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Amtrak Midwest trains for Tulip Time, sponsored by MDOT Special Saturday schedules for May 5 and 12 on sale now

CHICAGO and LANSING, Mich. – Amtrak is offering additional service between Chicago and Holland, Mich. for travelers to Holland’s annual [Tulip Time Festival](#). A special stop at Hammond-Whiting, Ind., is also added. These trains on the [Pere Marquette](#) route, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), will run on two Saturdays during the festival, May 5 and May 12, enabling same-day visits to what has been heralded as the nation’s “Best Flower Festival” and “America’s Best Small-Town Festival,” with more than 5 million tulips in bloom.

Skip tolls, traffic and parking fees by departing from [Chicago](#) at 7:05 a.m. and [Hammond-Whiting](#) at 7:30 a.m. (both times Central), arriving in [Holland](#) at 11:29 a.m. (Eastern Time). The return trip leaves Holland at 5:50 p.m. (ET), Hammond-Whiting at 7:52 p.m. (CT) and arrives in Chicago at 8:24 p.m. (CT). Parking at the Amtrak Hammond-Whiting station is free of charge and eastbound, Train 374, and westbound, Train 375, will also make intermediate stops at [St. Joseph](#) and [Bangor](#). The full schedule can be seen when booking via Amtrak.com, our mobile apps, or by calling 800-USA-RAIL.

Book now for best availability and pricing. Adult fares on the Amtrak MidwestSM trains on those Saturdays range from \$26-\$48 each way. All *Pere Marquette* trains will stop at Hammond-Whiting on May 5 and 6 and May 12 and 13. The *Pere Marquette* also provides daily service from Chicago to Holland for travel during the nine-day festival. The [Michigan page on Amtrak.com](#) has more information.

In addition to the millions of blooming tulips, on Saturday, May 5, Tulip Time visitors can experience Tulip City tours, an artisan market, Kinderplaats, a quilt show, carnival, Dutch dance performances, and shopping in Downtown Holland. On Saturday, May 12, enjoy Tall Ships dockside, the quilt show and carnival, Dutch Marktplaats and food court, more shopping and Muziekparade, the largest parade of the week.

Information on shuttle services from the Holland station area and best ways to get around town on specific dates, along with the times and locations of all events are in [this guide](#), by calling the Holland Area Visitors Bureau at 800-506-1299, or by visiting [Holland.org](#).

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About Tulip Time

For nearly 90 years, millions of people have gathered to participate in Holland's Tulip Time Festival. Drawing more than 500,000 people annually, Tulip Time offers a nine-day experience of the town and its traditions. With over 5 million tulips blooming throughout the city and hundreds of klompen dancers, Tulip Time has been heralded as the nation's Best Flower Festival, America's Best Small Town Festival and even the 2017–2018 Tulip Festival of the Year. From Dutch traditional garb and dance to nationally renowned entertainment, Tulip Time celebrates both culture and community. The festival offers parades, carnival rides, wooden shoes, elephant ears, fireworks and tulips. For more information, visit Tuliptime.com.

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