



Spirit Airlines Offers New Low Fares at DTW



In the [last edition of our E-News](#), we reported how Spirit Airlines had emerged from bankruptcy and came zooming back into direct competition with Delta Air Lines, launching 10 new and five resuming nonstop destinations from Detroit Metro Airport. That will bring Spirit's nonstop routes from DTW to 40 by mid-June, with one more to come in October, Savannah (SAV).

Though we normally report roundtrip pricing, Michigan Flyer VP Ody Norkin—a veteran travel agent—got to wondering about Spirit's one-way airfares. Focusing on the June 10-15 period, he tapped into the Global Distribution Systems used by travel agents and found the following one-way Spirit fares, which include taxes and fees, but not baggage or other "extras."

"This enables you to fly Spirit in one direction and a different airline in the other," notes Ody. "It's a game changer in the travel industry."

Austin (AUS)	Resuming	4x a week	\$64
Birmingham (BHM)	New	2x a week	\$59
Charleston (CHS)	Resuming	2-4x a week	\$79
Hartford (BDL)	New	Daily	\$64
Louisville (SDF)	New	2x a week	\$70
Kansas City (MCI)	Resuming	2x a week	\$87
Milwaukee (MKE)	New	2x a week	\$59
Norfolk (ORF)	New	4x a week	\$65
Phoenix (PHX)	Resuming	Daily	\$102
Punta Cana (PUJ)	New	3x a day	\$132
Richmond (RIC)	New	3x a week	\$80
Salt Lake City (SLC)	New	3x a week	\$179
San Diego (SAN)	Resuming	4x a week	\$124
San Juan (SJU)	Resuming	4x a week	\$129
St. Louis (STL)	New	4x a week	\$45

You can quickly and easily check one-way prices on all of Spirit's nonstop flights from Detroit: [Just use this online, interactive route map.](#)

Support Indian Trails in USA Today's "10Best Readers' Choice Awards"!

USA Today is running a "10Best Readers' Choice Awards" contest to choose the Best Bus Service in America for 2025—and Michigan's very own Indian Trails has been nominated!

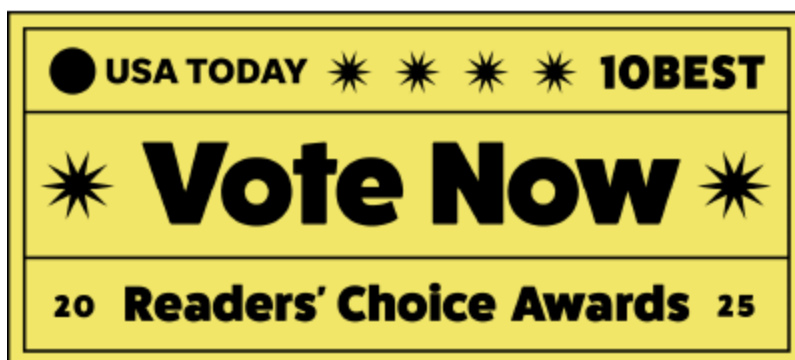
In fact, Indian Trails—Michigan Flyer's parent company—is the ONLY Michigan bus company nominated for this competition. Importantly, too, it's competing against giant bus companies like German-owned Greyhound and FlixBus.

So, please support Indian Trails by [casting your vote](#) in this nationwide poll. Voting began on May 19, 2025, and lasts four weeks.

Why is Indian Trails the Best Bus Service?

- Indian Trails—a 115-year-old, family-owned company based in Owosso, Mich.—deploys Michigan's newest and largest fleet of motorcoaches to safely carry nearly 1 million passengers a year to their destinations.
- Indian Trails motorcoaches are equipped with safety features such as antilock brakes, automatic traction control to aid drivers in bad weather, GPS tracking, three-point seatbelts for each passenger, an engine fire-suppression system, and a front-kneeling suspension to help passengers get on or off.
- Indian Trails' eco-friendly coaches exceed EPA standards with engine technology that cuts exhaust pollutants to near zero while achieving 240 passenger miles per gallon.
- Comfort features of the coaches include reclining seats with headrests and footrests, individual overhead climate controls and reading lamps, outlets for charging mobile devices, free WiFi, on-board lavatory, overhead storage racks, and abundant space for luggage.
- Indian Trail's popular airport shuttle service—Michigan Flyer—makes frequent, daily roundtrips between East Lansing, Brighton, Ann Arbor, and Detroit Metro Airport. Since 2006, its coaches have carried more than 2.7 million passengers while achieving an extraordinary 98 percent rate of on-time arrivals and departures.
- Moreover, Michigan Flyer connects our state's two largest universities—MSU and U-M—and transports more than 65,000 out-of-state visitors a year into the mid-Michigan region, where they collectively spend upwards of \$22 million.
- Indian Trails serves 80 towns throughout Michigan and into Wisconsin and Minnesota, and connects with airports, Amtrak, and the entire national transportation network. Each year, it enables hundreds of thousands of state residents to access the world, and hundreds of thousands of visitors to access Michigan.

