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Boston Marathon - 19-Apr-2027

The Boston Marathon is more than a race—it's a global sporting phenomenon. Established in 1897, it is the world's oldest annual marathon and one of the prestigious World Marathon Majors. Renowned for its rich traditions and unmatched atmosphere, more than 500,000 spectators line the streets of Boston on race day, creating an unforgettable experience for every runner. Our five-day itinerary gives you plenty of time to adjust, recover from travel, and arrive at the start line rested, prepared, and ready to take on one of the world's most celebrated marathons.

As the Official International Tour Operator for the Boston Marathon in India, the UAE, and East Africa, we offer guaranteed race entries—without a qualifying time—to residents of India, the UAE, and East Africa,. If you live in a nearby country without an official tour operator, please contact us to discuss your options.

Note: Residents of North America and US citizens are not eligible to register through our programme.

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Day 1: Arrival in Boston (Friday)

To make the most of your Boston Marathon experience, we recommend arriving in Boston by early evening. Upon arrival at Boston Logan International Airport, make your own way to the hotel using Boston's efficient public transport network, which offers a quick and convenient transfer into the city. After settling in, join us for a welcome trip briefing at 4:00 PM, where we'll review the itinerary, race-week logistics, and important details for the days ahead. The remainder of the day is yours to relax, adjust to the city, or begin exploring Boston's rich history and vibrant atmosphere before the excitement of marathon weekend truly begins.

Meal: None

Day 2: 5K Dash and Tour (Saturday)

If you've registered for the Boston 5K, make your way to Boston Common to take part in the event or cheer on fellow runners as they cross the finish line. At 10:30 AM, join us for a welcome brunch near the Boston Marathon finish area—an excellent opportunity to meet your fellow runners, share stories, and soak up the excitement of marathon weekend. In the afternoon, you're invited to join an optional guided tour of the Boston Marathon course, led by a veteran runner who will share fascinating insights into the race's rich history, legendary landmarks, and the challenges that make Boston one of the world's most iconic marathons. The evening is then yours to enjoy at your leisure, whether you choose to explore the city, visit the expo, or simply relax and prepare for the days ahead.

Meal: Brunch

Day 3: Expo, Harvard Tour and Free Time (Sunday)

This morning, we'll visit the historic campus of Harvard University and discover some local stories and traditions from one of the world's most renowned institutions. Later, enjoy free time to explore the Boston Marathon Expo and collect your race bib and race pack. Above all, today is about resting, hydrating, and preparing for race day.

Meal: None

Day 4: Race Day! (Monday)

Today is race day! The moment you've been training for has finally arrived. The legendary Boston Marathon begins in the town of Hopkinton and takes you on an unforgettable journey through the historic communities of Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Wellesley, Newton, and Brookline, before culminating in the iconic finish on Boylston Street in the heart of downtown Boston. Along the way, you'll experience the roar of hundreds of thousands of spectators, the unforgettable cheers at Wellesley College, and the challenge of the famed Heartbreak Hill—landmarks that have become part of marathon history. Cross the finish line knowing you've completed one of the world's most prestigious races, then join the official post-race celebrations to commemorate an extraordinary achievement and celebrate with fellow runners from around the globe.

Meal: None

Day 5: Departure from Boston (Tuesday)

With a medal in your bag and unforgettable memories made, it's time to bid farewell to Boston. Make your own way to the airport for your onward journey home, taking with you the pride of completing one of the world's most prestigious marathons.

Meal: None

INCLUSIONS

- 14-week training plan by international coaches
- Stay at Eliot Hotel Boston for 4 nights (on room-only basis)
- Networking breakfast/high tea with fellow runners
- Walking tour of Harvard University
- Option to book a bus tour of the marathon route (will be offered closer to the date of travel)
- On-ground support in Boston on all days
- Active Holiday Company Word Marathon Majors T-shirt (for runners only)

EXCLUSIONS

- The cost of flights, visas, passport, insurance is not included in the tour price unless stated otherwise
- Any meals not mentioned as included are at your own expense
- Single rooms, optional tours, and extra nights cost extra
- Arrival and departure transfers are not included in your tour price

- Excess baggage, portage, laundry, phone calls, alcoholic beverages are considered personal expenses and not included in your tour price
- GST, VAT, and other taxes as applicable in India are additional to the tour price

