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TCS New York City Marathon - 01-Nov-2026

The TCS New York City Marathon is one of the eight Abbott World Marathon Majors and the world's largest marathon, attracting more than 50,000 finishers each year. The iconic course takes runners through all five boroughs of New York City, crossing the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge before finishing in the world-famous Central Park. Active Holiday Company is proud to be the Official International Tour Operator for India, offering guaranteed race entry as part of our exclusive marathon travel packages.

To help you make the most of marathon weekend, our core package includes a 4-night stay in Manhattan, giving you ample time to collect your race bib, experience the city's incredible race atmosphere, and celebrate your achievement after crossing the finish line.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in New York (Thursday)

Arrive in New York on Thursday for the 4-night/5-day itinerary, giving you extra time to experience the excitement and atmosphere of TCS New York City Marathon weekend. After hotel check-in from 4:00 PM, visit the NYRR Run Centre and Marathon Expo to collect your race essentials, explore official merchandise, and beat the weekend crowds. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city at your own pace.

Meal: None

Day 2: Race Briefing & Parade of Nations (Friday)

Start the day with an orientation walk to the marathon finish line, followed by a picnic brunch in Central Park. For guests arriving today, hotel check-in is available from 4:00 PM. Experience the excitement of marathon weekend with the opening ceremony and the iconic Parade of Nations. In the evening, join the Active Holiday Company New York Marathon briefing and networking event at 7:30 PM.

Meal: Brunch (For Thursday arrivals)

Day 3: Abbott 5K Dash to the Finish (Saturday)

Begin the day with a relaxed shake-out run through Manhattan, finishing at the iconic Times Square for memorable race-week photos. Participants in the Abbott Dash to the Finish 5K can continue to the race start area, while others can use the day to visit the Marathon Expo if they haven't already. Spend the rest of the day relaxing, preparing for race day, or exploring New York City at your own pace.

Meal: None

Day 4: Race Day! (Sunday)

The moment you've been waiting for has arrived! Transfer to the marathon start area according to your allocated ferry timing and get ready to experience the iconic TCS New York City Marathon. The legendary course takes you through all five boroughs of New York City, passing through neighbourhoods including Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Manhattan, before finishing in the spectacular Central Park. After crossing the finish line, celebrate your achievement with fellow runners at the optional after-party.

Meal: None

Day 5: Departure from New York (Monday)

After completing one of the world's most iconic marathons, it's time to bid farewell to New York City. Transfer to the airport for your journey home, or choose to extend your stay and continue exploring the city or beyond. Speak to us about custom extensions and personalised travel options.

Meal: None

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights' accommodation at a centrally-located hotel near the finish line
- Guaranteed New York City Marathon race entry
- 14-week training plan by international coaches
- Run-with-the-locals shakeout run
- Finish area orientation walk
- Race-day transfer assistance and transportation guidance
- Welcome picnic brunch with fellow runners
- Ground support from Active Holiday Company representatives
- Active Holiday Company World Marathon Majors T-shirt (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 be included in your tour price
- Excess baggage, portorage, 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 100,000 per person
 - **Without race entry:** INR 25,000 per person.
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FINAL PAYMENT

- Full payment is due on or before 30 June 2026
 - Please ensure you set a reminder on your calendar since we do not follow up for payments individually
 - Bookings without final payments are auto-cancelled
 - Race registrations are sent only after we have received your final payment
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CANCELLATION POLICY

RUNNERS WITH RACE ENTRY

- **Cancel on or before 30 Jun 2026:** Non-refundable deposit
- **Cancel on or after 01 Jul 2026:** 100% cancellation fee

STAY ONLY - RUNNERS WITH OWN RACE ENTRY / NON-RUNNING COMPANIONS

- **Cancel on or before 30 Jun 2026:** Non-refundable deposit
 - **Cancel between 01 Jul 2026 and 14 Aug 2026:** 50% cancellation fee
 - **Cancel on or after 15 Aug 2026:** 100% cancellation fee
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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.
 - Runners who get a race entry via the ballot are permitted to change to an accommodation-only booking within 72 hours of the ballot results being announced.
 - Entries cannot be deferred to the following year.
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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%
- 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

- The world's largest marathon and one of the six Abbott World Marathon Majors
- Iconic 26.2-mile course through all five boroughs, finishing in Central Park
- Legendary race-day atmosphere with over a million spectators cheering runners
- A bucket-list marathon showcasing the energy, diversity, and landmarks of New York City
- World-class organisation with an unforgettable race-week experience and international field

Events (Distances & Date)

42.2 km | 01 Nov 2026

Race Start

Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island

Race Finish

Central Park, Manhattan

Start Time

- 8:35 a.m - Professional Women’s Open Division
- 9:05 a.m - Professional Men’s Open Division
- 9:10 a.m - 11:30 a.m - Mass runner waves (Wave 1 starts at 9:10 a.m., followed by Waves 2–5)

Cut-Off Time

6 hours 30 mins

Course

[Official Course Map](#)

Weather

Cool autumn conditions, with average temperatures typically ranging between 8°C–15°C, provide ideal racing weather for the TCS New York City Marathon.

Expo Location

[Jacob K. Javits Convention Center](#)

Expo Dates and Timings

- 29th Oct’26 (Thu): 10:00 AM to 08:00 PM
- 30th Oct’26 (Fri): 10:00 AM to 08:00 PM

- 31st Oct'26 (Sat): 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM

Payment Terms

DEPOSIT

Runner: INR 100,000

Companion: INR 25,000

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

FINAL PAYMENT DUE DATE

On or before 30 June 2026

Travel Tips

Explore Central Park on foot or by bike

Escape the bustle of the city as you wander through New York's most famous park, passing iconic landmarks, scenic lakes, and peaceful walking trails.

Experience the energy of Times Square

Visit after dark to see the dazzling billboards, street performers, and electric atmosphere that make this one of the world's most recognisable destinations.

Take in the skyline from the water

Hop on the Staten Island Ferry or a sightseeing cruise for incredible views of the Statue of Liberty, Lower Manhattan, and the city's iconic skyline.

Visit a classic New York deli or bagel shop

Whether it's a stacked pastrami sandwich or a freshly baked bagel with cream cheese, sampling New York's famous food is a must.

See a Broadway show

From timeless classics to the latest award-winning productions, experiencing a performance in the Theatre District is an unforgettable part of any trip to New York.