To support Indian Trails, simply click here:



It's OK to vote once a day until the contest closes in mid-June, so please save this link to your computer or smartphone. Also, please share with family and friends—and encourage them to do so, too.

Meet Your Driver, Alicia Milks

Before she even thought of changing careers, Alicia Milks remembers her aunt suggesting that she apply at Indian Trails, but she dismissed the idea. “I thought I could never drive a big bus,” she recalls.

Yet, in 2022, when Alicia was looking for a job with more pay and benefits, she visited Indian Trails headquarters in Owosso. “On a whim, I walked into the garage and left my resume,” she says. “When I walked out, I saw a motorcoach and thought, ‘It’s so huge. I can’t drive that.’ But two days later, I got a call inviting me to sign up for training.”



Paid Training

Alicia decided to give it a try and entered our weeks-long intensive training program. “It doesn’t matter if you have no experience,” she notes. “You’re paid while you’re being trained. And the trainers emphasize that they’re not going to let you out on the road without being thoroughly prepared.”

Memorizing the checklist for pre-trip bus inspections—which all drivers are required to conduct before each trip—was a bit daunting for Alicia: “I thought I wouldn’t be able to do it, but I did!”

And she was so excited when she passed the final written exam that she surprised herself by bursting into happy tears. Then Safety & Training Manager Becky Smith cried with her: “She told me she’d never done that before with one of her trainees.” Equally pleased was her father: “He was elated for me.”

At Your Service

It was also during training that Alicia first learned about Michigan Flyer, Indian Trails’ airport shuttle service between East Lansing, Brighton, Ann Arbor and Detroit

Metropolitan Airport.

Like most new bus drivers, Alicia started with regular line runs and group charter trips and also served as a substitute driver for Michigan Flyer. Then several months ago, she became a regular Michigan Flyer driver.

"People so appreciate this service," she says. Alicia credits her training for the many compliments she receives from passengers about delivering a smooth ride to their destinations.

A native of the Owosso-Corunna area, Alicia appreciates the 115-year history of Indian Trails, its focus on values like customer service and passenger safety, as well as the company atmosphere: "They're good for the community and for the people who work for them. You feel supported here."

In her off hours, Alicia enjoys activities that take her outside, especially basketball, and the antics of her cat, Maui. She has only positive things to say about her new career:

"Your bus feels like a moving office and you're the boss," she says. "I love my route and the hours. Every day I learn something new from my passengers. And I discovered that, once you learn how to do it, driving a bus is surprisingly easy. This job really fits me."

Can TSA Search Your Phone at the Airport?

Well, not the Transportation Security Administration. But U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has the right to search the phones of anyone entering the United States from a foreign country. And the legalities are, at best, unclear under the current administration in Washington, D.C.



Credit: U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[According to AFAR](#)—a prominent travel media brand—here are some precautions that American citizens and Green Card holders may want to consider to minimize the risks of delay or detention:

- **Your Privacy Rights at U.S. Borders.** These may be fewer than in European countries. Here, for those without immigration documentation, CBP agents can conduct searches of your electronic devices without a warrant within 100 miles of U.S. borders. According to the American Civil Liberties Union, you may also encounter Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents, which are part of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- **What's Your Status?** If CBP asks to search your electronic devices, your citizenship status affects what happens if you refuse to cooperate. If you're a U.S. citizen, you can't be denied entry for refusing to unlock devices, but the devices could be temporarily confiscated. Green card holders could face device confiscation and possible immigration consequences. Visa holders could be denied entry and have their visas revoked.
- **What about Legal Representation?** Only U.S. citizens have a right to legal representation at border inspections.
- **Must You Reveal Passwords?** No, not legally. But there's a possibility that refusing to unlock your device could lead to a forensic search. CBP policy states, "If the electronic device cannot be inspected because it is protected by a passcode or encryption or other security mechanism, that device may be subject to exclusion, detention, or other appropriate action or disposition."
- **Extra Safeguards.** Before traveling abroad, you could move electronic information off your device onto cloud storage and then retrieve it after your return. Out of an abundance of caution, you might also consider deleting texts or posts on social media that could be construed as politically divisive. Or you could leave your phone at home and purchase a prepaid phone.
- **Let Someone Know You're Traveling.** It's wise to share your itinerary and contact information with a trusted friend or loved one. If you're a non-citizen, also share contact information for an immigration attorney in case you're detained.

