

# Best Marathons in New Zealand and Australia



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# Queenstown NZ Marathon



**When**

The marathon takes place in November each year.



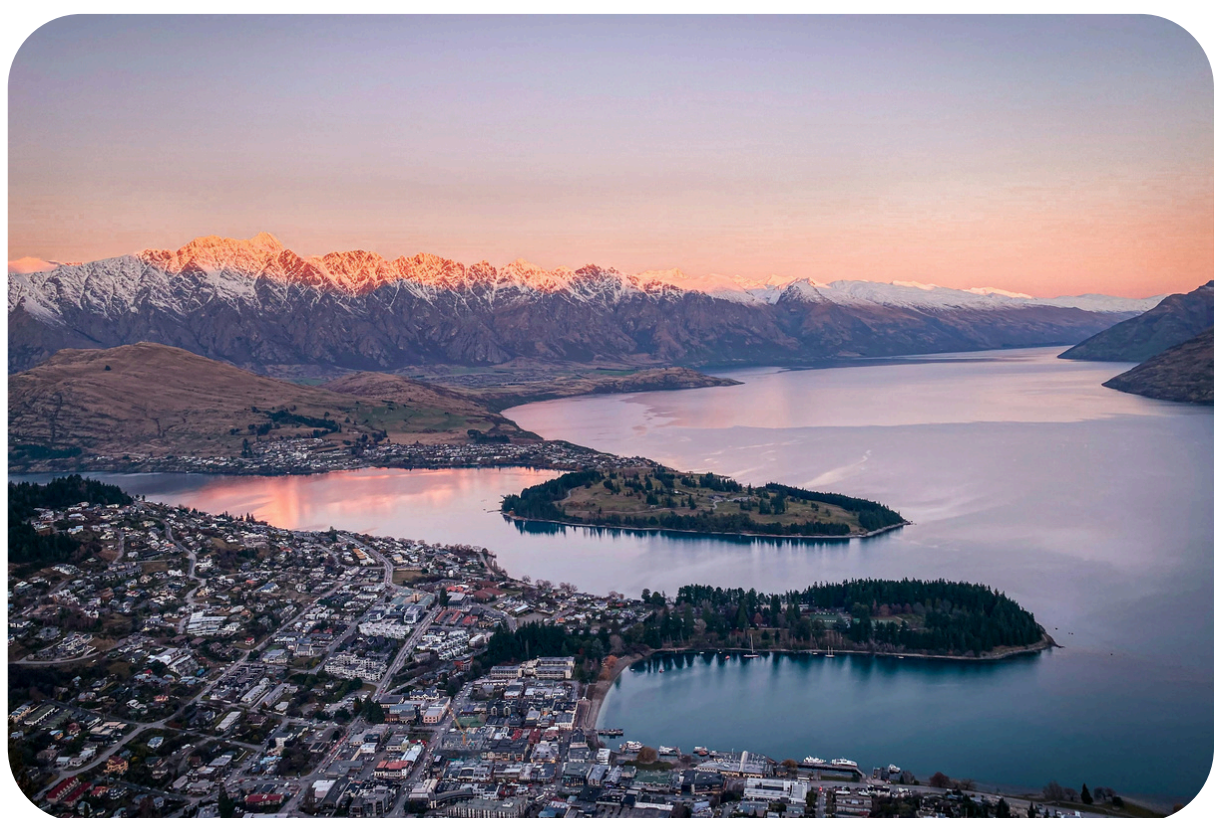
**Weather**

Expect crisp mornings and mild afternoons 12–22 °C (mid-50s to low-70s °F)



**Best for**

- Runners planning a “once-in-a-lifetime race” trip
- Includes trail paths
- Light hills and rolling terrain
- Lakeside tracks and bridges



**Travel notes**

- Fly into Queenstown Airport (often via Auckland)
- Smaller airport — flights can be limited





# Gold Coast Australia Marathon



## When

The marathon takes place in July each year.



