

Getting to the Grand Traverse Resort

From Detroit area: Take I-75 north until you reach M-72 at Grayling (exit 254). Travel west on M-72 approximately 40 miles through Kalkaska into Acme Township. Turn right (north) onto U.S. 31 and drive a half-mile. The resort will be on the east (right) side of the road.

From Lansing area: Take U.S. 127 north, merging onto I-75. Take exit 254 at Grayling for M-72 west. Travel west on M-72 approximately 40 miles through Kalkaska into Acme Township. Turn right (north) onto U.S. 31 and drive a half-mile. The resort will be on the east (right) side of the road.

From southwest Michigan: Take I-94 to U.S. 131. Travel north to M-72 in Kalkaska. Go west on M-72 approximately 15 miles. Go north on U.S. 31 about a half-mile. The resort will be on the east (right) side of the road.

From northern Michigan/the Upper Peninsula: Take I-75 south to the U.S. 31 exit (toward Petoskey/Charlevoix). Continue to follow U.S. 31 south. The resort will be on the east (left) side of the road.



Come for the Conference, stay for the weekend

More than just the host for MTA's 2024 Annual Conference, the Traverse City region has so much to enjoy and experience in the springtime. Why not extend your stay, and take advantage of all that this northern Michigan playground has to offer? Come for the MTA Conference, and stay a little while to see why *USA Today* called Traverse City one of the "10 Best Small Towns in America." Hotels with MTA room blocks may extend discounted rates for Conference attendees who wish to spend a little more time in the Grand Traverse area. You must contact your hotel directly to add additional nights to your stay; extended reservations cannot be made via the MTA Housing Bureau.

Housing Reservations Procedures

Hotel reservations open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

More than 800 rooms have been reserved for attendees at the Grand Traverse Resort and other area hotels. Each hotel offers unique amenities, free parking and discounted rates, and many offer additional perks like free breakfast and free WiFi! To reserve your hotel room in MTA's Conference room block, you must first register as a Conference attendee. This allows registrants priority access to rooms, and prevents filling the most desired hotels with "just in case" bookings for individuals who later opt not to attend. Your Conference registration confirmation contains your personalized housing code allowing one room per code. **IMPORTANT: All registration and housing confirmations will come from MTA or our housing bureau, Grand Connection; any third-party emails are fraudulent.**

For the fastest service and most up-to-date hotel availability, make your reservation online at www.grandconnection.com/mta2024.

Here's how it works:

- 1) Register for the Conference, beginning Jan. 3, at www.michigan townships.org or send in your Conference registration form with payment via fax or mail.
- 2) Look for your confirmation email, which contains your personalized housing code. (Allow two to three business days after receipt for processing of faxed or mailed forms.)
- 3) Beginning Jan. 24 at 9 a.m., visit www.grandconnection.com/mta2024 and enter your last name and personalized housing code to reserve your room online. You may also fax or mail completed forms to the MTA Housing Bureau (online reservations via the housing bureau are recommended for best availability). **NOTE:** Forms received without a housing code will **NOT** be processed. Housing forms received before 9 a.m. on Jan. 24 will not be processed until after 10 a.m. that day. (See housing reservation form on page 8 for additional instructions.)

NOTE: A three-night minimum stay is required at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa.

Housing Confirmation

The MTA Housing Bureau will provide a confirmation of your hotel reservation. Those booking via MTA's secure housing website, www.grandconnection.com/mta2024, will receive an instant confirmation; allow up to two weeks for faxed or mailed reservation forms. A complete mailing address, phone number and credit card to guarantee the room are required to process housing requests. Most hotels allow pre-payment by check; instructions will be provided on your hotel confirmation. **Do NOT send checks to MTA or the Housing Bureau; checks must be sent directly to your confirmed hotel.**

Housing Changes & Cancellations

All hotel cancellations and changes on or before April 17, 2024, must be made in writing by mail, fax or email to the MTA Housing Bureau, or visit www.grandconnection.com/mta2024 and select the "Change Hotel" option. Confirmation of your revision(s) will be sent to you within one week. If you do not receive confirmation, call the MTA Housing Bureau at (616) 785-6027, ext. 34. After April 17, cancellations or changes should be made directly with your hotel. Cancellation policies vary; see your reservation confirmation for details. Late cancellations or early departures may result in penalties.

IMPORTANT: If you do not show up for the first night of your reservation, your entire reservation will be cancelled, and you will be charged a cancellation fee in accordance with your assigned hotel's policy. Please see your hotel confirmation for details.

REMEMBER: Make your reservations by March 28, 2024, to ensure availability and discounted rates.