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TCS Sydney Marathon - 30-Aug-2026

The TCS Sydney Marathon presented by ASICS is the largest marathon in Australasia and one of the newest additions to the Abbott World Marathon Majors series. As the first event in the Southern Hemisphere to earn the prestigious World Athletics Platinum Label, it has quickly risen to become one of the world's leading road races, currently ranked eighth globally. Featuring a spectacular course across the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge and a finish in front of the Sydney Opera House, world-class entertainment, and a generous cut-off time, this year's edition promises to be bigger and better than ever. Secure your spot early, as last year's event sold out in record time!

Held during one of the best times of the year, the marathon also provides the perfect opportunity to explore Sydney's renowned museums, iconic landmarks, vibrant bars and restaurants, and, of course, its beautiful beaches.

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Day 1: Arrival in Sydney (Thursday)

Given the travel time and time difference to Sydney, we recommend arriving on Thursday or earlier. After landing, make your way to the hotel and check in. If time permits, you may visit the Marathon Expo and begin exploring the city. The remainder of the day is free to relax and settle in.

Meal: None

Day 2: Arrival in Sydney and Welcome Dinner Cruise (Friday)

A dedicated group transfer departs from Rydges Australia Square for the Expo this morning. The bus will return to the hotel at 1:00 PM. For those booked on the 3-night stay, check-in is from 3:00 PM. Early check-in is subject to availability. Later in the evening, we'll walk from the hotel to King Street Wharf 5 for the Welcome Dinner Cruise — a not-to-be-missed highlight of your trip. Enjoy the evening aboard a premium glass-bottom cruise, while networking with fellow runners.

Meal: Breakfast (for Thursday check-ins) & Welcome Dinner

Day 3: Sydney Mini Marathon, Shake-out Run, & The Rocks (Optional) (Saturday)

The day kicks off with the Sydney Mini Marathon from Macquarie Street, CBD. Later in the morning, we'll head to the Sydney Opera House for a group photo — walk over with the crew or use it as an easy shakeout run. Around midday, we'll walk to The Rocks for a 90-minute guided tour through one of Sydney's most historic

neighbourhoods. Discover hidden corners, local stories and gems beyond the usual tourist trail. The afternoon and evening are free to explore Sydney at your own pace.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 4: Race Day! (Sunday)

The day you've been training for has finally arrived. Experience the electric atmosphere of the TCS Sydney Marathon as you run across the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge and finish in front of the world-famous Sydney Opera House. With thousands of spectators lining the course, you'll enjoy one of the world's most scenic and memorable marathon experiences. Celebrate your achievement with fellow runners at the official after-party.

Meal: Breakfast, After-party

Day 5: Departure from Sydney (Monday)

Check-out is at 11:00 AM. If your schedule allows, embark on the Blue Mountains Tour. We also recommend extending your stay and spending a few extra days exploring Australia, whether that's visiting the Great Barrier Reef, discovering Sydney's famous beaches, or venturing into the Outback. Make your own way to the airport for your onward journey home, taking with you unforgettable memories of the TCS Sydney Marathon.

Meal: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS

- 3 or 4 nights' stay at your choice of hotel (we offer a choice of budget, first-class, and premium hotels in Sydney)
- Guaranteed race entry
- 14-week training plan by international coaches
- Breakfast on all days
- Networking Dinner Cruise with a 4-course fine dining meal on board a premium glassboat cruise
- Group visit to the expo
- Shake-out run on Saturday morning
- Celebratory party at a local pub
- Optional guided tour of The Rocks
- Optional excursion to Blue Mountain
- Ground support by the Active Holiday Company team (*we have been hosting runners at this event for 8 years!*)
- Active Holiday Company World Marathon Majors T-shirt (for runners only)

EXCLUSIONS

- The cost of flights, visas, passport, insurance is not included in the tour price
- 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, portorage, laundry, phone calls, and alcoholic beverages are considered personal expenses

- 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 of INR 75,000 per person (for race participants) and INR 30,000 per person (for companions) is required.
- Bookings without payment within 72 hours are auto-cancelled.

FINAL PAYMENT

- Full payment is due on or before 30 April 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.

CANCELLATION POLICY

FOR RUNNERS

Cancel on or before 30 April 2026: Non-refundable deposit

Cancel on or after 01 May 2026: 100% cancellation fee

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

Cancel on or before 17 May 2026: No cancellation fee

Cancel on or after 18 May 2026: 100% cancellation fee

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 transfer to / replacement by 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.

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.

Travel Tips

Walk from Bondi to Coogee

This spectacular coastal walk offers stunning ocean views, beaches, and plenty of cafés along the way.

Catch a ferry across Sydney Harbour

Hop on a ferry to Manly for some of the city's best views of the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge.

Enjoy brunch like a local

Make time for a leisurely brunch and a perfectly brewed flat white, a local favourite. If you're exploring The Rocks, stop by Black and White Espresso Bar for excellent coffee, La Renaissance Patisserie for fresh pastries, or The Rocks Café for a relaxed breakfast overlooking Sydney's historic precinct. Sydney's brunch scene is one of the best in the world, so don't rush it.

Climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge

For unforgettable panoramic views, book a BridgeClimb or simply walk across the bridge for free.

Event Details

Speciality

- Oceania's first and only Abbott World Marathon Major
- Run across the Sydney Harbour Bridge to the Opera House finish
- Beautiful harbour views and a bucket-list marathon through Sydney's iconic landmarks.

Events (Distances & Date)

42.2 km | 30 Aug 2026

Start Time

Wave 1: 6:30 AM

Wave 2: 7:03 AM

Wave 3: 7:41 AM

Cut-Off Time

7 hours

Race Start

Miller Street, North Sydney

Race Finish

Sydney Opera House Forecourt

Course

[Official Course Map](#)

Weather

Cool late-winter conditions, with average temperatures typically ranging between 8°C – 19°C, provide comfortable racing weather for the TCS Sydney Marathon.

Expo Location

[Sydney Showground in Sydney Olympic Park](#)

Expo Dates and Timings

- 27th Aug '26 (Thu): 09:00 AM to 08:00 PM
- 28th Aug '26 (Fri): 08:00 AM to 08:00 PM
- 29th Aug '26 (Sat): 09:00 AM to 04:00 PM

Payment Terms

DEPOSIT

Runner: INR 75,000

Companion: INR 30,000

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

FINAL PAYMENT DUE DATE

On or before 30 April 2026.