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Athens Classic Marathon - 08-Nov-2026

The Athens Classic Marathon is widely regarded as one of the most iconic and historically significant marathons in the world—the race that gave every marathon its meaning. Held annually in Athens, it traces the legendary route of Pheidippides, the messenger said to have run from the battlefield of Marathon to Athens to announce victory in 490 BC. Spanning 42.195 kilometres, the course begins in the town of Marathon and culminates at the magnificent Panathenaic Stadium—the marble arena that hosted the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. More than a test of endurance, the Athens Marathon offers runners the rare opportunity to follow the original path through history, making it not only a race, but a deeply symbolic journey through the birthplace of marathon running.

With Active Holiday Company, you'll enjoy guaranteed race entry, superbly located accommodation, expert on-ground support, and exclusive runner experiences throughout the weekend. From pre-race preparation to race-day logistics, we take care of every detail so you can focus on enjoying an unforgettable marathon in one of Europe's most vibrant cities.

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Day 1: Arrival in Athens (Friday)

Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and settle in. In the evening, discover the city on the Athens Night Walking Tour—the perfect way to experience Athens after dark.

Meal: None

Day 2: Tour of Athens (Saturday)

Head to the Expo to collect your race bib and soak up the pre-race atmosphere. The rest of the day is yours to explore Athens at your own pace—just be sure to rest well and recharge for race day ahead.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 3: Race Day! (Sunday)

Today is race day! Make your way to the race start point and enjoy your run! Soak in the history all around you as you make your way from Marathon to Athens. The evening is free for you to celebrate your accomplishments.

Meal: None

Day 4: Departure from Athens (Monday)

After breakfast, check out and make your way to the airport for your flight home—or, if you're extending your stay, continue exploring Athens at your own pace.

Meal: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS

- Superbly-located hotels
- Networking opportunities
- Race logistics taken care of—you just focus on your race!
- 24/7 emergency support
- Athens Night Walking Tour
- 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 under inclusions are at your own expense
- Single rooms and optional tours and extra nights cost extra
- Arrival and departure transfers are not 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 of INR 50,000 per person is required.
- Bookings without payment within 72 hours are auto-cancelled.

FINAL PAYMENT

- Full payment is due on or before 30 Jul 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

Cancel on or before 30 Jul 2026: INR 50,000

Cancel on or after 31 Aug 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 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.
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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.
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Event Details

Speciality

- The original marathon route from Marathon to Athens
 - Historic finish at the iconic Panathenaic Stadium
 - Challenging, undulating course with a legendary final stretch
 - The birthplace of the marathon, rich in history and tradition
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Events (Distances & Date)

42.2 km | 08 Nov 2026

Start Time

9:00 AM

Cut-Off Time

8 hours

Race Start

Marathon

Race Finish

Panathenaic Stadium

Course

[Official Course Map](#)

Weather

Pleasant autumn weather with temperatures of 12 – 20°C, light winds, and generally dry conditions—ideal for spectators and comfortable for most runners.

Expo Location

[Faliro Indoor Hall & Exhibition Centre \(formerly Taekwondo & Handball Olympic Stadium\)](#)

Expo Dates and Timings

4th Nov '26 (Wed): 12:00 PM to 09:00 PM

5th Nov '26 (Thurs): 10:00 AM to 09:00 PM

6th Nov '26 (Fri): 10:00 AM to 09:00 PM

7th Nov '26 (Sat): 10:00 AM to 08:00 PM

Travel Tips

Explore the Acropolis

Visit Athens' most iconic landmark and marvel at the Parthenon while enjoying panoramic views of the city.

Wander Through Plaka

Stroll the charming old neighbourhood filled with neoclassical streets, local tavernas, boutique shops, and hidden courtyards.

Watch the Changing of the Guards

See the ceremonial Evzones perform the traditional guard change outside the Hellenic Parliament at Syntagma Square.

Taste Authentic Greek Cuisine

Try local favourites like souvlaki, moussaka, spanakopita, and baklava at a traditional taverna.

Catch the Sunset at Lycabettus Hill

Take the funicular or hike to Athens' highest point for breathtaking sunset views over the Acropolis and the city skyline.

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 30 Jul 2026.