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BMW Berlin-Marathon - 27-Sep-2026

The BMW BERLIN-MARATHON is more than one of the world's fastest marathons — it's the perfect place to begin your Abbott World Marathon Majors journey.

One of the eight prestigious Abbott World Marathon Majors, Berlin is renowned for its flat, fast course and incredible race-day atmosphere. Starting and finishing near the iconic Brandenburg Gate, the route takes you through the heart of Berlin, with more than a million spectators creating an unforgettable atmosphere along the way. With runners representing over 120 nationalities, the BMW BERLIN-MARATHON is a truly global celebration of running.

For those dreaming of completing all eight World Marathon Majors, Berlin is an exceptional first step. Its fast, accessible course makes it a great choice for your first Major, while the prestige, history, and atmosphere of race day make earning that first star something you'll never forget.

Our BMW BERLIN-MARATHON package is designed to make your race experience as seamless as possible, allowing you to focus on the miles, the atmosphere and the achievement of taking the first step towards your Eight Star journey. Whether you're chasing a PB, running your first marathon, or beginning your quest to conquer all eight World Marathon Majors, Berlin is the perfect place to start. The BMW BERLIN-MARATHON is one of the world's most sought-after marathons, with packages in high demand. Don't miss your chance to start your World Marathon Majors journey in Berlin!

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Day 1: Arrival in Berlin (Friday)

You can check in to the hotel from 3:00 PM if you're on the 3-night package. If you arrive earlier, you're welcome to join the arranged bus transfer to the marathon expo to collect your race bib. Later in the afternoon, join us at NH Friedrichstrasse for a networking high tea and trip briefing, where you'll have the opportunity to meet fellow runners and receive important race-day information. We'll then take a short orientation walk to Brandenburg Gate so you can familiarise yourself with the BMW Berlin Marathon start and finish areas before the excitement of race weekend begins.

Meal: None

Day 2: Expo and Orientation Walk (Saturday)

We have arranged a bus transfer to the expo to collect your bibs. Later in the evening we have a networking and trip briefing meet up at the NH Friedrichstrasse. This high-tea is a your chance to meet fellow runners and

discuss the race day. This will be followed by an orientation walk to Brandenburg Gate to familiarise ourselves with the start and finish point of your marathon.

Meal: High Tea

Day 3: Race Day! (Sunday)

Today is race day! Enjoy the energy of the event as you run this iconic marathon. Your accommodation is well-located and you will get to the race start within minutes. After the race, enjoy our recovery lounge at the NH Berlin Mitte Friedrichstrasse. Later, consider hitting one of Berlin's famous pubs to celebrate your race, or join BMW Berlin-Marathon's optional after-party. We offer a one-way transfer to the party for those who are interested. You will have to make your own way back to the hotel.

Meal: Breakfast, Snacks at the recovery lounge

Day 4: Departure (Monday)

With a medal around your neck and a Berlin Marathon finish to celebrate, it's time to say auf wiedersehen to the German capital. You will need to make your own way to the airport — or extend your stay and enjoy a stein at the Oktoberfest.

Meal: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation at an unbeatable location, minutes from the race start and finish
- Guaranteed race entry
- 14-week training plan by international coaches
- Bus transfer to Expo
- Orientation meet-up & networking with fellow runners
- Race-day poncho (provided by the BMW Berlin-Marathon) for those who do not opt for the baggage drop (baggage drop is optional and costs 5 Euro per runner)
- The chance to pre-book your event merchandise on your account

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

HOSTEL OPTION: To confirm your booking, a non-refundable, full payment of the tour price per person is required.

HOTEL PACKAGE:

- To confirm your booking, a non-refundable deposit of INR 50,000 per person (for race participants) and INR 20,000 per person (for companions) is required.
- Child below 8 years with no extra bed, sharing with two adults: INR 7,500 per child.
- Child between 8 - 11 years with extra bed: INR 18,000 per child.
- Bookings without payment within 72 hours are auto-cancelled.