Booking Conditions

DEPOSIT

To confirm your booking, a non-refundable deposit is required as detailed below:

- **With race entry:** INR 150,000 per person
- **Without race entry:** INR 70,000 per person

CANCELLATION POLICY

RUNNER WITH RACE ENTRY

Cancel on or before 10 Jan 2027: Non-refundable deposit

Cancel between 11 Jan 2027 and 21 Mar 2027: 75% of tour price

Cancel on or after 22 Mar 2027: 100% cancellation

TRANSFER & DEFERRAL

- In the case of a booking with race entry included, your non-refundable deposit is specifically for the trip and the year that you have booked.
- Unless the rules of the event permit deferral to another year or a transfer to / replacement for another participant with or without a fee, your non-refundable deposit cannot be applied to another event or year, even if Active Holiday Company is the official travel partner for the event.
- Bookings without race entry included can be transferred as per policy applicable to the booking.
- Race entry cannot be transferred or deferred if you are unable to participate in the race.

OTHER CONDITIONS

- All costs exclude GST 5% and 2% TCS (for bookings made in India).
- All digital payments, including UPI, attract a 3% Platform Fee. Partial payments will be charged the fee to the extent that is paid via the digital platform. To avoid the 3% please arrange a direct bank transfer.
- Our prices are per person. Even if you have booked a single room for your exclusive use it is mandatory to pay for all your travel companions.
- The use of any service, including hotel services, by anyone who is not a paid participant is strictly prohibited.
- Active Holiday Company reserves the right to amend prices if the currency fluctuates more than 5%.
- Entries are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Please do not apply for a slot with us and with the lottery before the ballot results are out. You will get charged twice and neither of the payments will be refunded.
- Please note we hold limited rooms for our group and adding a companion later is subject to availability.
- Use and promotion of competitor brands, products and logos - specially of any company involved in selling marathon trips is strictly prohibited on all Active Holiday Company trips. This can result in your removal from our trip without any refund and refusal on future trips.

Event Details

Speciality

- World's oldest annual marathon and one of the most prestigious road races
- Iconic point-to-point course from Hopkinton to the historic Boylston Street finish
- Legendary Heartbreak Hill, one of marathon running's most famous challenges
- Qualification-only entry, making every finisher part of an elite field
- Unmatched race-day atmosphere with over 500,000 spectators lining the course
- Rich tradition and electric Patriots' Day celebration backed by world-class organization

Events (Distances & Date)

42.2 km | 19 Apr 2027

Start Time

- Wave 1: 10:00 AM
- Wave 2: 10:25 AM
- Wave 3: 10:50 AM
- Wave 4: 11:15 AM

Race Start

Hopkinton, Massachusetts

Race Finish

Boylston Street, Copley Square

Course

[Official Course Map](#)

Weather

Cool spring conditions, with temperatures typically ranging between 4°C – 13°C, providing ideal weather for marathon running.

Expo Location

[John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center at 900 Boylston St.](#)

Expo Dates and Timings

- 16th Apr '27 (Fri): 10:00 AM to 07:00 PM

- 17th Apr '27 (Sat): 09:00 AM to 07:00 PM
- 18th Apr '27 (Sun): 09:00 AM to 06:00 PM

Payment Terms

DEPOSIT

Runner: INR 150,000

Companion: INR 70,000

Please read the conditions to know the non-refundable part of your payment.

FINAL PAYMENT DUE DATE

On or before 10 Jan 2027

Travel Tips

Walk the Freedom Trail

Discover Boston's rich history by following the 4 km Freedom Trail, which links 16 of the city's most iconic historic landmarks. It's an easy and engaging way to experience the birthplace of the American Revolution.

Explore Beyond Back Bay

Venture beyond the marathon finish area to neighbourhoods such as Beacon Hill, the North End, and Cambridge. Each offers its own unique mix of history, culture, shopping, and dining.

Stroll Along the Charles River Esplanade

Enjoy a scenic walk or easy run along the Charles River Esplanade, a favourite spot for locals and visiting runners alike. The riverside paths provide beautiful city views and a peaceful escape from the busy streets.

Try Boston's Local Specialities

Sample New England favourites such as lobster rolls, clam chowder, and Boston cream pie. The city's vibrant food scene ranges from historic markets to award-winning waterfront restaurants.