

# Most Scenic Marathons in New Zealand and Australia



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# Queenstown NZ Marathon



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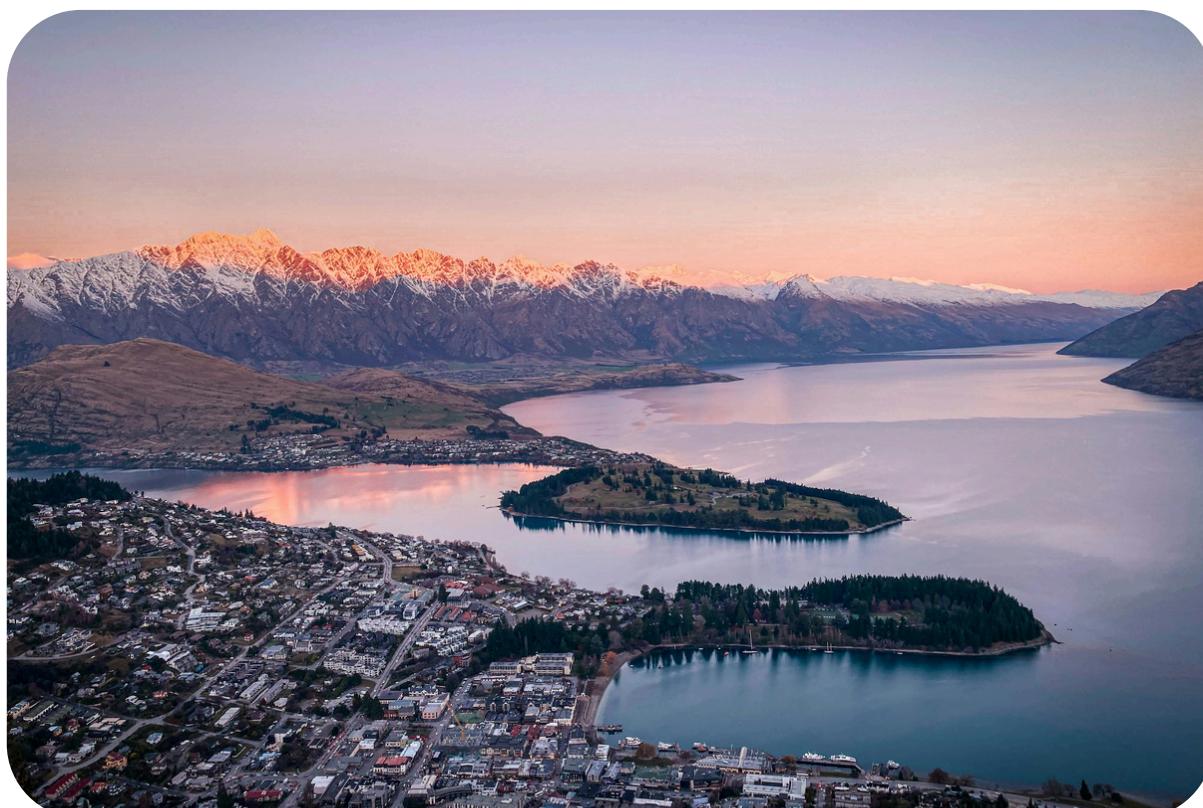
## When

