

The Great Wall Marathon - 17 May 2025

Great Wall Marathon 2024, 7 days package

Run the Great Wall Marathon and have the time of your life with runners from around the world.

All nights are spent in the capital of China and you will get an unforgettable holiday in this exciting city. We will visit classic Beijing highlights such as the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Temple of Heaven and also have plenty of chances to sample exquisite local cuisines in the many markets and street stalls of old Beijing.

PACKAGES:

Option	Hotel in Beijing	Double/Twin Share per person	Single per person
GWM-5	Dongfang Hotel	R 37 595.00	R 46 895.00
GWM-6	Yunyang Hotel	R 45 195.00	R 56 395.00
GWM-7	JW Marriott	R 52 795.00	R 69 695.00

All prices are the approximate price per person sharing.

Room options

If you are a single traveller and choose a shared double room when booking, GWM will pair you with another traveller of the same gender (not necessarily a South African). If you prefer to have your own room, choose a single room. GWM will determine and advise hotel name and details on final documentation approx. 1 month before the event.

Inclusions:

- Race entry including official running T-shirt, Supplies on route, Medal, time taking with net results, & English speaking medical team
- 6-nights accommodation
- Meals as stated in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and excursions as stated in the itinerary. Optional tours can be purchased separately.
- Transportation as per itinerary
- An English-speaking tour leader at your hotel
- An English-speaking local guide
- 8 Days Comprehensive Travel Insurance (13 - 20 May 2025 inclusive)
- Comprehensive information packet and guide book for the Great Wall Marathon event which includes detailed maps and day-by-day descriptions.

Exclusions:

- Flights
- Visa for China
- Airport transfers
- Optional tours which must be booked in advance
- Meals not stated in the itinerary
- Beverages
- Personal expenses
- Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'

NOTE: This trip is not hosted by Penthouse Travel but by local representatives

ITINERARY

⇒ Day 1, Tuesday 13 May 2025: Welcome to Beijing

Airport staff in both Beijing Capital Airport (PEK) and Beijing Daxing Airport (PKX) will be available throughout the day and evening and assist with finding a taxi or showing directions to the airport shuttle bus or the airport express train. Look for "The Great Wall Marathon" sign and our representatives in the arrivals hall will help you if necessary.

Please read the information about arrival and departure under Important for more details.

After checking in to your hotel, check the hotel notice board to confirm your tour guide's name and phone number. Goodie bags will be handed out by the guide. If you don't receive your goodie bag today, it will be given to you on Inspection Day.

The rest of the day is free for you to explore Beijing.

Meals: not included

⇒ Day 2, Wednesday 14 May 2025: Explore Beijing - Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven & more

The first stop of your day's exploration is Tiananmen Square. We continue to the Forbidden City and spend the rest of the morning there. Lunch will be a delicious local speciality, Beijing roast duck.

After lunch we continue sightseeing at the beautiful Temple of Heaven in southern Beijing. The last stop of the afternoon will be a visit to a silk exhibition hall, where a large variety of silk products can be purchased.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

⇒ Day 3, Thursday 15 May 2025: Great Wall Marathon Route Inspection Day

Today, is Inspection Day! This is your time to inspect the route, including a leisurely walk along the Great Wall, and speak with race officials about the forthcoming event.

Our day will begin early in the morning as we board our bus and head to the Great Wall for route inspection. Breakfast will be served as a breakfast box, if your hotel is unable to serve a buffet breakfast before our early departure.

All runners are expected to walk the 3.5km of the Huangyaguan section of the wall that is part of the marathon, half-marathon and 8.5k Fun Run course. Non-runners are also welcome, although good physical condition is required. A sandwich lunch will be served.

Meals: Breakfast & lunch

Day 4, Friday 16 May 2025: Cloisonné factory and Ming Tombs

Today is a good day for relaxing before the big race day tomorrow. Take in the local atmosphere, or go on the optional excursion that takes visitors to the Ming Dynasty Tombs. The tour includes lunch.

The optional tour start with a visit to a cloisonné factory. Cloisonné is an age-old technique for decorating metal objects. At the factory, we will be introduced to the intricate art of making cloisonné.

