

HOLIDAY TRAVEL GUIDE

Holiday Airport Travel Guide: Milwaukee to O'Hare, Midway and Mitchell

How to plan Thanksgiving and December airport rides from the Milwaukee area, from booking to the curb, with Milwaukee Fly Limo.

Holiday weeks bring some of the busiest airport days of the year

Thanksgiving week and the last two weeks of December rank among the busiest stretches of the year at U.S. airport checkpoints; the Sunday after Thanksgiving 2025 set TSA's single-day record. The airports Milwaukee families use feel the same rush. A ride that is booked early and planned around the flight takes one moving part off a crowded travel day.

3.13 million
people screened by TSA on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, the Sunday after Thanksgiving and a single-day record
Source: TSA passenger volumes

Nearly 2 million
travelers expected through O'Hare and Midway over Thanksgiving week 2025 (Nov. 25 to Dec. 1)
Source: Chicago Department of Aviation

1.65 million
Wisconsinites AAA expected to travel 50 miles or more for Thanksgiving 2025, a state record (81.8 million nationally)
Source: AAA

This guide covers what the numbers mean for a trip from Milwaukee, what to share when you book an airport limo, how a pickup is planned around a flight, and a simple timeline for travel day. Milwaukee Fly Limo is a West Allis chauffeur company that runs airport transportation to Milwaukee Mitchell, Chicago O'Hare and Chicago Midway 24 hours a day in a late-model luxury SUV fleet. The online edition, the holiday airport travel guide for Milwaukee travelers, adds arrival times for each airport and pickup areas.

Inside this guide

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A Milwaukee Fly Limo SUV heading past the MKE sign at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport.

Why holiday flights need more margin

Crowded checkpoints, a long corridor and winter weather all land on the same weeks

Security lines are longest on the holiday peaks

The Transportation Security Administration screened its busiest day on record on the Sunday after Thanksgiving 2025, and it expected that peak before it arrived.

> **“We are projecting that the Sunday after Thanksgiving will be one of the busiest travel days in TSA history.”**
>
> Adam Stahl, Senior Official Performing the Duties of Deputy TSA Administrator, TSA, Nov. 21, 2025

Two rules catch holiday travelers most often. REAL ID enforcement began May 7, 2025, and TSA tells travelers to bring a REAL ID, passport or other acceptable identification and have it out at the checkpoint entrance. Carry-on liquids, aerosols, gels, creams and pastes go in one quart-sized bag, in containers of 3.4 ounces (100 milliliters) or less.

O'Hare and Midway carry the Chicago share of the rush

The Chicago Department of Aviation expected nearly two million travelers at O'Hare and Midway over Thanksgiving week 2025, with more than 1.63 million at O'Hare alone, likely the busiest Thanksgiving travel week in the airport's 70-year history, and nearly 290,000 on O'Hare's peak Sunday. For Milwaukee travelers flying out of Chicago, that crowd sits at the end of a highway drive along the I-94 corridor, so the ride and the flight have to be planned together.

> **“Passengers encouraged to arrive early, allow extra travel time over one of the season’s busiest travel periods”**
>
> Chicago Department of Aviation, Thanksgiving 2025 travel advisory, flychicago.com

Winter roads set the real drive time

Milwaukee averages 2.5 inches of snow in November and 10.4 inches in December, according to National Weather Service 1991-2020 normals, so the holiday travel weeks often bring the season's first snowy drives. Building margin into the departure time is the simplest protection against a slow drive to the airport.

Milwaukee Mitchell is the close-to-home option

Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport sits just six miles south of downtown Milwaukee, and it handled more than 5.8 million passengers in 2025. Milwaukee Fly Limo covers Mitchell departures and arrivals at any hour, as well as both Chicago airports.

Sources. TSA, Nov. 21, 2025, “TSA prepared to screen more than 3 million at Thanksgiving” (Nov. 21, 2025), tsa.gov · TSA, “REAL ID and liquids rules” (accessed Oct. 31, 2026), tsa.gov · Chicago Department of Aviation, “Thanksgiving travel forecast” (Nov. 25, 2025), flychicago.com · flychicago.com, “Thanksgiving travel advisory” (Nov. 25, 2025), flychicago.com · National Weather Service, Milwaukee/Sullivan, “Milwaukee snow climatology, 1991-2020 normals” (accessed Oct. 31, 2026), weather.gov · Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, “Driving directions” (accessed Oct. 31, 2026), mitchellairport.com · Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, “Passenger statistics, December 2025 (5,874,372 total in 2025)” (accessed Oct. 31, 2026), mitchellairport.com