For more information, visit the U.S. Customs and Border Protection [travel advice site](#), as well as the American Civil Liberty Union's [guidance here](#).



Travel Alerts

Delta Launches Seasonal DTW-Dublin Flights

Making it easier for Michiganders to explore Dublin—and other European cities as well—Delta Air Lines recently began summer nonstop service between Detroit and Dublin four days a week. The convenient schedule also makes it possible for passengers from other parts of the U.S., such as the West Coast, to connect with the Dublin flights at DTW.

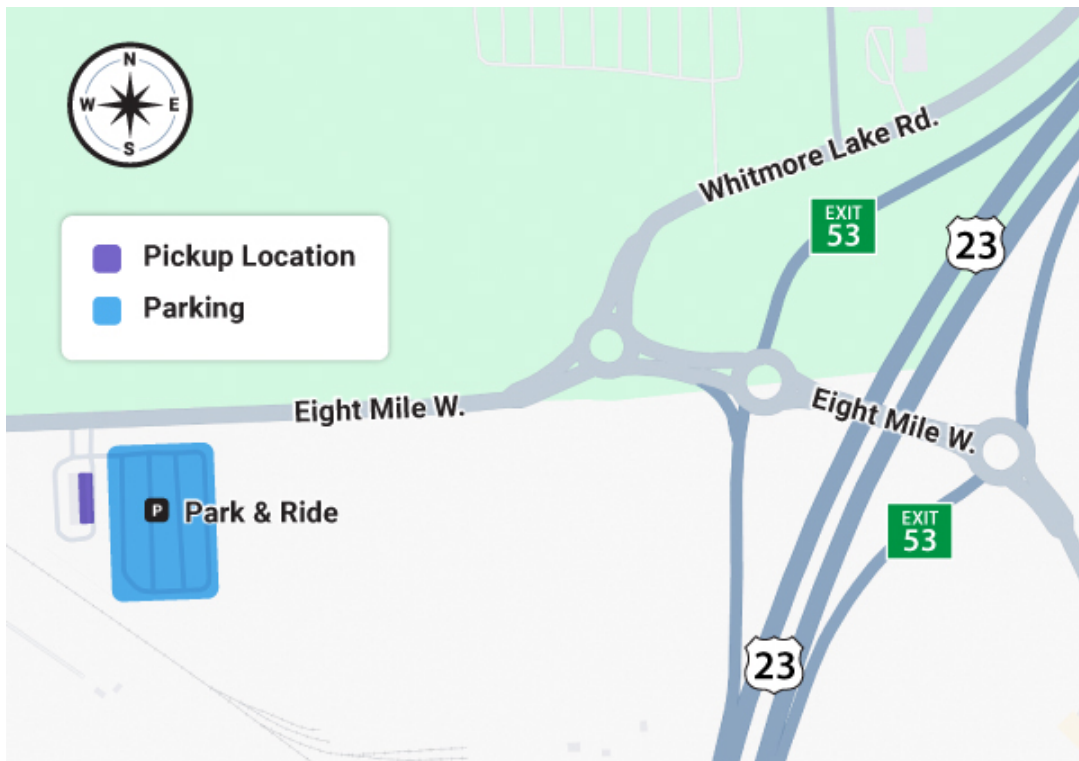


Spot-checking fares on the [Delta website](#) for a roundtrip leaving DTW on July 9 and returning from Dublin on July 17, we found basic economy fares available for about \$1,070. The flights were nonstop in both directions.

Do Kids Need REAL ID to FLY in the U.S.?

As you may know, if you're planning to take a domestic flight in the U.S., the Dept. of Homeland Security now requires "everyone" to have a state-issued Real ID driver's license, U.S. passport or passport card, or other credentials acceptable at TSA Checkpoints. But does that apply to children 17 years old or under? [No, says the TSA](#). However, it's wise to contact your airline in advance to find out if it has any specific ID requirements for travelers under 18.

Reminder: Our Brighton Stop has a New Temporary Location



Due to heavy road construction near the intersection of I-96 and Grand River Ave., Michigan Flyer recently 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. and 8 Mile Rd. We'll be using this temporary Park & Ride location—also known as Public Commuter Parking—to pick up and drop off passengers until further notice.

Top Coming Events – We Can Get You There!

East Lansing



The Book of Mormon

The New York Times calls it “the best musical of this century.” The Washington Post says, “It is the kind of evening that restores your faith in musicals.” And Entertainment Weekly says, “Grade A: The funniest musical of all time.” The Book of Mormon is a nine-time Tony Award® winning Best Musical.