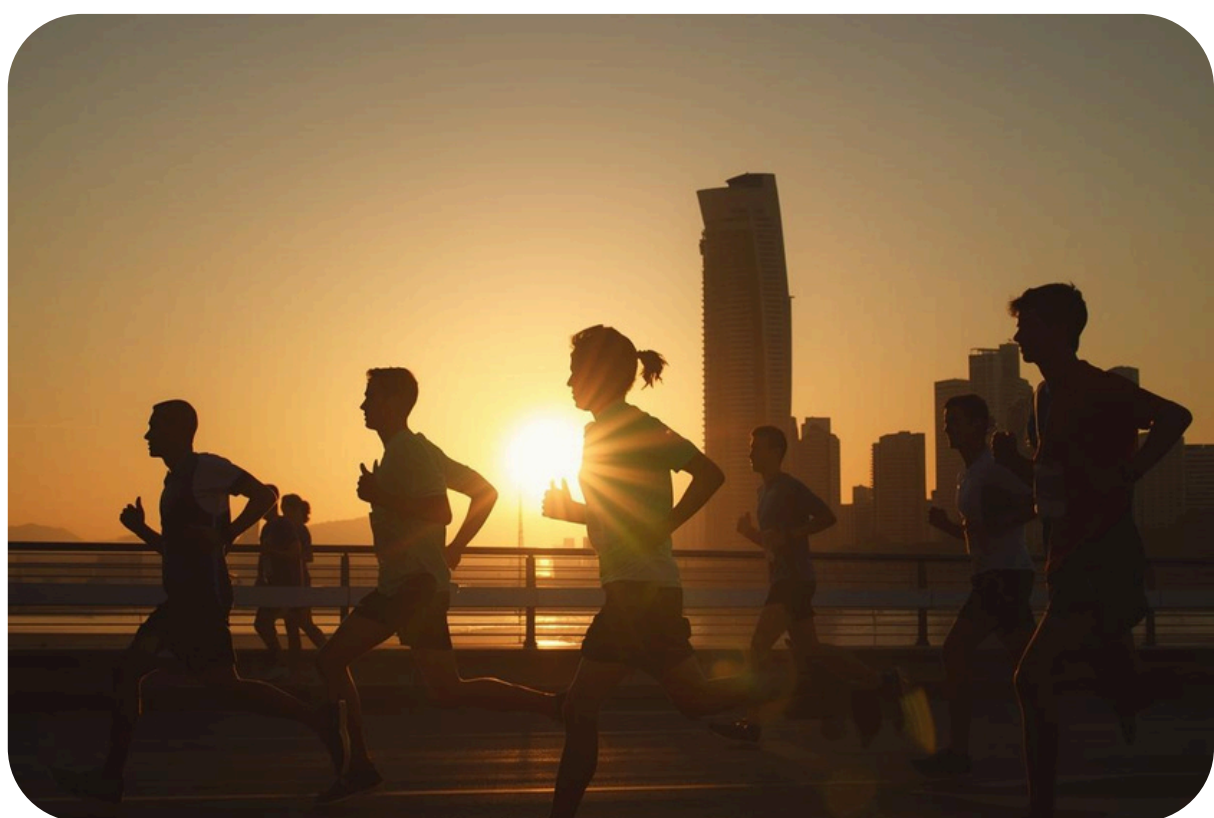
## Weather

Cool to mild temperatures and low rainfall. 8–22 °C (mid-40 to low-70s °F)



