagen, DEN (CPH) Delta \$741
Punta Cana, DOM (PUJ) Delta \$774
Oslo, NOR (OSL) Delta \$874
Reykjavik, ISL (KEF) IcelandAir \$878
London, GBR (LGW) British \$883
Stockholm, SWE (ARN) United \$884
Rome, ITA (FCO) British + Turkish \$1,236
Paris, FRA (CDG) Delta \$1,262
Frankfurt, DEU (FRA) KLM \$1,268
New Delhi, IND (DEL) Delta \$1,270
Amsterdam, NLD (AMS) American \$1,271
Glasgow, GBR (GLA) Delta \$1,295
Barcelona, ESP (BCN) Lufthansa \$1,396
Tokyo, JPN (NRT) Air Canada \$1,397
Mumbai, IND (BOM)
 Lufthansa + Turkish **\$1,442**
Madrid, ESP (MAD) Delta \$1,468
Buenos Aires, ARG (EZE) Delta \$1,475
Sydney, AUS (SYD) Delta \$1,745
Manila, PHI (MNL) Spirit + Turkish \$1,776



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!

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Customer Comment

"I have never had a problem with Michigan Flyer. The service has been excellent, and the drivers have always been kind and helpful."

—Marjorie H., Haslett, Mich.



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.

Happy Ramadan, Passover & Easter!



Ramadan, which in 2025 began on Friday, Feb. 28, will end on Saturday, March 29. In Islam, it is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar, when it is believed that the Holy Quran was first revealed to Prophet Muhammad. This is a period of fasting during daylight hours, self-reflection, gratitude, charity toward the poor, and reading the entire Quran in order to draw closer to God. It is also a social time when Muslims meet for pre-dawn breakfasts, prayers at the mosque, and dinners after sunset. Eid al-Fitr, the “Feast of Fast-Breaking,” will be celebrated on March 29 and 30 this year, marking the end of Ramadan with games and presents for children, as well as socializing, eating, and exchanging gifts with friends and family members.

Passover, which lasts from sundown on Saturday, April 12, to sundown on Sunday, April 20, in 2025, is the major Jewish celebration marking the Exodus of the Children of Israel from slavery in ancient Egypt. The first night often involves great ceremony around a special family meal called the seder, where foods such as [matzo](#)—symbolic of liberation—are eaten, and traditional recitations are performed.

Easter is on Sunday, April 20, this year. The Christian feast day and holiday—famous for brightly-colored eggs, bonnets, bunnies, candy baskets, lilies, and church services—commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. That occurred three days after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary in 30 A.D., according to the Bible’s New Testament.

Happy Earth Day!



Did you know? Just 55 years ago, it was perfectly legal for a factory to belch toxic smoke into the air or dump poisonous waste into a stream. So, around the globe smog grew thick and deadly, pollution caused developmental delays in children, and some species of life became extinct due to unrestrained use of pesticides.

That all began to change after the first [Earth Day](#), Tuesday, April 22, 1970, which drew 20 million people in cities across America to protest pollution.

Congress responded by creating the Environmental Protection Agency and passing the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Endangered Species Act.

This year, more than one billion people in 192 countries will participate in Earth Day to help prevent climate change disasters and promote environmental sustainability.

The theme of Earth Day 2025—"Our Power, Our Planet," is a call for humanity to unite and take action for a cleaner and more sustainable future by focusing on renewable energy (such as solar, wind and geothermal).

While government and corporations can help save the planet, the personal choices of individuals can be equally effective. For example, you could:

Simply Travel Smarter

Transportation is the biggest source of carbon emissions in the U.S., particularly car travel. We chose "Why Drive?" as our Michigan Flyer slogan for a reason. Just by riding with us, passengers make a big difference in conserving energy, decreasing pollution, and easing congestion on our highways. Each of our motorcoaches:

- Exceeds EPA standards on air pollutants (85% fewer CO2 emissions per passenger mile for each person who rides instead of driving alone).
- Achieves high fuel economy (184 passenger miles per gallon).
- Has the capacity to remove 50 cars from the highway, further reducing air pollution, traffic congestion, and use of fossil fuels.

In fact, the Union of Concerned Scientists [confirms that motorcoaches are the greenest travel option of all](#), compared with planes, trains, and automobiles.

Why Drive?

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



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