This outrageous musical comedy follows the adventures of a mismatched pair of missionaries, sent halfway across the world to spread the Good Word. With standing room only productions in London, on Broadway, and across North America, The Book of Mormon has become an international sensation. Contains explicit language. Catch one of six performances June 19-22 (times vary) at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts, 750 E. Shaw Ln., on the MSU campus in East Lansing. Tickets \$51 - \$183 plus fee.



Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

The annual festival jazzes up downtown East Lansing on Friday, June 20, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, June 21, from 2:30 to 10 p.m. The event uses two stages: the Al and Beth Cafagna Founders' Stage in front of Harper's off of Albert Ave., and the MSU Outreach and Engagement Education Stage near the Ann Street Plaza and M.A.C. Ave. (next to Michigan Flyer headquarters at the East Lansing Marriott).

The event usually showcases some Grammy award winners and other nationally recognized performers. [See the lineup here](#). Fun for the whole family, the Jazz Festival also typically includes a magician, face painting, and an “instrument petting zoo.” Best of all, it's FREE!

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

Brighton

Brighton's Country Boots & Beats Festival

Grab your cowboy hat and head to Brighton's Country Boots & Beats Festival from noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 21. Downtown Brighton will be filled with live country music, delicious food, and family fun. Admission is FREE!

Starting at 3:00 pm, [The AMP](#) will showcase local artists performing their hits. Headlining the entertainment will be the "Louie Lee Show." Raised in a metro Detroit trailer park, he breaks boundaries in country with thought-provoking ballads and high-energy anthems infused with hip-hop flair, creating a unique "Country Hop & Roll" sound.

Food trucks will be stationed around the city to satisfy your hunger. Or head into one of the many restaurants in the downtown area. Country-themed activities perfect for the whole family will also be available. Get ready to boot, scoot, and have the best country time!

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



Taste of Ann Arbor

Taste of Ann Arbor returns to Main Street from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 1. Try new signature bites and find your new favorite Ann Arbor restaurants! Purchase tickets to exchange for a limited menu at various restaurant vendors lining Main and Liberty Streets. This is a fine way to sample Ann Arbor's exceptional food scene while enjoying live music from noon to 5 p.m. Whether you're a foodie, a family, or just looking for a fun afternoon out, this is a great way to kick off summer.

[Tickets](#): Can be purchased on-site at designated booths during the event for \$1 each. Participating restaurants offer bite-sized portions priced between \$1–\$6 (1–6 tickets). This enables you to sample multiple restaurants without committing to full meals.

[Ann Arbor Summer Festival](#)

A community tradition since 1984, the “A2SF” attracts an audience of over 80,000 people with some 200 concerts, art exhibitions, kids activities, and film screenings. Recurring daily June 13-29, the festival presents free “Top of the Park” open-air events, movies, and family attractions along the beautiful U-M campus, plus ticketed indoor events. Explore this year’s happenings with the [A2SF calendar here](#).



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

[Detroit](#)



[The Weeknd: After Hours Til Dawn Tour](#)

The Weeknd has embarked on a brand-new stadium tour across North America this year featuring chart-topping, multi-platinum and genre-defying Atlanta rapper Playboi Carti and special guest Mike Dean. Produced by Live Nation, the show includes an electrifying setlist with tracks from Hurry Up Tomorrow, After Hours, and Dawn FM,

plus hits from his extensive catalog. It's at 7 p.m. on May 24 and 25, Ford Field, 2000 Brush St., in Detroit. [Tickets: \\$87-\\$480+](#).

NOTE: [The D2A2 Express Bus](#) from Ann Arbor's Blake Transit Center (BTC) to Detroit's Grand Circus Park (1508 Park Ave.) can get you to within about a half mile of Ford Field.

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

Sample Airfares for European Vacations



If you're dreaming of a European getaway this fall, now is the time to start making it a reality. The sooner you plan your adventure, 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 Friday, Oct. 3, and returning on Sunday, Oct. 19. Among our search criteria: Flights had to be no more than one stop or plane change in each direction, any layover between flights had to be fairly brief, and the return flight 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 and East Lansing.

NOTE: Lower prices than these—often by a few hundred dollars—are available for anyone who's flexible about dates of travel, willing to change planes more than once in each direction or doesn't mind a long layover. Our sample economy roundtrip fares include taxes but not necessarily baggage or other "extras."

