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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SAIPAN MARATHON ON MARCH 8, 2025

Register by Oct. 31 for Best Rates

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Online registration is now open at raceroster.com for the 17th Annual Saipan Marathon on March 8, 2025.

An annual signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), the race is still a certified measured course by World Athletics in cooperation with AIMS (Association of International Marathons and Distance Races). Registration can be made at <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/92790/saipan-marathon-2025>.

“Saipan Marathon is an established certified marathon and one of the prettiest courses in the western Pacific,” said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “Working to make 2025 our best marathon ever, we’ve opened up registration earlier than ever before and encourage everyone to take advantage of our best early bird rates through Oct. 31.”

Early bird registration through Oct. 31, 2024, is \$80 for the full marathon, \$60 for the half marathon, and \$50 for the 10K and 5K. For CNMI residents and U.S. military, the early bird rate is \$60 for the full marathon, \$50 for the half marathon, and \$40 for the 10K and 5K. With valid

photo ID, youth ages 18 or younger on March 5, 2025, may register for 10K or 5K for \$35 through Oct. 31, 2024. However, full marathon participants must be age 16 or older. Half marathon participants must be age 14 or older.

Cash prizes will be awarded for top finishers and by age division. Participants will receive a Limited Edition Official Saipan Marathon T-shirt, official Saipan Marathon medal, Certificate of Completion and one entry to the awards banquet, also on March 8.

Fees increase incrementally beginning on Nov. 1, 2024, and again on Feb. 1, 2025. The deadline to register is 5 p.m. ChST on March 5, 2025.

The event is co-organized by Northern Marianas Athletics (NMA) and is sanctioned under the Northern Marianas Athletics rules and regulations.

Saipan Marathon follows some of Saipan's most scenic roadways, providing stunning views of the azure blue lagoon and lush mountains of the island. The course begins and ends at American Memorial Park in Garapan, and a half-way cut off point will be implemented.

Last held in March 2023 with over 500 registrants from nine countries, the MVA will be working to gradually exceed its 1,000+ marathon registrants realized before the pandemic, Concepcion said.

For more information, visit <https://raceroster.com> or www.mymarianas.com or contact MVA Community Projects Coordinator Ed Diaz at 1.670.664.3210 or communityprojects@mymarianas.com.



FILE - Moises Jr. Ernesto, right, and other runners pass through Marpi on the full marathon course in the Skechers Saipan Marathon 2024 in The Marianas. Registration is now open with early bird rates at www.raceroster.com for Saipan Marathon 2025 on March 8.



Saipan Marathon 2025 will be held in The Marianas on March 8, 2025. Registration is now open with early bird rates at www.mymarianas.com. (Photo credit: Junji Takasago)

The Marianas is an archipelago of 14 islands - including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota - in the Western Pacific. The Marianas are home to indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people, as well as over 20 different ethnicities from around the world who live and work in this harmonious tropical paradise. Ancient latte stone limestone monoliths, traditional nature-based ocean navigation not reliant on modern technology, and a culture seasoned by East and West influences are just a few of the experiences found in The Marianas, where pristine sea, sand, and skies are only a 3–4-hour flight from major Asian gateway cities. From South Korea, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights to Saipan from Seoul-Incheon. United Airlines flies three times a week from Tokyo-Narita, Japan, and daily from Guam. Hong Kong Airlines flies twice weekly from Hong Kong. Interisland travel between Saipan, Tinian, and Rota is provided by Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com, Facebook/VisitTheMarianas, or Instagram @themarianas.