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The TCS Sydney Marathon has been named the 7th Abbott World Marathon Major and will joining the series for its inaugural year 2025. Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours have been selected as **Official International Travel Partner of the TCS SYDNEY MARATHON**. This allows us to offer you a marathon entry in conjunction with travel. Book with confidence knowing that we have years of experience and knowledge in the marathon travel industry.

SYDNEY MARATHON TRAVEL PACKAGE WITH ACCOMMODATION AND A MARATHON ENTRY

approx. Prices Per Person	Double share Room Runner	Double share Room Non-Runner	Single Room Runner	Single Room Non-Runner
4* Hotel	R 26 995	R 17 095	R 37 845	R 27 945

INCLUDES;

- 2025 TCS SYDNEY-MARATHON 2025 Entry (Runners only) including Official Sydney Marathon Finishers T-Shirt*, Bib TAG, Finisher medal, and free access to public transport on race day. Inclusions are at the organiser’s discretion and subject to change.
 - 4 night’s accommodation (28,29,30,31 August 2025) at the Rydges World Square Hotel with Breakfast & VAT
 - A Sydney Harbour Cruise (30 August 2025)
 - 8 Days Comprehensive Travel Insurance (28 August – 03 September 2025 inclusive)
 - A Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours representative in Sydney during marathon weekend*
 - A Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours Gift**
 - A Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours RSA running vest (Runners only)**
- * Subject to minimum group size
** subject to confirmation, style, and item might change

EXCLUDES;

- Flights *Please note that we can assist you with booking flights of your choice
- Airport transfers
- Personal documentation, Passport & Visas, and any other documentation that may be required
- Meals not mentioned in the inclusions above
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions above

Flights

These are extra. Please note we do not charge a service fee for booking flights as an add on to our marathon package. Airline tickets must be paid in full to secure. Please ask us for an estimation on flights when you are ready to commit with payment and are 100% sure of your requirements, or look at our all-inclusive package which includes flights.

TCS SYDNEY-MARATHON

2025 TCS Sydney Marathon presented by ASICS will be Australia’s largest running festival attracting thousands of participants. Runners will run across the iconic steel arch of the Harbour Bridge and finish at a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Sydney Opera House which is an ingenious shape, a world-famous landmark. Apart from being an Abbott World Marathon Major (Abbott WMM) event, the Sydney Marathon is also the first event in the Southern Hemisphere to achieve the prestigious World Athletics Platinum Label and with this Platinum Label it is now ranked eighth in the

world, becoming one of the leading global road races.

The 2025 edition of the race, the first as a World Marathon Major, promises to be more exciting than ever with an all new marathon course, world-class course entertainment and a new cut-off time of 7 hours.



ACCOMMODATION

⇒ 4* Hotel – Rydges World Square

The Rydges World Square Hotel won the Superior Hotel of the Year in 2019 from the Tourism Accommodation Australia (NSW) Awards for Excellence program. Located next to the World Square Shopping Center, it is centrally located for easy access to the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, and Cockle Bay. A bus stop is directly outside the hotel, and train stations are within 300 meters of the hotel. All the rooms are air-conditioned and feature a desk, mini-bar, safety deposit box, tea/coffee making supplies and ironing facilities. WiFi internet access is available throughout the hotel. Dry-cleaning service are also available at the Rydges World Square Hotel. Guests can work out in the fully refurbished fitness center which offers the latest fitness equipment including cardio machines equipped with iPod connectivity and an in-built TV. The Amber Restaurant serves breakfast and dinner. It serves a Modern Australian menu with Mediterranean influences and the Amber Bar offers cocktails and a variety of beers on tap.

Distance:

Closest train Station: Museum Station (300m)

Approximately 750m to race registration/expo

Approximately 20 Minutes / 3 stops with the Metro to Marathon start

Approximately 3 km to the Sydney Opera House (Race finish) or 2 stops with by train, from Circular Quay station, which is the closest station to the Opera House (700m)

Approximately 8km / 20 Minutes from the Sydney Airport.



ITINERARY

⇒ Day 1 – Thursday 28 August 2025

On arrival at Sydney Airport, and after passing through customs/immigration and collecting your luggage, make your own way to the to your hotel via public transport. 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 may 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.

⇒ Day 2 – Friday 29 August 2025

Day at leisure; perhaps a gentle jog around Hyde Park, relax at one of the famous beaches, visit the Taronga Zoo to see the koalas, or do a bit of shopping?

Overnight at the hotel.

⇒ Day 3 – Saturday 30 August 2025

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

This evening, Penthouse Travel will host a Sydney Harbor Cruise between 16h00 – 18h00. There is no other Sydney venue more desired, no views more captivating, than the spectacular Sydney Harbor. (Please note that the cruise is a group booking and can't be amended for an alternative time). End the night by having dinner at one of the restaurants located in the Sydney Harbor area.

Overnight at the hotel.

⇒ Day 4 – Sunday 31 August 2025

✓ *Those who are running the 2024 TCS Sydney Marathon - 42 km:*

Make your way to the marathon start area using public transport. A representative from Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours will set a time to escort the group to the starting line, if you wish to go together. Start times are staggered depending on your seeding. The Marathon finishes next to the Sydney Opera House.

✓ *Those who are not running the TCS Sydney 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 or if you prefer relaxing away from the marathon, sightseeing, shopping, etc. Our representative will be busy with taking runners to the marathon start but happy to chat with you in advance so that you are prepared to enjoy the day independently.

Overnight at the hotel.

⇒ Day 5 – Monday 1 September 2025

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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is travel insurance necessary?

Yes. Comprehensive coverage is included in this package for all South African residents for the period 28 August to 03 September. If you intend extending your stay, you will be invoiced for the additional premium, a price is available on request. A supplement will be added if the traveller is aged 70 years and older. Policy details can be viewed 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 cannot sell only a marathon entry; it is sold together with accommodation and/or flights booked through us.

Can I extend the stay?

Yes. Extra nights at our hotel in Sydney can be booked subject to availability. Please ask us for a price. Or you may wish to stay with family or friends.

What can I expect upon arrival in Sydney?

Airport transfers are not included in the package because public transport and/or taxis are economical and easy to navigate. Details and guidance on various transport options and costs will be sent out with final documentation closer to the time.

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 there is no guarantee of a refund if you cannot run.

Do I need to register in Sydney before the marathon?

Yes. You must pick up your marathon number in person at the Expo before marathon day. Details and guidance on various transport options and costs will be sent out with final documentation closer to the time but our hotel is close to the Expo.

Do I need a passport and visa?

Yes, you need a fully valid passport. South African passport holders require a visa for most destinations abroad, including Australia. Travelers need to apply directly to the consulate and at their own expense. We suggest that you research visa requirements and eligibility before committing to your 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 RSA ID. 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. Travelways Pty Ltd, t/a Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours cannot be held responsible for a traveler's travel documents. If you are traveling via another country or intend to travel of your own accord to another country during this trip please ensure that 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 PASSPORT COPIES.** Upon receipt of these documents (subject to availability), we will send you banking details and a request for an initial non-refundable deposit of 50% per runner and 40% per non-runner of the package. This amount must be paid to us within 7 days of written confirmation. A second deposit of R20% per person is due by 4 April 2025.

The balance of total monies due will be calculated and invoiced in June 2025, with monies due no later than 6 June 2025.

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

For reservations, please contact

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