

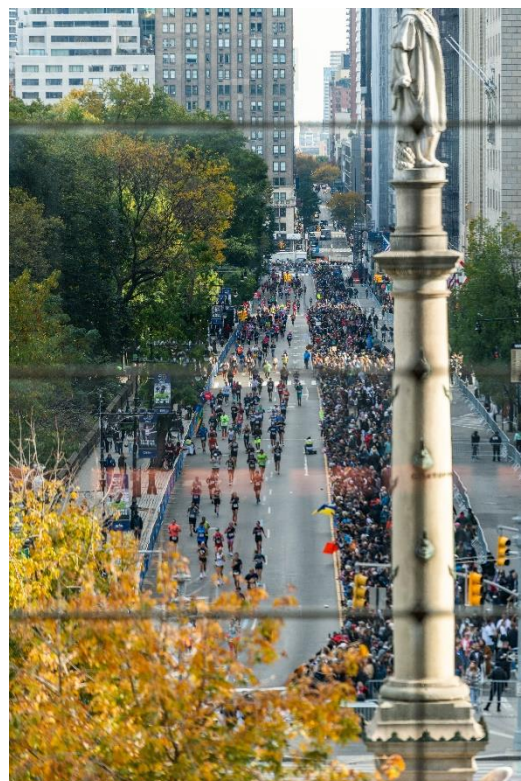
# TCS New York City Marathon

## 05 November 2023

Since 1993 Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours have been selected as an Official International Travel Operator (ITO) of the TCS New York City Marathon, the Premier Event of the New York Road Runners (NYRR). We can offer you a guaranteed entry to the 2023 TCS New York Marathon. Supporters are welcome, there is plenty to see and do while the runners participate in the Marathon.

### TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON

The TCS New York City Marathon is the largest in the world and includes over 50,000 runners, from the world's top professional athletes to runners of all ages and abilities, including over 9,000 charity runners. Runners participate from approximately 140 countries. They run through the diverse neighbourhoods of New York City's five boroughs—Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Manhattan. More than one million spectators and 10,000 volunteers line the city's streets in support of the runners, while millions more watch the globally televised broadcast. The race has 5 staggered starts between 09h50 and 11h30 - you have more than 8 hours to soak up the motivating and enthusiastic support from approximately 2 million spectators until you reach the race finish. Expect a fantastic marathon, an exceptionally well-planned, large expo and pre and post-marathon celebrations. Combine all this with a bustling city that never sleeps and you will have a trip of a lifetime!



### FULL PACKAGE DEPARTING 1 NOVEMBER 2023

Approx. Prices Per Person	Double Share room	Twin Share room	Triple Share room	Single room
Johannesburg (Runner)	R 58 345	R 60 195	R 54 645	R 72 045
Johannesburg (Non-Runner)	R 43 945	R 45 795	R40 245	R 57 645

### **INCLUDES;**

- Return economy air ticket with United Airlines, including airport taxes and fuel charges.
    - Wednesday 01 November Depart Johannesburg 22h00 Arrive New York EWR 08h00\*next day
    - Monday 06 November Depart New York EWR 20h45 Arrive Johannesburg 18h20\*next day
  - \*Schedules can be subject to change by the airline.
  - Guided transport from the airport to the hotel on 02 November (from UA187)
  - 4 night's accommodation (2,3,4,5 November) at Ameritania Hotel, 54th & Broadway, Mid-Manhattan, city taxes and occupancy tax
  - Runners Only - Private bus to the race start on 5 November departing from the Ameritania Hotel
  - Runners Only - 2023 TCS New York City Marathon package which includes; Guaranteed entry to the 2023 TCS New York City Marathon, Single-use Race Timing Chip, Official Race Shirt and goody bag, choice of 'baggage option' (drop a bag at the start area) or 'no baggage option' (poncho at the finish) with your entry, 2023 TCS New York City Marathon Medal at the finish, the opportunity to participate in the International Parade of Nations (Friday evening), downloadable Marathon certificate with your finish time.
  - Assistance and guidance to the TCS New York City Marathon Expo / Race Registration venue
  - Travel Insurance for standard tour dates (1 – 7 November 2023 inclusive)
  - Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours Guide in New York during race weekend \*
  - Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours Gift \*\*
  - Runners Only - Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours RSA running vest \*\*
- \* Subject to group size  
 \*\* Subject to confirmation, style and item might change

### **EXCLUDES;**

- Personal documentation, Passport & Visas
- Breakfast and any meals not mentioned in the inclusions above
- Transport from the hotel to the airport
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions above

## ITINERARY

### ⇒ Day 1 – Thursday 02 November 2023

On arrival at New York Newark Liberty International Airport, after passing through customs/immigration and collecting your luggage, you will be met by a representative from our company who will show you to the coach for the transfer to your hotel. The hotel is usually full when we arrive 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. You can leave your luggage in the hotel storeroom and we recommend that you use the interim period to visit the Expo and collect your race number. Our guide can assist and direct you.\*\*

### ⇒ Day 2 – Friday 03 November 2023

Day at leisure; perhaps a gentle jog around Central Park, some shopping, a Broadway show or sightseeing. Please ask us for recommendations.