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

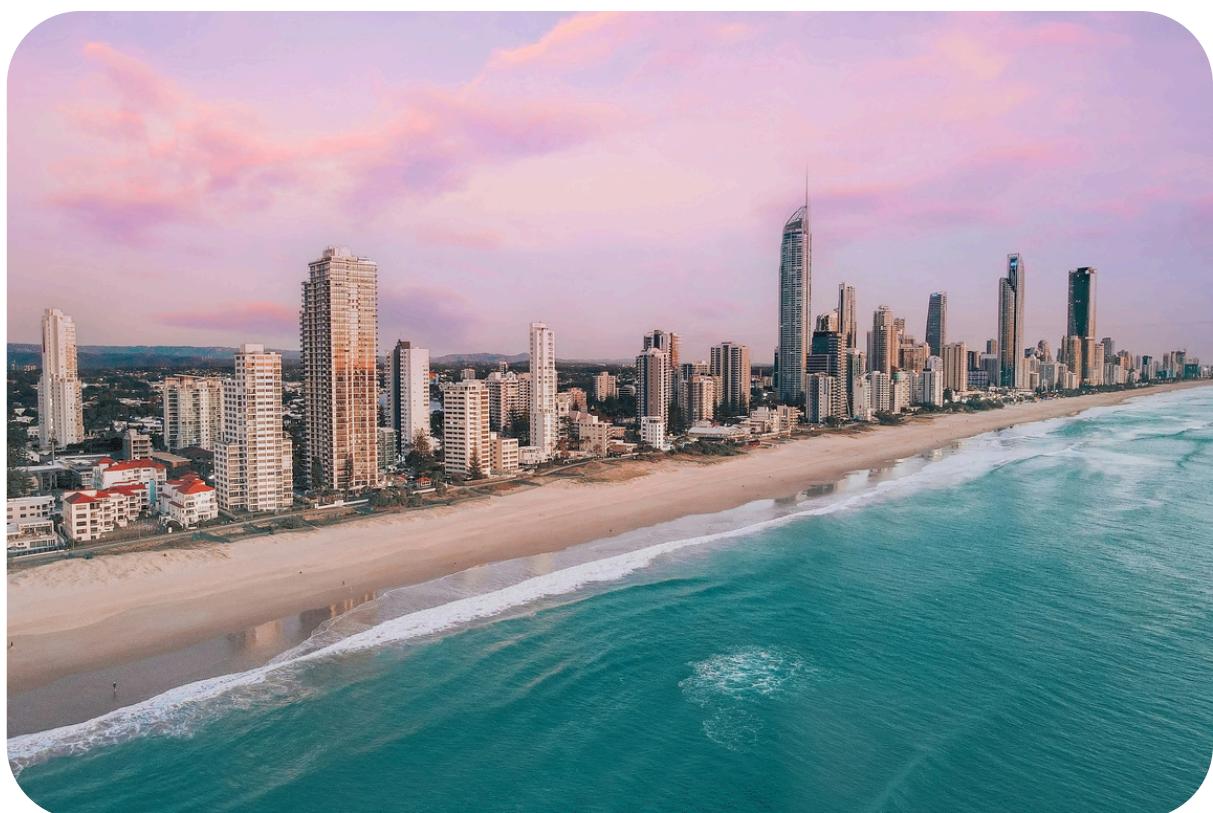


## Travel notes

- Fly into Queenstown Airport (often via Auckland)
- Queenstown has an international airport with regular flights from Australia and domestic flights from cities across New Zealand.