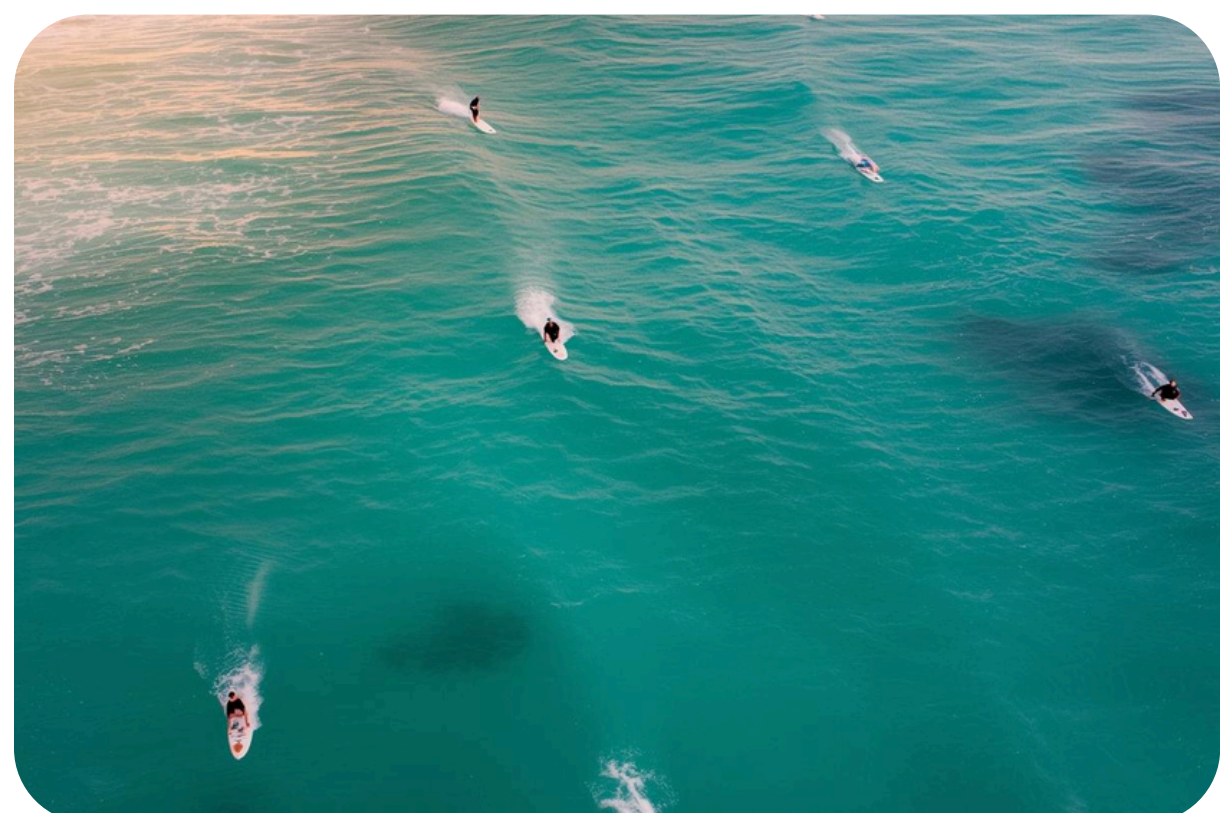
## Best for

- Runners who want easy travel + predictable race execution
- PB-focused runners who don't want surprises