After lunch, we'll head to the Ming tombs in a valley south of the Tianshou mountain, about 50km west of Beijing. Thirteen out of the sixteen Ming emperors were buried in this peaceful valley.

Meals: Breakfast (lunch included on optional excursion).

Day 5, Saturday 17 May 2025: Race Day

Breakfast boxes will be handed out before leaving for Huangyaguan at 3h30. The race starts at 7h30.

Sandwich lunches will be provided for everyone at the race site. Busses will be ready to take runners back to Beijing between 12h00 and 16h30. A 20-minute massage on site is included after the race.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch

Day 6, Sunday 18 May 2025: Explore Beijing - excursion option City of People & Evening Celebration Party

Today is a day of recovery. Sleep in, relax, do a bit of shopping in the Silk Market or fill your senses with the sights and sounds of Beijing. The optional Hutong by Rickshaw excursion is available today. For further details, see "Excursions".

In the evening, we all gather for the big celebration dinner. All participants will be picked up at their hotels and taken to the party venue tonight.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner included (lunch is provided for those going on the optional excursion)

Day 7, Monday 19 May 2025: Farewell Beijing

Hotel check-out is before noon. Please note that the departure transfer is not included in the package but can be pre-booked.

Meal: Breakfast

GENERAL BOOKING INFORMATION

- All prices are per person.
- To book we require completed passport copies, booking forms, signed last page of T&C's and entry forms. Upon receipt of these documents (subject to availability), we will send banking details and a request for an initial 30% deposit per person. At the time of calculating the advertised itinerary costs, we have to take a projected exchange rate and base it on current government and supplier charges and fees. Therefore, all prices quoted are subject to change and will be confirmed shortly before balance payments are due by 8 February 2025.
- An early booking discount of R 900 per person will be applied to the final invoice for participants who book and register with full documentation and deposit payment before 15 November 2024.
- Early booking is recommended to ensure availability.
- A late entry supplement of R 3000 per person will be applied for participants who book and register with full documentation and payment after 04 March 2025. Subject to availability.
- Please note we as the agent need to have booking documentation and payment cleared from you by these deadline dates and times to get payment to China.
- Credit Card payments are not accepted for The Great Wall Marathon itineraries and services.

TRANSFERS

NO transfer service is provided. Airport staff will be available on 14TH May to assist finding taxis or getting to the airport shuttle or airport express. Getting from and to the airport is each participants own responsibility

FLIGHTS

Flights are not included as prices change daily and are subject to airline availability. The sooner you book the better the price generally. If you would like us to arrange your flights, please let us know and we will advise options and prices.

PASSPORT/VISA

A valid passport is required with at least four blank pages and is valid at least six months after entry. Almost all non-Chinese nationals will need a visa to enter China. There are different categories and you will most likely need a tourist visa (L). Please contact your local Chinese embassy or consulate for more information. The procedure normally requires submitting a visa application form, paying a fee, and providing the Chinese authorities with a service voucher from the Great Wall Marathon containing hotel information and dates. Approximately 6-8 weeks before the race you will receive the service voucher which you can use for acquiring a visa. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you have an RSA passport as well as a foreign passport you must show the RSA passport when 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 letter 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. All other nationalities need to please check their requirements.

Please Note:

- It is the responsibility of each participant to have a valid passport and to obtain a valid visa before traveling to China.
- Participation is purely at your own risk. All extra costs incurred, no matter what the cause, will under no circumstances be the responsibility of the Great Wall Marathon Company.
- Concerning medical risks - all active participants must declare that they are in good health and have their own insurance that covers their stay in China. The Great Wall Marathon brings its own team of specialized physicians and nurses to assure that every injured participant receives suitable treatment.

All prices are per person. GWM reserves the right to adjust US Dollar prices (charge differences) if 1US\$ varies from the original calculation. The rates shown are calculated from the original currency of US\$ to SA Rands using a projected exchange rate. Therefore all prices quoted are estimated, subject to change, and will be confirmed shortly before full payment is due 8 February 2025 and adjusted at that stage if necessary. Any advertising is done with information provided at that time by the suppliers. The suppliers can alter schedules and facilities at any time. Terms & Conditions apply as per the given booking documentation and Standard Business Terms & Conditions. Date of printing: 29 August 2024