Optional: Join fellow International runners in Central Park to watch or participate in the Parade of Nations and Opening Ceremony with Fireworks from 17h00

Overnight at the hotel.

### ⇒ Day 3 – Saturday 04 November 2023

Day at leisure. Kick up your feet and relax before the big day.

Overnight at the hotel.

### ⇒ Day 4 – Sunday 05 November 2023

✓ **Those who are running the 2023 TCS New York City Marathon - 42 km:**

**Between 05h45 to 06h30:** Private coach transfer to the Race start in Staten Island.

**08h30:** The professional Wheelchair athletes start.

**09h40 to 11h30:** Elite and the masses start. Staggered start times depending on seeding.

The race finishes in Central Park. Hotel Ameritania is within walking distance.

✓ **Those who are not running the 2023 TCS New York City Marathon:**

After waving off your companion we suggest you 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 race, sightseeing, shopping etc.

Overnight at the hotel.

### ⇒ Day 5 – Monday 06 November 2023

We bid you farewell at the hotel to either enjoy an extended stay or return home. Please note transport to the airport is not included in the package.



## **AMERITANIA HOTEL AT TIMES SQUARE**

We return this year to our central hotel in Manhattan's most vibrant district. A small non-smoking hotel with 200+ rooms, it's in an excellent location for both the race and for sightseeing. In the immediate area are shops, theatres, eateries and public transport. Within a five blocks radius, you'll find Central Park and Times Square. The hotel has a fitness room, Wi-Fi, daily iced water in the lobby, bottled water in the room and unlimited local phone calls, which are all complimentary for our guests. Breakfast is not available in the hotel but you can easily find breakfast at a choice of numerous eating establishments within a 200m radius of the hotel.

Race Registration (Jacob Javits): Is approximately 2.5kms easy walk or a taxi cab

Race Start (Staten Island): Is approximately 25kms (private bus included from Hotel)

Race Finish Line: Is approximately a 2.5kms walk or subway trip to the Hotel

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### How do I enter the race?

Just book your travel package with us, together with your Guaranteed Entry to the 2023 TCS New York City Marathon. If you are a blind athlete, visually impaired or a wheelchair athlete please inform us at the time of booking as we will need to request approval from NYRR.

### Do I need to qualify for the 2023 TCS New York City Marathon?

No, you don't, walkers and runners of all speeds are welcome. You have more than 8 hours to finish and will receive a medal. The minimum age for an entrant is 18 years.

### Can I purchase a race entry only?

We cannot sell a race entry only; it is sold together with flights/accommodation booked through us.

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

Travelling earlier is an option, provided you purchase a full package inclusive of the airfare.

Can I extend my stay?

Additional nights at the accommodation can be arranged and quoted for or you could arrange your accommodation after the first 4 nights which are included in this package.

A later return flight is possible, although only a limited number in the group are permitted to return on a later date. This may incur additional costs. Please advise on your booking form if you would like to return at a later date.

Can I purchase my air tickets separately and buy the race entry and accommodation only?

No, unfortunately, that is not an option.

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No, unfortunately, that is not an option.

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

The air tickets included in this package are special 'group' tickets (G class and unpublished) and United Airlines' current rules do not allow upgrades for this ticket type. If you would like to travel in a different cabin class or airline please ask us before you pay your deposit. Due to contractual commitments requests outside of the fully inclusive travel package departure date are limited.

Can I depart from another country?

This package is only available to runners departing from South Africa. If you are departing from another please let us know first and we will do our best to assist you.

Is travel insurance necessary?

Yes. Travel insurance is compulsory and comprehensive coverage is included in the price for all South African residents (and certain neighbouring countries) for the standard tour dates 01 – 07 November 2023 inclusive. If you extend your stay you will be invoiced for the additional premium, which is available on request. A supplement will apply if aged 70 years +. Terms and conditions apply more details available on request.

Can 3 or 4 people share the same room?

Yes, there are a limited number of rooms that can be sold on a triple basis for a maximum of 3 people or a quad basis for a maximum of 4 people. Those rooms have 2 double beds. It is not recommended as space and comfort will be compromised.

What can I expect from my hotel room?

A double room has 1 Queen or King sized bed

A twin room has 2 double beds

Triple or Quad room has 2 double beds

Single room has 1 Queen sized bed

All rooms have a private bathroom, tv, block-out curtains and desk/chair.

Do I need a passport and visa?

Please ensure you have a full passport, which has at least 4 blank pages and it's 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 research visa requirements and your eligibility or 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 (Use your foreign passport to enter and exit the USA). 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 SCAN THE BOOKING FORM and LAST PAGE OF Travelways (Pty) Ltd STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS TO US TOGETHER WITH PASSPORT COPIES.** Upon receipt of these documents (subject to availability), we will send banking details and a request for a 30% non-refundable deposit which must be paid to Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours within 7 days of written confirmation. A second non-refundable deposit of 25% per person is due before 31 March 2023. A third non-refundable deposit of 25% per person is due before 23 June 2023. The balance payment will be calculated and invoiced end of July with the due date for final and full payment no later than 7 August 2023.

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