

General info

Kindly note that the following description is for guidance only and subject to change due to the fact that there's still a long time to the event and details may be revised!

The Solar Eclipse Marathon takes place in Port Douglas, Australia on November 14th 2012. All runners meet before sunrise in the start area at Four Mile Beach and get ready for the eclipse, which starts to occur approximately at 6:30 in the morning. All runners must be ready to run when entering the start corral before the eclipse takes place. The start will go as soon as the Sun reemerges from behind the Moon and the corona is broken.

The cut-off time is 7 hours. Runners still on the route after the cut off time will be swept up by a race official or medical car and driven back to the finish area.

The race is timed with Champion Chip. A chip is included in the race package and will be attached to the start number.

All runners who complete the marathon within the time limit will receive a medal. Finishing certificates will be published online by Marathon-Photos.com.

Do not forget that this is first and foremost an adventure. Parts of the route are in challenging terrain where extra care must be taken and the same service as provided in normal city marathons are not possible. Remember that this marathon is about the experience and unforgettable memories rather than winning and recording a good time.

Please note that all decisions made by the race officials and or medical team are final and not up for discussion.

The race organization (Albatros Travel's Adventure Marathon department) reserves the right to reject any entry and to disqualify and bar any individual from The Solar Eclipse Marathon. This rejection/disqualification may be based on, but is not limited to: violation of the instructions given by the Race Officials and/or Medical Team; unsportsmanlike conduct; non-payment of race fees; competing with an unofficial number; competing with an official number assigned to another person; transferring or attempting to transfer an official number to, or to obtain such number from, another person; being paced during the race by a person not entered in the race; accepting assistance from non-race participants; crossing the finish line without having completed the entire course; and providing false information on the race entry form.

Individuals disqualified from The Solar Eclipse Marathon will be removed from the race results and may be barred from future Adventure Marathons. The race organization reserves the right to change the details of the race.

The Marathon Route

The marathon starts on the sandy beach of Four Mile Beach with the perfect look out towards the eclipse. As soon as the start goes the route turns away from the beach and goes through the outskirts of Port Douglas towards the Mowbray river. From here, at approximately the 8 kilometer marker, the runners go on a 3 kilometer backtrack stretch up the hill of Spring Creek.

Back at the Mowbray river the route leads off the main road and heads in to the Daintree Rainforest towards the steep Bump Track. The Bump Track – an old mining road – is reached approximately at the 18 kilometer marker and stretches about 3 kilometers into the rainforest where the runners turn around and go back down and out of the forest.

After 25 kilometers the route turns towards the sugar cane fields surrounding Port Douglas and runners now go alongside the fields for 2,5 kilometers in an area that most people never see. At the 27 kilometer marker the route now turns back towards Port Douglas and the following 5 kilometers are a mix of running on the main road and in the cane fields.

Back in Port Douglas the route comes back to the beach for a short stretch before heading up the stairs to the view point overlooking Four Mile Beach. From here the final 1,5 kilometers are downhill towards the finish line located in Anzac Park in Port Douglas.

The route will be measured in kilometers and kilometer signs can be found along the entire route. Owing to the conditions, however, they may be placed +/- some meters from the exact point. The kilometer signs are therefore only for orientation.

The surface is a mix of asphalt, sand, grass and gravel and terrain varies from flat to hilly with the steepest ascend being the climb up the Bump Track.

A map of the route and elevation profile will be available soon.

Please note that the route description is subject to change.

Supplies

There will be water stations on the route approximately every 3 kilometers. Since the air is extremely humid, it is important to drink plenty of water. All drink stations serve water and at selected stations you will also receive energy drinks and bananas.

Runners are allowed to bring personal supplies to be deposited on selected water stations. Personal supply stations will be situated approximately at the 10 km, 20 km and 30 km mark. Personal supplies have to be delivered at the starting area clearly marked with the runner's bib number and whether the supplies are to be handed out at the 10 km, 20 km or 30 km mark.

Remember that we are running in both residential areas wild and unspoiled nature. Therefore, please do not litter; instead deposit your waste in the litter bags situated along the route.

Health

Runners who wish to drop out of the marathon should go to the nearest drink station and wait for a medical or race official car to pick you up. Transport to the finish area will be arranged for all runners who drops out on the route, but please notice that there will be a waiting time.

The medical team is ready in case of injury or severe exhaustion. Doctors will be placed strategically along the route as well as a medical car will be patrolling the route. Finally doctors will stand by in the finish area. If the medical team finds it necessary they can stop a runner and take him/her out of the race. Decisions on taking runners out of the race will only be done if the medical team believes there is a serious health risk in continuing.

All decisions made by the medical team are final and not up for discussion.