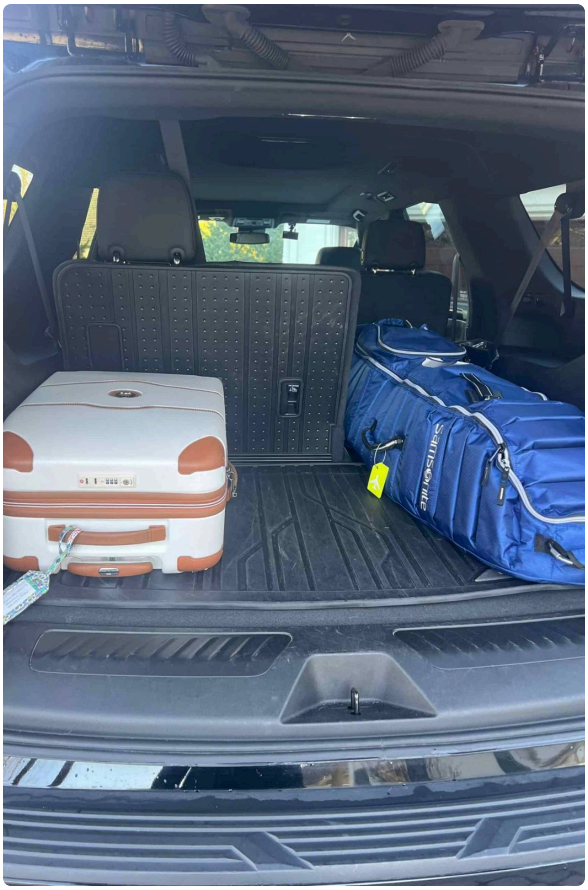
Booking your holiday airport ride

What to share, how the pickup is planned and how pricing works

What to share when you book

A complete booking lets the team plan the ride around the flight from the start.

- Airline, flight number and departure or arrival time
- Terminal, if you know it
- Pickup address and any stops on the way
- Number of passengers, and the number and size of bags
- Child or booster seats (a paid add-on: just ask when you book)
- A mobile number for travel day



Share the bag count at booking so the vehicle fits the trip.

How your pickup is planned

Planned around the flight.
Every pickup time is set from the flight time and the route to the airport.

Flight status tracked.
The team tracks the flight status and, if the timing changes, works with you to adjust the pickup.

Late-model luxury SUVs.
Rides run in a late-model luxury SUV fleet, 24 hours a day, for any flight time.

Licensed and insured.
Chauffeurs bring more than 20 years of combined professional driving and transportation experience.

How pricing works

Each ride is quoted upfront from distance and time, and the price is locked in when you book. It changes only if the ride changes, such as an added stop, extra waiting time or a longer route, and never because of demand: there is no surge pricing. Every possible extra charge is listed in the Ride Agreement. Want a price for your trip? Send the route and date and the team will reply with a clear quote.

> **“It was such a peace of mind to be able to concentrate on packing and not have to worry about parking at the airport.”**
>
> A Google reviewer, after a ride to Milwaukee Mitchell (October 2024), 5 out of 5 stars

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Your holiday trip, step by step

A simple timeline for a calm airport day

As soon as the flight is booked

- Book the ride with the flight details, and book the return ride at the same time.
- Mention any special request, such as a child seat or an extra stop, so it is in the quote.

The week before

- REAL ID, passport or other acceptable ID ready for every adult traveler
- Check the airline's bag rules against the bag count you gave at booking.

The day before you fly

- Check the flight time in the airline app and share any change, or a new pickup address, right away.
- Charge your phone; it is how travel-day coordination happens.

Travel day

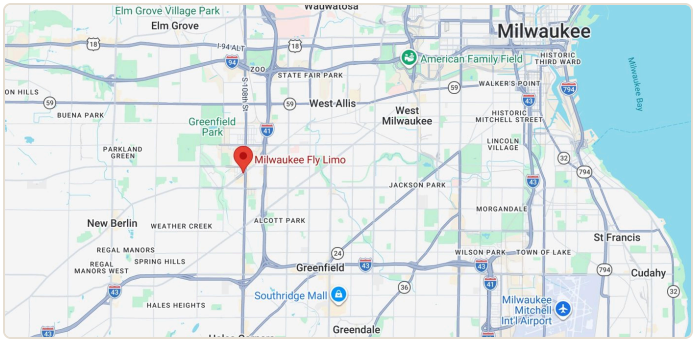
- Keep your phone on and close by, with airline and terminal details at hand.
- Coming home: switch your phone on after landing so the pickup is quick to coordinate.

Meeting your driver at O'Hare

At O'Hare, pre-arranged limousines meet passengers at designated areas on the lower level center lane, and black car pickups are offered on the lower level of all terminals, according to the Chicago Department of Aviation. Confirm the meeting point with the ride team before you land.

Read it online

How early to arrive at O'Hare and Mitchell, the busiest holiday days and where car services pick up: Milwaukee holiday airport travel tips.



Find us on Google. Milwaukee Fly Limo's West Allis office on Google Maps, rated 5.0. Read Milwaukee limo service reviews.

Sources. Chicago Department of Aviation, "O'Hare taxi and limousine" (accessed Oct. 31, 2026), flychicago.com

Holiday airport reservations are open

Book with Milwaukee Fly Limo at 414-255-5537 or Booking@milwaukeeflylimo.com. Need a ride sooner than planned? Call to ask about same-day availability. Coverage for any pickup address is confirmed at booking; the service area includes Milwaukee, its suburbs and the Chicago corridor.