2027 AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK MARATHON

Platinum Package - Itinerary Overview

6 Days / 5 Nights

Thursday 29 July 2027

- Arrive at Connellan (Ayers Rock) Airport
- Coach transfer to Ayers Rock Resort (for scheduled flights only)
- Hotel Check-In & Race Pack Collection
- Hosted Warm Up Run
- Exclusive Outdoor Welcome Dinner

Friday 30 July 2027

- Uluru Sunrise Tour
  - Includes viewing of the sunrise over Uluru, followed by a guided **or** self-guided base walk of Uluru and a visit to the Cultural Centre.
- Merchandise sales, race change, special drinks drop-off
- Opening Ceremony & **Mandatory** Pre-Race Briefing
- Australian Outback Marathon "Carbo Load" dinner

Saturday 31 July 2027

- **RACE DAY - AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK MARATHON**
- Optional Tours Available (at own expense)
  - Uluru Sunset Tour
  - Helicopter Tours
- Informal get-together at the Outback Hotel Pub

Sunday 01 August 2027

- Hosted stretch class Poolside at Sails in the Desert
- Additional merchandise sales and "lost property" collection at Sails Poolside
- Kata Tjuta "Valley of the Winds" walking tour
- Australian Outback Marathon Celebration Dinner (based on award winning Sounds of Silence)

Monday 02 August 2027

- Full day trip to Kings Canyon including lunch

Tuesday 03 August 2027

- Optional Tours Available (at own expense)
  - Helicopter Tours
- Coach transfer to Connellan (Ayers Rock) Airport.
- Tour Ends

Platinum Package - Inclusions
6 Days / 5 Nights

Packages include:

- Guaranteed entry to the Australian Outback Marathon (or shorter event)
- Return airport coach transfers between Connellan (Ayers Rock) Airport and your hotel (for scheduled flights only)
- Accommodation for 5 nights
- Breakfast daily
- Hosted warm up run
- Outdoor Welcome Dinner
- Carbo Load Dinner
- Celebration Dinner
- Other Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Race Day transfers
- Finishers Medal and certificate
- All race day photography (including finishing line photos and video)
- All included Tours/Sightseeing/Activities as specified in the itinerary
- Limited edition Australian Outback Marathon running top (if booked prior to 14 May 2027)
- Sunday morning poolside stretch class
- Travelling Fit representatives on site
- Discounted rates on specific tours/activities (refer to optional tours or ask us for details)

Packages exclude:

- Flights
- Optional Tours which must be booked in advance
- Meals where not specified
- Travel Insurance
- Tourist Visas (if applicable)

Notes:

- **Child rate is for all children aged between 3 and 12 years inclusive at the time of check-in**
- **Children 2 years and under are FREE OF CHARGE**
- Adults who are not participating in one of the Australian Outback Marathon events receive **$100 discount** off the price of the adult package
- Race entry to the Australian Outback Marathon is only available as part of a package and cannot be purchased separately
- All prices are quoted in Australian Dollars (AUD)
- Itineraries and prices are subject to change at any time

Platinum Package – Detailed Itinerary
6 Days / 5 Nights

Thursday 29 July 2027

Today is your arrival day at Yulara and the Ayers Rock Resort. If you are arriving on a commercial flight, your arrival coach transfer will be waiting to take you from the airport to your hotel. There will be an Australian Outback Marathon representative and AAT Kings staff there to guide you onto the right coach.

Depending on when you arrive, there is plenty of time to relax by the pool, explore the resort or simply head to the Town Square for a bite to eat and a little souvenir shopping. Please note that the standard check-in time is 3pm and there will be a luggage storage area available if required.

Between 2:00pm and 4:00pm, please make your way to the grass area near the Town Square to our Australian Outback Marathon reception area to collect your race registration pack. Your pack will contain your race bib, package wrist band, and exclusive Australian Outback Marathon running top (if booked prior to 14th May 2027), among other things.

