

# TCS London Marathon

## 27 April 2025



For many years Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours has been selected as an **Official International Travel Partner for London Marathon**. We are authorized to offer you **GUARANTEED ENTRY** in conjunction with a travel package. **LIMITED PLACES, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED**. Supporters are welcome, there is plenty to see and do while the runners participate in the Marathon.

approx. Prices Per Person	Runners Sharing a Double Room	Non-Runners Sharing a Double Room	Runners Single Room	Non-Runners Single Room
Johannesburg	R 59 095	R 37 845	R 71 245	R 49 995

### INCLUDES;

- A Return economy class air ticket with British Airways, including current airport taxes and fuel charges.
    - Thursday 24 April Flight BA56 Depart Johannesburg 19h20 Arrive London Heathrow 05h30\*next day
    - Monday 28 April Flight BA57 Depart London Heathrow 21h25 Arrive Johannesburg 09h25\*next day
  - Transport from London Heathrow Airport to the Melia White House on 25 April 2025 – date of arrival
  - 3 nights' accommodation (25,26,27 April 2025) at the 4\* Hotel Melia White House with Breakfast & VAT (20%) included
  - Transport from Melia White House Hotel to the marathon start on 27 April 2025 (Runners only)
  - 2025 TCS London Marathon Entry (Runners only)
  - Oyster card – preloaded with £15 to use on the London Public Transport system
  - A Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours representative in London during marathon weekend\*
  - 6 Days Comprehensive Travel Insurance (24 April to 29 April 2024 inclusive)
  - A Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours Gift\*
  - RSA Flag Design Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours Running Vest (Runners only) \*\*
- \* Subject to minimum group size  
 \*\* Subject to confirmation. The style and item might change

### EXCLUDES;

- Personal documentation, Passport & Visas and any other documentation that may be required
- Meals not mentioned in the inclusions above
- Transport from the hotel to the airport
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions above

### TCS LONDON MARATHON

One of the world's largest and most famous road marathons, the TCS London Marathon will not disappoint you. Approximately 50,000 runners are expected to take part in what can only be described as a 42.2km London street party. The atmosphere is amazing and to be a part of this special occasion is extremely memorable and a must for all runners. The London Marathon holds the Guinness World Record for charity fundraising at a single annual event worldwide and this can be seen on the day with runners in charity and/or fancy dress (optional). It's a flat course which follows the river Thames, past and through the sights and sounds of London. The atmosphere is electric and unforgettable with endless spectators lining the streets and cheering you to the finish in front of Buckingham Palace. The marathon (42.2km) is expected to start from 10h10 and you have until 19h00 to complete it and obtain a finisher's medal and T-shirt. The marathon information is subject to change. For updates refer to [www.tcslondonmarathon.com/](http://www.tcslondonmarathon.com/)

### 4\* HOTEL MELIA WHITE HOUSE

Hotel Melia White House is a very comfortable hotel in a prime central location, overlooking Regents Park, within walking distance of Oxford Street and London's many sightseeing attractions. The Melia White House building dates back to the 1930's but this 4\* deluxe hotel offers comfortable and contemporary accommodation in delightful surroundings. All rooms are non-smoking and feature en-suite bathrooms, hairdryer, free Wi-Fi, in-room safe, TV and coffee/tea making facilities. The hotel has its own fitness centre, 2 restaurants, a bar/lounge and several underground train stations and bus stops are within the immediate surrounds.



## **ITINERARY**

### **⇒ Day 1 – Friday 25 April 2025**

After your flight from Johannesburg, you arrive at London Heathrow Airport where you will be met and taken as a group by coach to Hotel Melia White House in central London. The journey time to the hotel is approx. 60 to 90 minutes.

On arrival at the hotel, you will leave your luggage in storage until the afternoon. The hotel is usually fully booked so your room won't be ready earlier than the normal check-in time of 15H00 unless you pre-book and pre-pay for the previous night.

Once your luggage has been stored, you can make your way to the Expo. Marathon registration takes place at Excel Centre.

Our representative in London will be available to assist with any questions you may have.

Overnight at the hotel.

### **⇒ Day 2 – Saturday 26 April 2025**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Enjoy a day at leisure; perhaps a gentle jog around Regents Park, some shopping, a West End show, or sightseeing.

Our representative in London will be on hand to assist you.

Overnight at the hotel.

### **⇒ Day 3 – Sunday 27 April 2025 (Race Day)**

Early breakfast at the hotel.

✓ ***Those who are running the TCS London Marathon - 42 km (Below details to be confirmed):***

07H00: Private coach transfer to the Marathon start in Greenwich.

The London Marathon race starts at 09H05 for various categories of athletes.

10H10: The men's Elite and the masses start in Greenwich. Your start time will be staggered depending on your seeding.