# Gold Coast Australia Marathon



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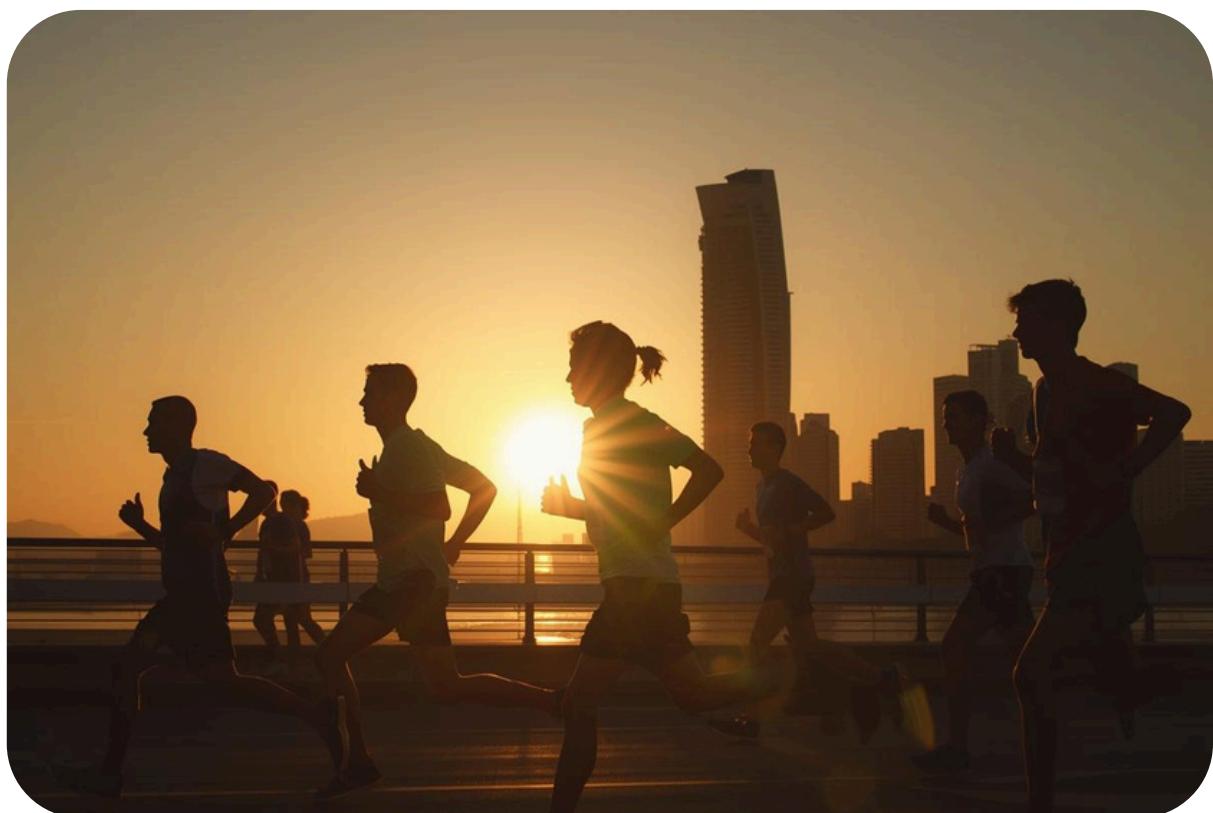
## When

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)