NOTE: for all activities that are included in your itinerary you **MUST** be in possession of your wrist band which you will receive when you pick up your race pack. This includes all tours, transfers (other than upon your arrival), all meals (including resort breakfast) and transfers to and from the race start/finish area. If you are unable to collect your race pack prior to your included functions, please be assured that we will make provisions for you so that you don't miss out on any included functions.

At 4:30pm we will gather at the reception area of the Outback Hotel for a hosted warm-up run, which is your first opportunity to sample the "red earth" of Central Australia. The run will be fully guided and will last for approximately 30 minutes; just enough time to shake the cobwebs from your legs. Please make your way to the Outback Hotel lobby by 4:30pm, otherwise we will meet you at 4:15pm in the lobby of either Sails in the Desert or Desert Gardens to escort you to the start of the hosted warm-up run.

At 6:30pm we will come together for the first of your Australian Outback Marathon dining experiences, our exclusive Outdoor Welcome Dinner at the Sails in the Desert Hotel poolside. Set outdoors, this is a great way to relax and mingle with your fellow competitors who will be sharing your Australian Outback Marathon experience with you.

Please make sure to wear warm clothing.

There will also be a bar at this function (credit card only).

Included Meals: Dinner

Friday 30 July 2027
You will be up before dawn today and escorted on a private coach departing from your hotel at 6:25am to see one of the many wonders of the area - the sunrise over Uluru. Please be in the lobby of your hotel by **6:15am** at the latest. **Breakfast will be available at the resort prior to leaving on the tour (if you are staying at the Outback Hotel, breakfast will be at Desert Gardens).**

Once you have witnessed the sunrise you will start your self-guided tour of the base of Uluru, allowing you to see "up close and personal" what makes this such a special and spiritual place. If you don't want to walk all the way around, fear not as our private coaches will operate as a "shuttle" service, offering multiple pick-up points along the way. Further details will be provided on the day. The full circuit of Uluru is just less than 10km.

On the way back to the resort a visit to the Indigenous Cultural Centre is a must and this is your next stop. There is plenty of time to learn more about the local culture and the Anangu people, the traditional custodians of the land.

The last shuttle will leave the Cultural Centre at around 12:30pm.

Note: Your 3-day Uluru/Kata Tjuta National Park Pass is included in the tour and will be in your registration pack. Please remember to bring it with you and note that we are not able to provide you with your pass earlier and we are not able to replace it if you lose/damage it.

Between 3:00pm and 5:00pm, you will have the opportunity to purchase your very own limited-edition Australian Outback Marathon merchandise on the grass by the Town Square. During this time, you will also have the opportunity to change your race distance and drop off personal drinks.

This will be immediately followed by the mandatory Australian Outback Marathon Opening Ceremony and Pre-Race Briefing starting at 5:15pm. The merchandise will be available once again after the briefing for approximately 1 hour. To avoid queueing we recommend paying with cash rather than credit card. There is an ATM located approximately 100m away in the Town Square.

The Opening Ceremony and Pre-Race Briefing are MANDATORY as it includes a safety briefing and is also our last opportunity to pass along any additional information prior to the race itself.

At 6:00pm the traditional Carbo Load dinner will commence where you will get plenty of opportunity to mingle with your fellow competitors and also to fully "carbo load" should you wish to.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Saturday 31 July 2027

TODAY IS THE DAY!

You will need to get up bright and early today and for those with a healthy appetite a full breakfast will be served from 5:00am at your hotel (Sails in the Desert, Desert Gardens, or the Outback Hotel). Your race day coach transfers will begin departing from the lobby of your hotel at 6:20am to take you to the race start, so please don't be late!

Note: it can get very cold in the mornings in the Australian Outback so please be sure to bring something warm to wear prior to the race start.

Sunrise is approximately 7:30am and this is another excellent opportunity to see the first rays of the sun splash across the mighty Uluru, which forms the backdrop of the start/finish area. Portaloo's are available for those needing to quell those last-minute nerves. At 7:45am the Australian Outback Marathon (and Half-Marathon) will begin. For those participating in the 11km and the 6km Fun Run, your start time will be 9:00am.

