

Athens Authentic Marathon

8 November 2026

ATHENS MARATHON ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE WITH MARATHON ENTRY

approx. Prices Per Person	Double share Room - Runner	Double share Room – Non-Runner	Single Room – Runner	Single Room – Non-Runner
3* Hotel	R23 695,00	R 15 745	R30 595	R 22 645
5* Hotel	R30 545,00	R22 595,00	R51 245,00	R33 895

INCLUDES;

- Entry to the Athens Marathon on the 08 of November 2026 (this includes a race number, timing chip, medal, goody bag and race T-shirt (Runners only)*)
- 3 Nights (6,7,8 November 2026) accommodation with Breakfast included
- Airport to hotel transfers - if you extend your stay on your own, then the return shuttle is not included
- Transfer to the Race start (Runners only)
- Delivery of your marathon number and kit to hotel (Runners only)
- 6 days Travel Insurance (5 - 10 November 2026 inclusive)
- 24/7 help desk during marathon weekend
- Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours Gift**
- RSA Flag Design Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours Running Vest (Runners only)**

*Discount applies if you wish to run the 10km instead of the 42km. (Walking transfer to race starting point) *

**subject to confirmation, style, and item might change

EXCLUDES;

- Flights (Please note we are able to book flights on the airline and dates of your choice).
- The accommodation tax is payable locally in Athens to the hotel (per person per day, approximately €5 for 3* and approximately €12 for 5*)
- The cost of the Passport & Visas
- Optional tours
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions above

Athen Marathon

The Athens Marathon is legendary. Formerly known as the Athens Classic Marathon, the name was changed in recent years to reflect the marathon's esteemed status. The village of Marathon was the birthplace of the Athens Marathon race 2500+ years ago. This unique course is a must for every marathon runner. The route is hilly and challenging – it starts near the sea at Marathon village and ends in the spectacular Panathinaikos Stadium in Athens. The Panathinaikos Stadium was built entirely in white marble for the first modern Olympics in 1896. The marble stadium is located on the same spot where remains of an the iconic stadium used for the original Olympic Games in ancient Greece, were excavated. The marathon start is staggered from 09h00 until 09h42. You have 8 hours to finish the race. The average temperatures for Athens early November are around 14 - 18°C (57 – 64.4°F). A 10km race also takes place on the day before the main event.



Accommodation

⇒ 3* Hotel

This 3* Hotel is located less than 5 minute's walk from Syntagma Square (Athens's most central square). The Acropolis, Ancient Agora, Roman Forum, Parliament, museums, the shopping area of the Plaka and Ermou Street, and the Athens Cathedral are all close by. You are really in the heart of Athens, in the most strategic and charming location. Guest rooms have a private bathroom, Wi-Fi, and air conditioning. It is approximately 15 minutes walking distance from Panathinaikos Stadium (race finish). Please note there is a triple room option at this hotel. However, it is only suitable and sold to a maximum of 2 adults and 1 child (Not three adults)

⇒ 5* Hotel

A short walk from the Acropolis, this 5-star Hotel is located right in front of the Temple of Olympian Zeus and features an outdoor pool and a fitness center. Guests can taste traditional Greek cuisine or enjoy a cocktail at the rooftop Ioannis bar-restaurant, which offers panoramic views over the Acropolis and Lycabettus Hill. The elegantly decorated rooms and suites are air-conditioned and include a mini bar, hairdryer, and a bathroom with a shower or bathtub. Most units offer views over the Temple of Zeus or the swimming pool garden. Free WiFi access is provided throughout the hotel, while the multilingual staff are available 24/7. The hotel is a 5 minutes walk to the Panathinaiko Stadium.

FAQ 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 more economical your price will be. We do not charge a service fee for booking economy class flights if added on to our marathon package so if you would like us to arrange your flights, please advise us now and we will provide you with various options and prices.

Is Travel Insurance essential? How much is it?

It is strongly recommended that you purchase travel insurance cover for the duration of your journey. Travel insurance is included for the dates 5-10 November 2026 inclusive; if you extend your stay, you will be invoiced for the additional premium. A supplement will apply if aged 70 years +. Terms and conditions apply. More details available on request.

What can I expect upon arrival in Athens?

Airport transfers are included in the package. You will be met at the airport in Athens and taken to your hotel. Please note that the earliest you can check in to your room is in the afternoon. However, the hotel will store luggage for you if you arrive in the morning. On your day of departure, you will be taken from the hotel to airport.

Can I purchase race entry only?

We cannot sell race entry only; it has to be sold together with a minimum of 3 nights' accommodation package as advertised.

Do I need to qualify for the Athens Marathon?

No you don't, walkers and runners of all speeds are welcome. Cut off time to receive a medal is 8 hours.

Can I cancel or defer my entry if I am injured or can't travel for whatever reason?

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 may apply to the insurance company for a refund. However, conditions of the insurance policy are applicable and there is no guarantee of a refund if you cannot run.

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

No. Your race number, timing chip, goody bag etc. will be delivered to your hotel.

How do I get to the race start and back to the hotel after the race?

There are buses provided that will take you to the race start in the town of Marathon. To reach the hotels walk approximately 15 minutes from the race finish.

Do I need a passport and visa?

Yes, you need a full valid passport with at least 3 blank pages and valid at least 3 months beyond your stay in Europe. South African passport holders require a visa for most destinations abroad, including Europe. Travellers need to apply directly to the consulate and at their own expense. If you are 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. 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 permanent residence letter from Home Affairs. Travelways Pty Ltd, t/a Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours cannot be held responsible if travellers 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 that 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 banking details and a request for an initial 50% non-refundable deposit per person to secure. The balance of monies will then be calculated and due 15th August 2025. Airline tickets must be paid in full to secure.

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