Stockholm, SWE (ARN) Lufthansa **\$569**
Copenhagen, DNK (CPH) Delta **\$592**
Oslo, NOR (OSL) Lufthansa **\$602**
Brussels, BEL (BRU) United **\$614**
Luxembourg, LUX (LUX) Lufthansa **\$655**
Reykjavik, ISL (KEF)
Air Canada/Lufthansa **\$666**
Barcelona, ESP (BCN)
Air Canada/Lufthansa **\$688**
Berlin, DEU (BER) Lufthansa **\$693**
Geneva, CHE (GVA) United **\$728**
Helsinki, FIN (HEL) Delta or KLM **\$752**
Madrid, ESP (MAD) Delta/KLM **\$752**
Amsterdam, NLD (AMS)
British/American **\$795**
Glasgow, GBR (GLA) Lufthansa **\$831**
Budapest, HUN (BUD) Lufthansa **\$834**
Dublin, IRL (DUB) American **\$835**

Milan, ITA (MXP)
Air Canada/Lufthansa **\$835**
Frankfurt, DEU (FRA) Lufthansa **\$855**
Naples, ITA (NAP) Delta **\$865**
Athens, GRC (ATH)
Air Canada/Lufthansa **\$867**
Bucharest, ROU (OTP) Lufthansa **\$870**
Rome, ITA (FCO) Air Canada **\$875**
Warsaw, POL (WAW) Lufthansa **\$883**
Vienna, AUT (VIE) Turkish **\$884**
Venice, ITA (VCE) Lufthansa **\$919**
Lisbon, PRT (LIS) United/Air Canada **\$931**
Tirana, ALB (TIA) Turkish **\$959**
London, GBR (LHR)
Delta or AirFrance **\$1,016**
Paris, FRA (CDG)
Delta or Air France **\$1,077**



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

"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.



Indian Trails is Hiring!

Love the open road and connecting with people? For Indian Trails motorcoach drivers, travel and adventure are built into the job. **Join us for a FREE Lunch & Learn** to find out how you can start a rewarding career as a professional driver with Indian Trails:

The Lunch & Learn session is at 1 p.m. on June 3 in the training room at the Indian Trails Garage, 28685 Smith Rd., Romulus, Mich., 48174

Register here to reserve your spot, or to submit an application, and to read more about becoming a professional driver. Some unique features of this position include:



- No prior experience necessary!
- Paid, on-the-job training leading to a Commercial Driver's License
- Irregular work schedule—not the typical 9 to 5
- Drivers can have assignments every day, or build schedules based on their availability
- Overnight travel opportunities
- Diverse driving experiences, including charters, shuttles and regular routes

Great Perks!

- High wages
- 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
- Annual uniforms provided
- Employee referral bonus program
- Paid accommodations and daily meal allowance on multi-day trips

Worth noting, too, Indian Trails is a 115-year-old, family-run company that values fairness, honesty, teamwork, and service excellence. [Click here to learn more and get in touch with our recruiter, Jennifer Freeman.](#)

Happy Memorial Day, Father's Day, Juneteenth & Summer!



On May 26th—Memorial Day—We Honor Those Who Gave Their Lives in Our Armed Forces

Originally called Decoration Day in 1868, it began as a day of remembrance, when the graves of 620,000 people killed during the Civil War were decorated at Arlington National Cemetery. Both Confederate and Union soldiers are buried there. At the start of the 20th Century it was renamed Memorial Day. In 1971, a federal law designated its observance on the last Monday in May and extended the honor to all soldiers who died in American wars. Today, the national holiday still begins at Arlington with the laying of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the decoration of each grave with an American flag.



On June 15th—the Third Sunday of the Month— We Celebrate Father’s Day

In 1910, a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd—one of six children raised by a widower—staged a successful campaign to establish a Father’s Day in Washington state. However, it was not until 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order that Father’s Day be celebrated on the third Sunday in June. In 1972, President Richard Nixon issued a proclamation making it a national holiday.



On June 19th—a Thursday in 2025—We Celebrate Freedom Day

Juneteenth—our newest national holiday—was signed into law by President Joe Biden in 2021. It established June 19th as a federal holiday celebrating the end of slavery in America in 1865. While President Abraham Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation on Sept. 22, 1862, it was not until June 19, 1865, that General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, with his troops and freed the last of the slaves. The formal end of slavery was marked by ratification of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution on Dec. 6, 1865.

On June 20—a Friday—Summer 2025 Begins in the Northern Hemisphere.

Astronomically speaking, this is when the summer solstice occurs, giving the northern half of the Earth the longest day (and shortest night) of the year. In the Southern Hemisphere, it's the opposite: the June solstice marks the start of winter, when the Sun is at its lowest point in the sky.



Why Drive?

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