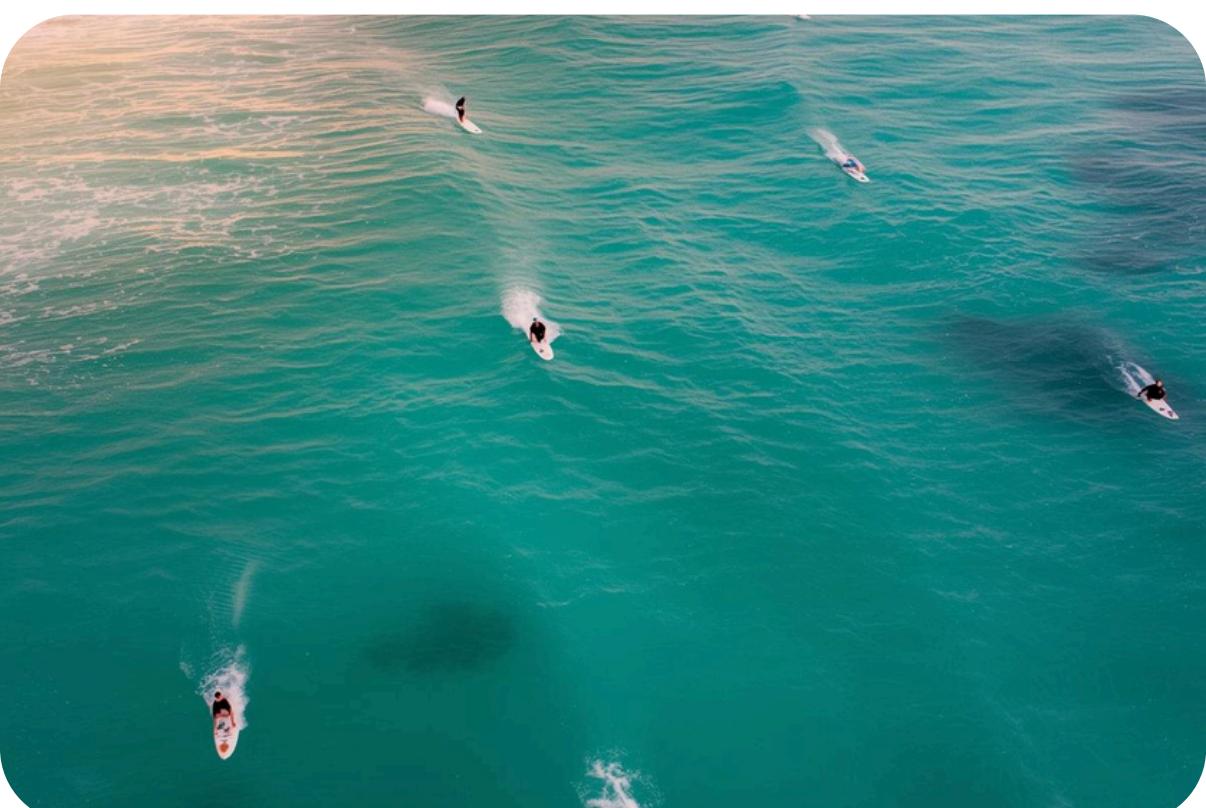
## Best for

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

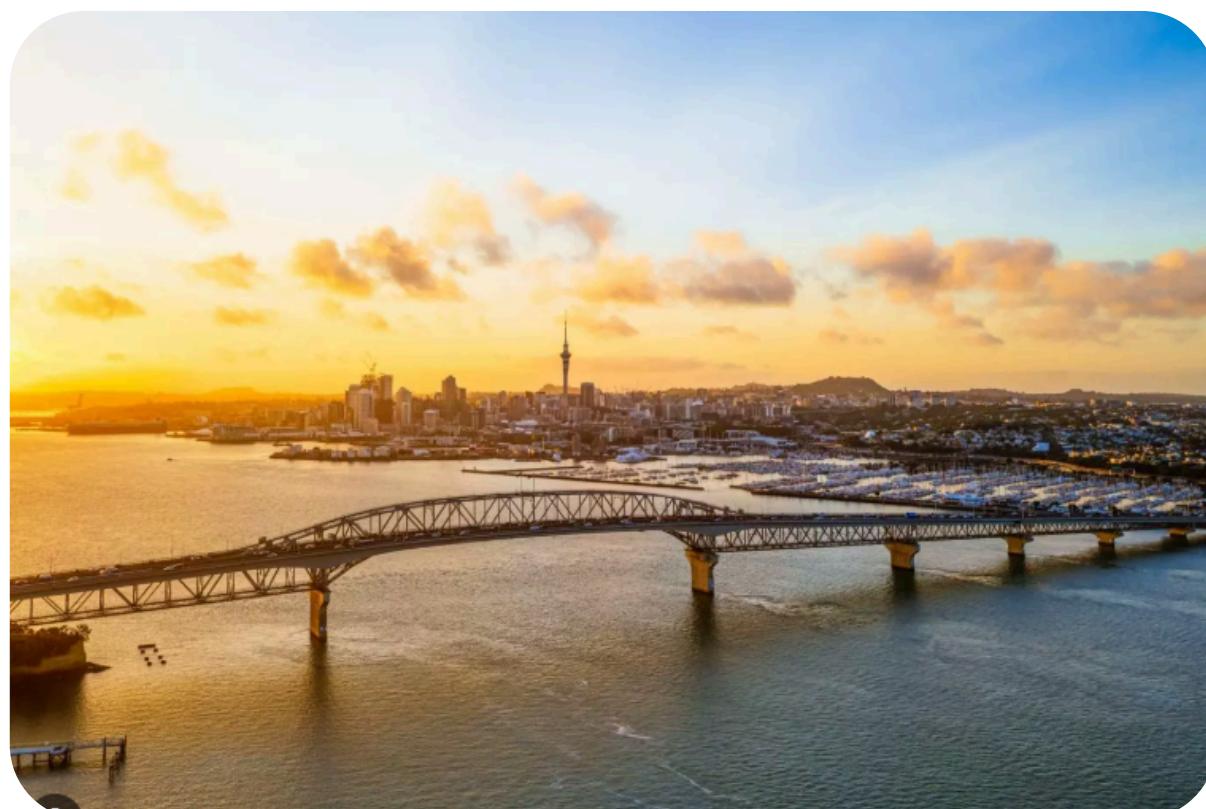


## Travel notes

- 