

The TCS Sydney Marathon presented by ASICS is the newest member of the Abbott World Marathon Major series. Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours has been selected as an **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 51 945	R 41 945	R 70 345	R 60 345

INCLUDES;

- 2026 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.
 - A flight credit of R15 000. (More details below under the flight section)
 - 4 nights' accommodation (27, 28,29,30 August 2026) at the Rydges World Square Hotel with Breakfast & VAT
 - A Sydney Harbour Cruise (28 August 2026)
 - 8 Days Comprehensive Travel Insurance (26 August – 02 September 2026 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 confirmation, style, and item might change

EXCLUDES;

- Airport transfers
- Personal documentation, Passport & Visas, and any other documentation that may be required
- Meals not mentioned in the inclusions above
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Flights

Group flights are not included, but please be aware that the package price and initial deposit include an allowance of R 15 000 for securing an air tickets, which must be purchased with us in conjunction with the land arrangements. We are happy to reserve flights on the airline, booking class and date of your choice. We will provide you with an estimation on real-time flight availability once you are ready and have finalised your details. If the airfare and taxes exceed R 15 000 per person, we will request the additional amount from you.

TCS SYDNEY-MARATHON

2026 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.

Following its landmark debut as the 7th Abbott World Marathon Major, the 2026 edition of the race will continue to grow in popularity so why not lock in your space now.



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 is 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 the 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.



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⇒ Day 1 – Thursday 27 August 2026

On arrival at Sydney Airport, after passing through customs/immigration, collect your luggage, and make your own way to your hotel via public transport. The hotel is usually full when you 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 28 August 2026

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?

This evening, Penthouse Travel will host a Sydney Harbor Cruise between 17h15 – 18h45. 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).

Overnight at the hotel.

⇒ Day 3 – Saturday 29 August 2026

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

Why not have dinner at one of the restaurants located in the Sydney Harbour area? On a Saturday night, there is usually a fireworks display at Sydney Harbour, which takes place at 20h30

Overnight at the hotel.

⇒ Day 4 – Sunday 30 August 2026

✓ Those who are running the 2026 TCS Sydney Marathon - 42 km:

Make your way to the marathon start area using public transport. 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, relax away from the marathon, sightseeing, shopping, etc.

Overnight at the hotel.

⇒ Day 5 – Monday 1 September 2025

Breakfast at the Hotel before check-out time (no later than 12h00)

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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.

Is travel insurance necessary?

Yes. Comprehensive coverage is included in this package for all South African residents for the period 26 August to 02 September. If you intend on 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 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 50% non-refundable deposit of per person. This amount must be paid to us within 7 days of written confirmation. A second non-refundable deposit of 25% per person is due by 3 April 2026. The balance of total monies due will be calculated and invoiced in June 2025, with monies due no later than 19 June 2026.

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 a restriction by the Reserve Bank of South Africa.

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