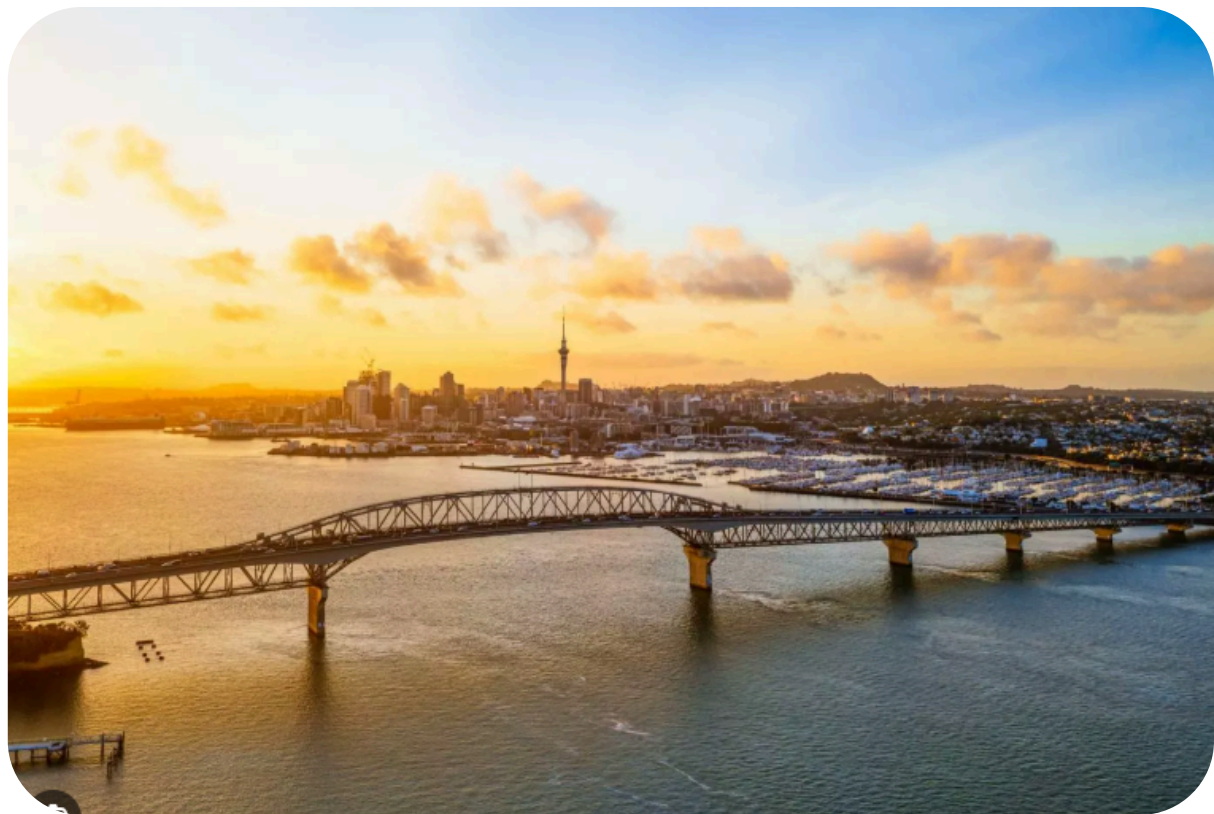
## Travel notes

- Fly directly into Gold Coast Airport (OOL)
- Easy connections via Brisbane Airport if required





# Auckland NZ Marathon



## When

The marathon takes place in November each year.



## Weather

Mild, cool to warm conditions, often around 12–22 °C (mid-50s to low-70s °F)



## Best for

- Runners wanting city + scenery + a sense of achievement



## Travel notes

- Fly directly into Auckland International Airport
- Excellent connections from Australia, USA, Asia





# Noosa Australia Marathon



## When

The marathon takes place in May each year.



## Weather

Mild, pleasant conditions — cool crisp mornings (~12 °C) warming to mild daytime temps (22 °C). (50s to low-70s °F)



## Best for

- Runners wanting holiday vibes + low-pressure travel
- Couples or social runners extending their stay



## Travel notes

- Fly into Sunshine Coast Airport (closest) or Brisbane Airport
- Brisbane option requires ~1.5–2 hr drive or transfer





# Sydney Australia Half Marathon



## When

The marathon takes place in May each year.



## Weather

Early Autumn, cool but comfortable running temps typically  $\sim 12\text{--}23^{\circ}\text{C}$ . (50s to low-70s  $^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Crisp early starts that warm pleasantly as the race unfolds — great conditions for performance.



## Best for

- First-time international race travellers and big-city energy lovers.
- Runners who want iconic landmarks without committing to a full marathon



## Travel notes

- Major international hub with direct flights from USA, UK, Canada, Asia
- Easy arrival for first-time Australia visitors





# Hawke's Bay NZ Marathon



## Weather

Early autumn , cool to mild temperatures: often around ~8–18 °C on race day. (46F - 64F)



## Travel notes

- Napier Airport (NPE) has frequent domestic flights from major NZ centres (Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch), making arrival convenient if you're coming from elsewhere in NZ and international visitors



## When

The marathon takes place in May each year.



## Best for

- The course is generally flat and easy-running, mixing sealed roads and compact limestone cycle trails — great for PB attempts.
- Most of the running is on smooth surfaces with few steep climbs, making it accessible for a broad range of runners.