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)



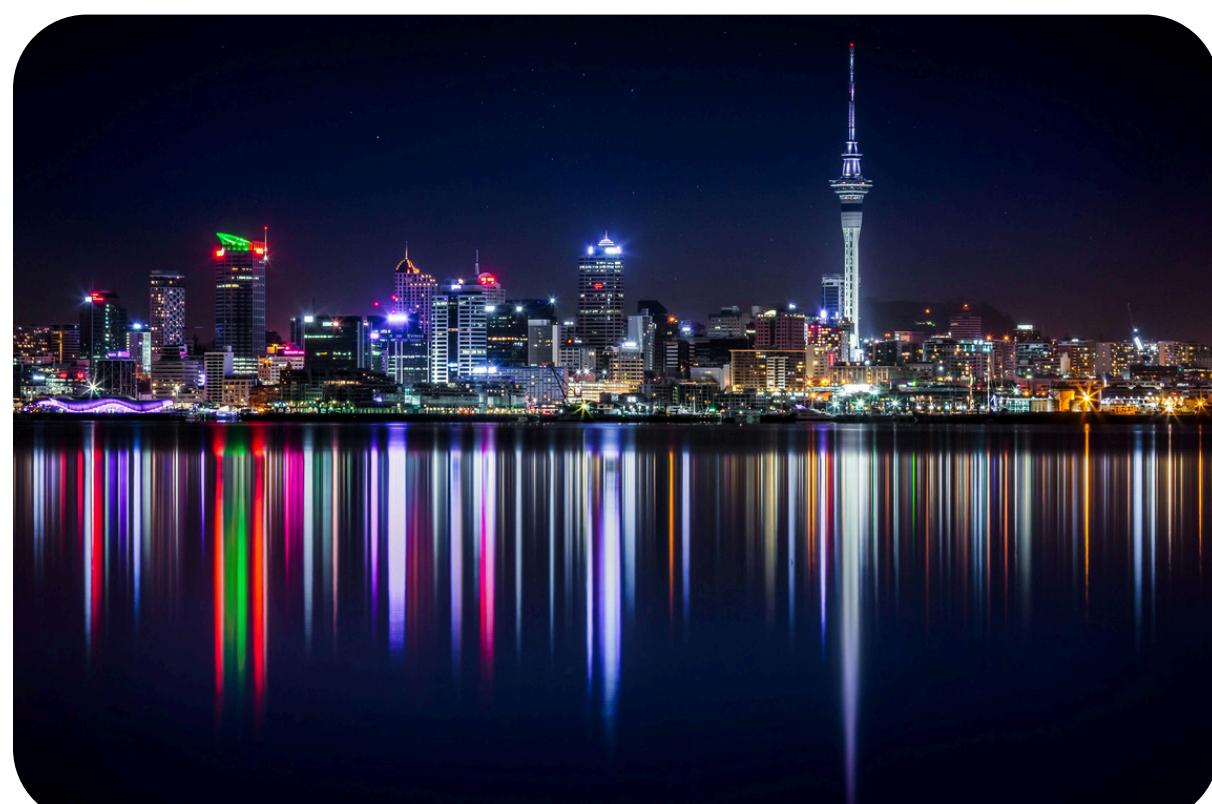
## Best for

- Runners wanting city + scenery + a sense of achievement
- First-time destination marathoner