The marathon finishes close to Buckingham Palace on the Mall. From there we will direct you to the hotel via public transport.

✓ ***Those who are not running the TCS London Marathon:***

After waving off your companion/loved one/friend we suggest you enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel. You can then spend the day as you wish; either spectate at various points on the route (using public transport) or if you prefer relaxing away from the marathon, sightseeing, shopping etc.

Our representative will be busy with the marathon but happy to chat with you in advance so you are prepared to enjoy the day independently.

Overnight at the hotel.

### **⇒ Day 4 – Monday 28 April 2025**

Breakfast at the Hotel before the check-out time of 1200.

We bid you farewell at the hotel to either enjoy an extended stay or return home.

## **Expo/Race number collection**

You need to register in person (no later than the day before the race) to collect your race number. You can travel to the Expo by using the Oystercard provided, on the London Underground.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Is travel insurance necessary?**

Yes. Comprehensive coverage is included in this package for all South African residents for the period 24 – 29 April 2025 inclusive. If you extend your stay, you will be invoiced for the additional premium, the cost is available on request. A supplement will be added if traveller is aged 70 years or more. Policy details can be viewed [www.tic.co.za/travel-insurance](http://www.tic.co.za/travel-insurance) and a policy will be emailed to you upon receipt of your payment.

### **Can I depart from another country or city?**

Please contact the office for alternative package offerings from a different city.

### **Can I use frequent flyer miles/points to upgrade the air ticket?**

No, unfortunately, that is not an option. The air tickets included in this package are special 'group' tickets (G class and unpublished) and British Airways' current rules do not allow upgrades for this ticket type. British Airways Executive Club membership benefits are NOT applicable on Group bookings, this includes Executive seating and baggage allowance. Executive Club membership numbers should not be added to Group bookings and should only be presented to a staff member at the departure airport.

### **Can I pre-book specific seats on the flights?**

No, unfortunately, that is not an option. The air tickets included in this package are special 'group' tickets (G class and unpublished) and British Airways' current rules do not allow that facility for this ticket type. Special seats such as exit row or bulkhead are not possible at all. Seat requests can only be done at the airport when checking in. Online check-in is not possible with a group fare. The seating is at the discretion of the airline at all times.

### **Can I change my return flight after I have booked?**

Yes, you can change the return flight if the airline has availability in the applicable subclass. Changes will most likely incur amendment charges, which will increase closer to the departure. No changes are permitted to the route or departure date from South Africa. Using an alternative airline or upgrading is a possibility but is governed by strict terms and conditions. Please discuss this with your booking agent.

### **Can I travel earlier and/or include another marathon overseas?**

Travelling earlier is not an option at the advertised price but we can change the flights and quote accordingly. For us to cost this for you please send the booking form, passport copies and details of your proposed plans. However, due to the popularity of this travel package and contractual commitments, requests outside of the fully inclusive travel package as advertised (departing 24 April 2025, economy group fare on BA) are limited and cannot be guaranteed.

### **Can I return at a later date?**

Extensions after the marathon are possible, although only a limited number in the group are allowed to return on a later date. Providing there is availability on the flight in the specified booking class and within the same fare level there is no additional flight cost. Please advise your required return date at the time of booking, on the booking form. If not, available we will advise alternatives and possible extra cost. Changing your route after departure is not permitted. Extra nights at our hotel in London can be booked subject to availability. Please ask us for a price.

Can I cancel or defer my entry?

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.

Can I purchase marathon entry only?

We do not sell marathon entries only; it is sold together with accommodation and flights booked through us, as stipulated by TCS London Marathon.

Can 3 people share the same room?

No, three adults cannot share a room. However, please speak to us for a customised price should you be travelling with children.

Do I need a passport and visa?

South African passport holders require a visa for most destinations abroad, including the United Kingdom. You need a valid passport. More information and costs can be viewed on <http://www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa> **We suggest you research visa requirements and your eligibility before committing to travel arrangements.** 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/passport/visa history. Sure Travelways/Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours cannot be held responsible if travellers obtain incorrect information and/or do not have the correct personal documents to travel. If you intend to travel to another country during this trip please ensure you have the correct visas and personal documentation. All other nationalities need to check their requirements.

I want to book. What do I do next?

Places are limited. **IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A BOOKING, PLEASE SCAN THE BOOKING FORM and last PAGE OF Travelways (Pty) Ltd STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS TO US TOGETHER WITH YOUR PASSPORT COPIES.** Upon receipt of these documents (subject to availability), we will forward banking details and a request for an initial non-refundable deposit of R 20 000.00 per runner and R 7 000.00 per non-runner which must be paid to us within 7 days of written confirmation. A second deposit of R 17 000 per runner and R7 000 per non-runner is due by 4 October 2024. The balance of total monies due will be calculated and invoiced in December, with monies due no later than 17 January 2025.

For reservations, please contact  
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