There will be plenty of tables and chairs at the start/finish area and we will also be providing fruit, an assortment of sandwiches, muffins, and drinks as well as delicious hot soup for you once you have completed the race. There will also be a "gold coin donation" sausage sizzle, with 100% of all proceeds going to the Anangu Communities Foundation.

All competitors are encouraged to stay until the end and cheer in your fellow runners but for those that wish to leave once your race has been completed there will be a shuttle bus circulating all day between the finishing area and the resort. You may want to head on back, have a shower and then return to the finishing line to cheer on the last runners as they complete their journey.

OPTIONAL TOURS

- *If you have booked the Uluru Sunset Coach Tour you will be collected from your hotel at 5:15pm. Please be in your hotel lobby at **5:10pm** ready to leave.*
- *Afternoon or Sunset Helicopter flights (must be booked in advance) – you will be picked up from your hotel according to your flight time.*

In the evening all the runners are encouraged to head on over to the Outback Hotel Pub for an informal get together, food and a few drinks. This is a great way to end your day and share the excitement of your achievements (food and drinks at own expense).

Included Meals: Breakfast, Brunch/Lunch (at the Race Start/Finish area)

Sunday 01 August 2027

After breakfast at your hotel, join your fellow competitors at 9:00am by the Poolside at Sails in the Desert hotel for a relaxing stretch session with our fully qualified instructor. Perfect for taking out any unwanted aches and pains.

All "lost property" can also be collected from Sails Poolside between 9:00am and 10:00am and there will be an opportunity to also purchase any remaining merchandise. Please note that if any items that you have left either at the start or on one of the aid stations are not collected at this time, they will be donated to the Anangu Communities Foundation on your behalf. You can also make additional shoe donations at this time.

At 10:00am you will be picked up from your hotel for your tour to Kata Tjuta and the "*Valley of the Winds*". On arrival you will commence the 3-4 hour guided moderate/strenuous walk in the valley between the massive red conglomerate rocks. When you reach the Valley of the Winds Lookout, take some time to gaze out over the central valley of Kata Tjuta. Comfortable walking/hiking shoes are recommended and please take plenty of water with you and cover up with a hat and sunscreen. The coach will return to your hotel at approximately 3:30pm.

Note: Lunch is not included on this tour, so we suggest that you purchase a packed lunch and water from the Town Square prior to departure. Please be in the reception area of your hotel at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time for the tour.

This evening will be one of the highlights of your trip, the exclusive Australian Outback Marathon Celebration Dinner. Based on the multi-award winning Sounds of Silence dinner, this is an evening not to be missed. We start with sunset drinks and canapés on a dune top overlooking Uluru and Kata Tjuta, and then follow this with a fully hosted multi-course meal, an excellent wine list, an on-site star talker, a marathon slideshow and closing presentations. You will remember the Celebration Dinner long after the aches and pains have gone. Buses will depart from your hotel at **4:40pm** and return at approximately 10:00pm when the "after party" will gather at the Walpa Bar at Sails in the Desert.

Note: Please make sure you are at the reception of your hotel wearing your wristband at 4:30pm. Please do not be late for the departure as we are unable to hold the coaches for you if you are not there.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Monday 02 August 2027

Today you will spend the day at the amazing Kings Canyon. After an early breakfast at your hotel, you will board our exclusive luxury coach at 7:30am from outside your hotel for the drive through "sand hill country" towards Kings Canyon. For those with a good level of fitness the guided rocky climb to the rim of Kings Canyon (taking up to 3 hours) will be rewarded with marvellous views. Alternatively, you may wish to explore the boulder-strewn canyon floor, an easier walk.

It is a mandatory requirement that you bring at least 2 litres of water with you on this tour

Lunch is included at Kings Creek Station and then you will return to the Ayers Rock Resort, arriving by approx. 7:00pm.

Please make sure you are in the reception area of your hotel at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time for the tour.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Tuesday 03 August 2027

Today your tour ends. After breakfast, you will check out of your hotel by 10:00am to begin your journey either homewards or on towards your next exciting adventure.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Note that your transfer to the airport will leave the reception area of your hotel 2 hours prior to your flight – please refer to the signs in reception for more details.