## Travel notes

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



# Noosa Australia Marathon



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## 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)



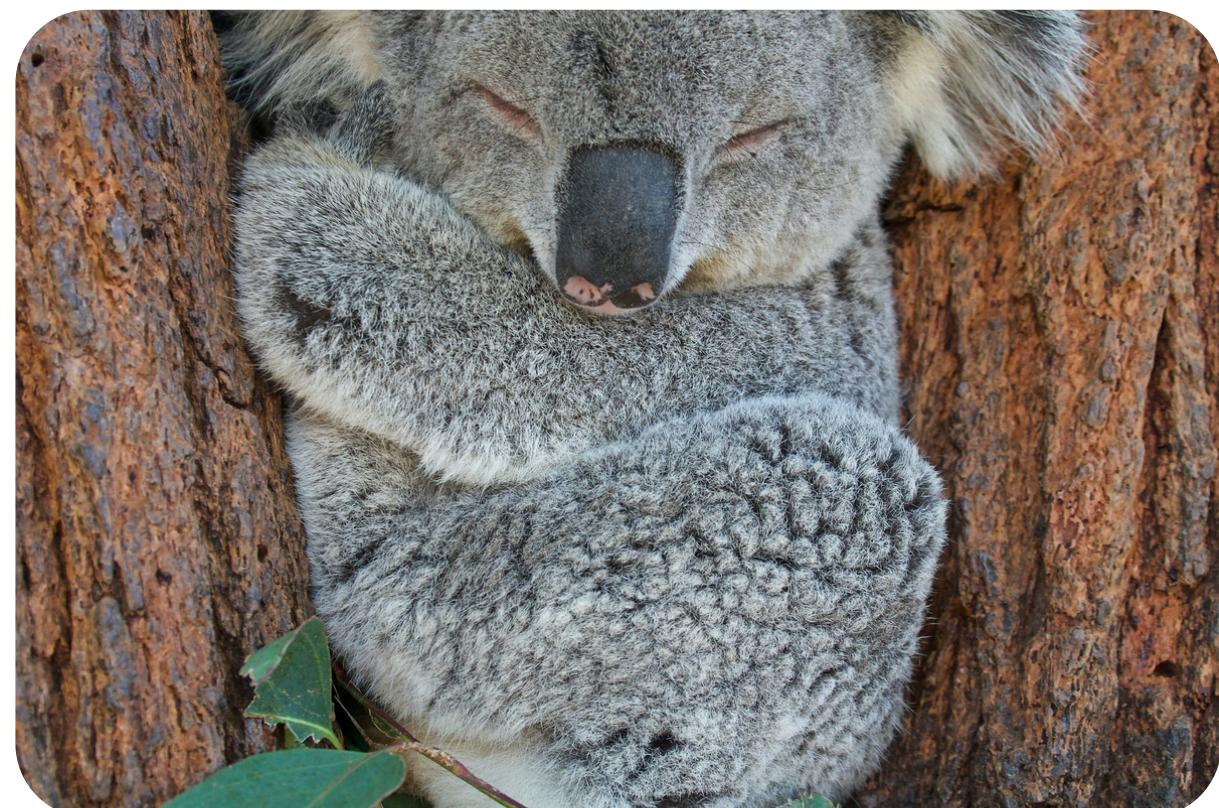
## Best for

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

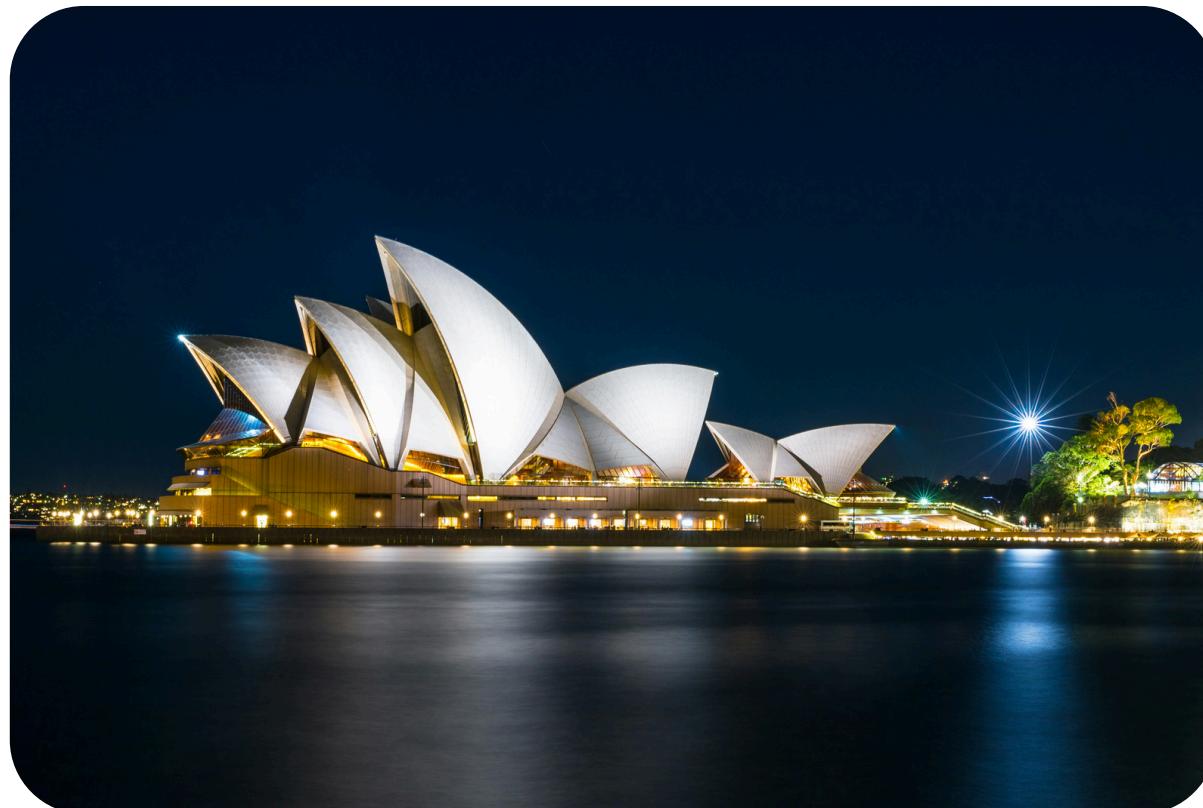


## Travel notes

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



# Sydney Australia Marathon



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## When

The marathon takes place in Aug each year.



## Weather

Early Autumn, cool but comfortable running temps typically ~12–23°C. (50s to low 70s °F). Crisp early starts that warm pleasantly as the race unfolds – great conditions for performance.



## Best for

- Runners who enjoy big-city marathons: Inspiring course through urban landmarks, lots of spectators.
- Travel + tourism runners: Easy to combine a marathon with a city holiday.



## 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.



# Great Ocean Rd Australia Marathon



## When

The marathon takes place in May each year.



## Best for

- Scenic-run lovers: Those who prefer beautiful landscapes over big crowds.
- Adventurous or hill-ready runners
- Runners after something different: A destination event where the journey and setting are central to the experience.

## Travel notes

- Most runners stay in or near Lorne or Apollo Bay.
- International runners will fly into Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine, MEL)
- Accommodation fills quickly; plan early if traveling from interstate/internationally.