CANCELLATION POLICY

RUNNER WITH RACE ENTRY

Cancel on or before 31 May 2026: Non-refundable deposit amount

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

RUNNER WITH OWN RACE ENTRY

Cancel on or before 15 Jun 2026: Non-refundable deposit amount

Cancel between 16 Jun 2026 and 09 Aug 2026: 30% of tour price

Cancel on or after 10 Aug 2026: 100% cancellation fee

NON-RUNNING COMPANION

Cancel on or before 31 Jul 2026: Non-refundable deposit amount

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

FINAL PAYMENT

- Full payment is due on or before 31 May 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.

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.
- Your non-refundable deposit is specific to this event and year booked. Any changes to your race entry are subject to the policies and procedures set by the event organiser and may be subject to applicable terms or fees.
- Bookings without race entry included can be transferred as per policy applicable to the booking.
- You may transfer your entire package, including race entry, to another runner at a nominal charge.
- The charge depends on the timing of the transfer. Active Holiday Company assists in finding a runner who can take your entry, but we do not guarantee it. If we do not find a replacement runner, then the cancellation penalty applies.
 - Transfer on or before 31 May 2026 at INR 8,000 per person.
 - Transfer from 01 Jun till 15 Aug 2026 at a charge of INR 25,000 per person.
 - Transfer after 16 Aug 2026 INR 45,000 per person.
- Race entries will not be refunded or deferred for any reason. These include your inability to travel to the race/inability to obtain a visa etc.

- Berlin Marathon permits the transfer of entries and we do receive requests from runners who have a confirmed spot with us for a race bib/entry transfer. To ensure that we only waitlist runners who are serious about running the Berlin Marathon, we accept waitlists for the Berlin Marathon against a deposit of INR 10,000 per person.
- If and when your spot is confirmed this amount is adjusted against your final dues to us.
- If your spot is not confirmed up to one month before race-day this amount is refunded to you.
- Should your spot become available and you choose not to take it, the deposit will be retained as a cancellation. However should you change your mind before we confirm the spot, you can request a full refund of your deposit.
- Spots are offered on a first come first serve basis as and when they become available. Typically these happen 3 to 1 month before departure.

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%.
- Travel Insurance covering medical and evacuation is mandatory for all travelers.
- Changes in the category of accommodation are permitted only if upgraded from lower to a higher category. Changes from higher to lower hotel category are not permitted once the booking has been made.
- Any amendment or change in hotel reservations attract a fee of Rs. 1500 per change. No changes are possible after 15 August 2026.

Travel Tips

Walk a section of the Berlin Wall

Visit the East Side Gallery or Berlin Wall Memorial to experience one of the city's most significant historical landmarks.

Try Berlin's famous currywurst

This iconic street food is a local favourite and a must-try for first-time visitors.

Explore Museum Island

Home to five world-class museums, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is perfect for history and culture lovers.

Discover Berlin's creative neighbourhoods

Wander through Kreuzberg or Friedrichshain for vibrant street art, independent cafés, and a unique local atmosphere.

Relax in the Tiergarten

Escape the city's bustle with a stroll or picnic in Berlin's largest and most famous park, just moments from the Brandenburg Gate.

Event Details

Speciality

- World Marathon Major
- Flat and Fastest marathon course
- Home to multiple marathon world records
- Run through historic Berlin landmarks
- Finish at Brandenburg Gate with spectacular crowd support

Events (Distances & Date)

42.4 km | 27 Sep 2026

Start Time

9:15 AM

Cut-Off Time

6 hours 15 minutes

Race Start and Finish

Straße des 17. Juni, Brandenburg Gate

Course

[Official Course Map](#)

Weather

Cool and comfortable race conditions, with temperatures typically ranging between 10°C–18°C.

Expo Location

[Tempelhof Airport \(Flughafen Tempelhof\) in Berlin](#)

Expo Dates and Timings

24th Sept '26 (Thurs): 03:00 PM to 08:00 PM*

25th Sept '26 (Fri): 10:00 AM to 08:00 PM*

26th Sept '26 (Sat): 09:00 AM to 07:00 PM*

*Subject to change

Payment Terms

DEPOSIT

Runner: INR 50,000

Companion: INR 25,000

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

FINAL PAYMENT DUE DATE

On or before 31 May 2026.