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Cardiff Half Marathon - 04-Oct-2026

Since it was founded in 2003, the Cardiff Half Marathon has established itself as one of the UK's leading road races. With 27,500 entries selling out each year, this SuperHalf is also one of the biggest half marathon events in Europe – a huge achievement considering only 1,500 runners took part in the inaugural event. The route takes a scenic turn through all of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the Principality Stadium, Cardiff Bay, the Civic Centre and Cardiff Castle. Thousands of spectators turn out to cheer on the runners in a city renowned for its sporting passion. Join this trip for an energy-filled run through the quaint city of Cardiff.

The SuperHalves series combines the joy of running and the thrill of travelling. It is for runners who want to set off on their own adventure. This six-race series takes runners to the iconic and historic cities across Europe. Finish all six races within 60 months and win a SuperMedal! All six races take place on world-class courses, many of which have seen world records being broken. What are you waiting for? Chase your SuperMedal now!

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Day 1: Arrival in Cardiff (Friday)

Welcome to Cardiff, the capital and largest city of Wales! Upon arrival, please make your way to the hotel. After you check in and freshen up, visit the expo and collect your bib.

Meal: None

Day 2: Cardiff Walking Tour (Saturday)

Discover Cardiff's rich history on this walking tour with a certified Green Badge guide. Wander through the city's streets and alleyways, exploring Cardiff Castle, Principality Stadium, the Civic Centre, and other Cardiff staples. Trace Cardiff's transformation, from its origins as a modest Roman Port, to its prosperity during the Victorian era, and its prominent role in the court of Elizabeth 1st. Learn about the Bute family clan and how they shaped Cardiff over the years. You will also visit the National Museum of Cardiff, where you will get to see its famous Impressionist collection, including 'the Kiss' by Auguste Rodin and several of Claude Monet's "Waterlilies".

Meal: None

Day 3: Race Day! (Sunday)

Today is race day! The swift course, (hopefully) perfect weather conditions, and enthusiastic cheering will keep you going until you finish.

Meal: None

Day 4: Departure (Monday)

After breakfast, you can make your way to the airport to catch your flight back home! Or even better — fancy an extension tour? Please connect with us and we'll be glad to assist you.

Meal: None

INCLUSIONS

- Hotel accommodation at a well-chosen location. Breakfast is not included on this trip.
- Guaranteed race entry
- Guided Walking tour of Cardiff City
- 24/7 Emergency Support
- Detailed travel documents

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, porterage, 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 of INR 25,000 per person is required.
- Bookings without payment within 72 hours are auto-cancelled.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancel on or before 30 June 2026: INR 25,000

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

FINAL PAYMENT

- Full payment is due on or before 30 Jun 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
- 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

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 - specifically 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

- Part of the prestigious SuperHalves Series
- One of the UK's premier half marathons
- Fast, predominantly flat, PB-friendly course
- Scenic route through Cardiff's iconic landmarks, parks, and waterfront
- Incredible Welsh race-day atmosphere with outstanding crowd support

Events (Distances & Date)

21.1 km | 04 Oct 2026

Cut-Off Time

4 hours

Start Time

10:00 AM

Race Start

Outside Cardiff Castle

Race Finish

King Edward VII Avenue at the Civic Centre

Course

[Official Course Map](#)

Weather

Ideal autumn running conditions, with average race-day temperatures ranging from 9°C–16°C in early October.

Expo Location

[Event Village, Cardiff City Hall Lawns](#)

Expo Dates and Timings

- **Friday:** 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - **Saturday:** 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 - **Sunday (Race Day):** From 7:00 AM
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Expo Information

- Overseas runners must collect their race pack at the Event Village, as packs are not posted internationally.
- To avoid crowds, it's recommended to collect your race pack on Friday or outside the busy period of 8:00 AM–12:00 PM on Saturday, when the Cardiff Half Junior events are taking place.
- Official event T-shirts can also be collected from the Event Village on Friday (12:00 PM–6:00 PM) and Saturday (8:00 AM–5:00 PM), or after the race in the finish funnel if not collected beforehand.

Payment Terms

DEPOSIT

Runner: INR 25,000

Companion: INR 10,000

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

FINAL PAYMENT DUE DATE

On or before 30 Jun 2026.

Travel Tips

Explore Cardiff Castle

Discover over 2,000 years of history at one of Wales' most iconic landmarks. From Roman walls and Norman keeps to lavish Victorian interiors, the castle offers a fascinating glimpse into Cardiff's past.

Spend time at Cardiff Bay

Once one of the world's busiest coal docks, Cardiff Bay is now a vibrant waterfront filled with cafés, restaurants, public art, and scenic walking paths. It's the perfect place to relax after a day of sightseeing.

Try traditional Welsh cakes

Freshly baked and lightly dusted with sugar, Welsh cakes are a beloved local treat. Stop by a traditional bakery or market to enjoy them warm with a cup of tea or coffee.

Experience a traditional Welsh pub

Settle into one of Cardiff's welcoming pubs and sample locally brewed Welsh ales or ciders. If you're lucky, you may even catch live Welsh folk music or rugby fans creating an unforgettable atmosphere.

Take a stroll through Bute Park

Stretching behind Cardiff Castle, this beautiful park offers peaceful riverside paths, tree-lined avenues, and plenty of open green space. It's an ideal spot for a gentle shake-out run or a relaxing walk before race day.