

# How to Book a Ticket on Great Lakes Airlines

## "Sum of 2 Locals"



By logging on to [www.flygreatlakes.com](http://www.flygreatlakes.com), you will receive the lowest available rate on any Great Lakes Airlines flight. This is also one of only 3 ways to receive an electronic ticket on a Great Lakes flight. You may then research which airline is having the best fare to your final destination, log on to their website to purchase that ticket and you will typically receive the least expensive ticket. This is called "**The Sum of 2 Locals**". Although 2 tickets must be purchased, Great Lakes has agreements with most major carriers allowing for automatic transfer of checked luggage to your connecting carrier. There are still a few airlines such as Southwest that do not partner with any airline in the transferring of luggage.

## United's Website



Since Great Lakes Airlines is a proud code-share partner of **United Airlines**, you may also log on to their websites ([www.ual.com](http://www.ual.com)) to purchase a ticket from your point of origin to your final destination. This will give you one electronic ticket from start to finish, plus you can earn frequent flier mileage for your entire trip. Because United controls the pricing on our code-share product, this tends to be a little more expensive than doing the sum of 2 locals.

## Internet Booking Engines



**Internet booking engines** such as Expedia, Orbitz and Travelocity are great tools when trying to figure out which airlines have the best published deals. Typically, these booking engines will give you every option possible to get you from point A to point B, and this may include several stops in between. Most booking engines charge a fee for their services, but they can certainly save you time. Another downfall of the internet booking engine is that they will not always show you the best "unpublished" deals. For example, Great Lakes Airlines offers lower fares if you book on their website – these special fares are only available on flygreatlakes.com and not available through the Great Lakes reservation center, United Airlines, Travel Agents or internet booking engines. If you want to save some money and take a little extra time to do the research required to get the best deal, the "sum of 2 locals" is the best option for you.

## Summary

### Avenues to Finding the Best Flight Options for You

- "Sum of 2 Locals" – Generally least expensive, research time required
- United's Website – Easy to navigate, accrual of FF miles
- Online Booking Engines – Quick and easy, adds booking fee
- Local Travel Agent – Will do the work for you, adds booking fee

In summary, the "**sum of 2 locals**" will generally give you the lowest all around price, however it will take time to do the research. Using **United's website** allows for easy navigation and accrual of frequent flier miles. The **online booking engines** are a good tool for a quick and easy search of multiple options however they add a booking fee to each reservation. Using your local **Travel Agent** is also an excellent choice as they will do the research for you however a fee is typically added for their services.