



BANK OF AMERICA

CHICAGO MARATHON®

12 October 2025

One of the 7 Major Marathons: The Bank of America Chicago Marathon is known globally for its fast, flat course starting and finishing in central Chicago. As an official travel agency for this popular event, we are authorised to offer you a **GUARANTEED ENTRY** in conjunction with the following package. **PLACE ARE LIMITED AND ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

| | Double/Twin share Runner | Double/Twin-share Non-Runner | Single Runner | Single Non-Runner |
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| Prices Per Person | R32 095 | R 18 145 | R 45 795 | R 31 845 |

INCLUDES;

- Guaranteed entry to the 2025 Chicago Marathon (Runners only)
 - 3 night's accommodation (10, 11,12 October 2025) at a 4* hotel in Chicago. Accommodation inclusive of city tax
 - 7 Days Comprehensive Travel Insurance (09 to 15 October 2025 inclusive)
 - A Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours representative in Chicago during marathon weekend*
 - A Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours Gift**
 - A Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours RSA running vest (Runners only)**
- *subject to minimum group size
** The style and item are subject to change

EXCLUDES;

- Flights - (Please note we are happy to reserve flights on the airline and dates of your choice, at no additional service fee)
- Airport Transfers (Train cost approximately \$10 return)
- Personal documentation, Passport & Visas
- Meals not mentioned in the inclusions above
- Chicago 5k (Day before the Marathon, costs approximately \$48 TBC)
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions above

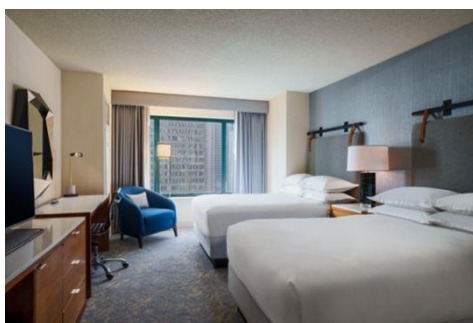
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Elite athletes and amateurs alike annually target the race for it's potential to generate personal, national, and world records. In addition to it's speed, the course itself offers all runners a scenic tour of Chicago as it weaves through numerous diverse neighborhoods and dozens of landmarks.

In running The Bank of America Chicago Marathon, you are guaranteed to see all that is great about the City of Chicago. A true 'Americas' marathon, attracting a field of approximately 52,000 runners from all over the world.

The course time limit is 6 hours 30 minutes. The race has a staggered start in 3 waves of runners to avoid congestion starting from 07h30. Runners are allocated a starting place based on their expected finish time.*

*Race details are based on 2024 information and are subject to confirmation by race organizers nearer to the race date.



4* SHERATON GRAND CHICAGO RIVERWALK HOTEL

Situated in the heart of the bustling River North district, the Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk takes its name from its location directly on the city's iconic river. Experience striking views of the lake, river, and Chicago cityscape. Delight your palate at the hotel restaurants, from Shula's Steak House to the Chicago Burger Company, open seasonally along the Chicago Riverwalk. Enjoy the coveted location by the river near Michigan Avenue, Millennium Park, Navy Pier, and the Magnificent Mile. Wind down after a busy day of sightseeing on the sun deck, fitness center with Peloton bikes, or sparkling indoor pool.

Approximately 50 minutes by public transport to Race Registration/Expo
Approximately 2km to the race start & 3km from the finish area

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why don't you offer a travel package including flights?

Flight prices change daily and are subject to availability. The sooner you book the better the price generally. We do not charge a service fee for booking economy class flights as an add-on to our marathon package so if you would like us to arrange your flights please let us know and we will advise options and prices.

What can I expect upon arrival in Chicago?

Airport transfers are not included in the package. Costs and further details for transport options will be provided in your final information pack that is sent out 2-3 weeks before travel. Please note that the earliest you can check in to your room is at 16h00 unless you prebook the night before. However, the hotel will store luggage for you if you arrive in the morning.

Is Travel Insurance essential? How much is it?

Yes. Cancellation fees are high and medical costs are very expensive in the USA. Travel insurance is compulsory and excellent coverage is included in the price for all South African residents for the period 09 – 15 October 2025 inclusive. If you extend your stay you will be invoiced for the additional premium, which is available on request. A supplement will be added if the traveller is aged 70 years and older. Policy details can be viewed online www.tic.co.za/travel-insurance and a policy will be emailed to you upon receipt of your payment.

Can I purchase marathon entry only?

We do not sell marathon entry only; it is sold together with a minimum of 3 nights' accommodation booked through us. This is a contractual restriction with the Chicago Marathon.

Do I need to qualify for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon?

No, you do not. Runners and walkers of all speeds are welcome. The cut-off time to receive a medal and finish is 6 hours and 30 minutes.

Can I extend the stay?

Yes. Extra nights at our hotel in Chicago can be booked subject to availability. Please ask us for a price.

Can I cancel or defer my entry if I cannot travel or run?

No. Entries are non-transferable, non-refundable, and may not be donated, cancelled, or deferred to future years. An insurance policy is included in our travel package, therefore should an unexpected event occur, you can apply to the insurance company for a refund however there are conditions to the insurance policy and no guarantee of a refund if you cannot run.

Do I need to register in Chicago prior to the race?

Yes, you need to go to the Marathon Expo, which is approximately 5km away from your hotel. Easily accessible with a bus that departs from the opposite side of the river, by your hotel. (subject to confirmation).

Do I need a passport and visa?

Please ensure you have a full passport, which has at least 4 blank pages and is valid for 6 months or more after your stay in the USA. South African passport holders require a visa for entry to the USA. Applicants must apply in person to the US Embassy. We suggest you obtain a visa before committing to travel arrangements. More info and costs can be found on their website <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-za/niv> British passport holders and most EU passport holders must have an ESTA to enter the USA. To check the rules and register please visit the website <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/>

If you have an RSA passport as well as a foreign passport you must show the RSA passport when you exit/enter RSA. If you are a foreign citizen with permanent residency in South Africa you are required to travel with your original permanent residence certificate and ID from home affairs.

If unsure please ask and we will guide you but advice and assistance can only be a guideline as we do not have access to your personal history and passport/visa history. Sure Travelways/Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours cannot be held responsible if travellers obtain incorrect information and do not have the correct personal documents to travel. If you are travelling via another country or intend to travel of your own accord to another country during this trip please ensure you have the correct visas and personal documentation. All other nationalities need to please check their requirements.

I want to book. What do I do next?

Places are limited. **IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A BOOKING, PLEASE COMPLETE AND SCAN THE BOOKING FORM and LAST PAGE OF STANDARD T&C'S TO US TOGETHER WITH PASSPORT COPIES.** Upon receipt of these documents (subject to availability), we will send you banking details and a request for an initial 50% non-refundable deposit which must be paid to Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours within 7 days of written confirmation. A further 20% non-refundable deposit per person is due before 15 April 2025. The balance of payment will be calculated and invoiced in August, with the due date for final and full payment no later than 31 August 2025. Airline tickets must be paid in full within 1 – 5 days of booking (dependent on airline rules as advised at the time of booking).

NB. Should you not be in possession of a South African ID number, there will be an additional fee levied to make international payments on your behalf due to restriction by the Reserve Bank of South Africa

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