



BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON 2020

11TH OCTOBER 2020 CHARITY PACKAGES **Duration:** 3, 4 or 5 Nights

Running the Bank of America Chicago Marathon is the pinnacle of achievement for elite athletes and everyday runners alike. On race day, runners from all 50 states and more than 100 countries will set out to accomplish a personal dream by reaching the finish line in Grant Park.

Penny Appeal can offer you guaranteed entry to the 2020 Bank of Chicago Marathon along with our travel packages.

Hyatt Regency Hotel ★★★★★ (Bed & Breakfast)

Just 3 blocks away from the famed shopping, dining and entertainment on Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile, this downtown Chicago hotel is located in the heart of the city's River North neighborhood and features a Zagat-rated on-site restaurant, city views and contemporary guest rooms.



- **Hotel + Guaranteed Race Entry**

Registration £350 | Minimum Sponsorship £3500

- **Hotel + Guaranteed Race Entry + Flights (return flights from UK)**

Registration £350 | Minimum Sponsorship £4500

- **Hotel + Flights Only (own place runners)**

Registration £350 | Minimum Sponsorship £3500

Alternative hotels & packages for additional travellers (non runners) are available. Please visit our travel partner's website to see further details and contact us if you wish to enquire about respective Penny Appeal sponsorship packages

<https://www.sportstoursinternational.co.uk/events/chicago-marathon/>

Registration fees are required to secure your place and at least 80 % sponsorship must be collected 3 months before the race. Please note costs, sponsorship & package details could possibly change subject to availability and with respect to any bespoke packages offered.

Rooms are available based on double or twin occupancy, however rooms for single occupancy can be requested (subject to supplement costs). Alternatively if you want to avoid the single supplement then you can make use of our 'twin to share' option. We will pair you up with another traveller (of the same sex) and you can enjoy the event without having to pay extra.

What's included

- 3, 4 or 5 nights at your hotel
- Daily breakfast including a grab and go race day breakfast (for runners)
- All hotel taxes
- Race entry (if applicable to your package)
- Return UK flights including baggage allowance (if applicable to your package)
- Staff service from Sports Tours International. Please see details below

Staff service on the Chicago Marathon includes:

- A 24hr emergency phone number
- A Marathon race briefing
- Daily hotel visits
- An escorted trip to the Marathon Expo on Friday and Saturday
- An escorted trip to the Marathon start
- Your Sports Tours rep will walk any spectators to suitable viewing points on Marathon Day

Why join #TeamOrange?

We'll be with you throughout the whole experience, from the moment you sign up to the moment you cross the finish line. All the support and encouragement we can give will be available for you whenever, and wherever you need it!

Join us and you will receive...

- A unique #TeamOrange technical running vest or t-shirt
- #TeamOrange fundraising pack & advice from our friendly & experienced fundraising team
- Online forum to meet fellow #TeamOrange runners
- Opportunities to volunteer with #TeamOrange and take part in various other campaigns, events, and sponsored challenges; including mountain climbs, sky dives, international challenges etc.



Crossing the finish lines after 26.2 miles could be one of your greatest achievements, made even better by the fact that you'll be raising funds to help support our [EMERGENCY RESPONSE](#) campaign to help protect and save thousands of families from the devastating effects of natural disasters and conflict.

Your fundraising could make all the difference...

Penny Appeal always strives to respond to global disasters and emergencies as they happen, but more importantly, we are always working to grow our capacity. This means delivering aid quicker, better and towards a more sustainable impact, benefitting more people than ever before.



The funds you raise are absolutely critical in our ability to act fast during a crisis.

War, famine, disease, poverty & climate change have immobilised communities in Myanmar, Syria, Yemen, Gaza, Indonesia and East Africa, and Penny Appeal need your support to be able to deploy life-saving medical aid, food, clothing, sanitation and shelter to those who've been left incredibly vulnerable.

Our teams are currently providing support in:

- **Indonesia** - Over 1,400 people have lost their lives, after the coastal city of Palu was rocked by a 7.5 magnitude earthquake
- **Syria** and neighbouring countries - where refugees are battling to survive
- **Yemen** - where civilians are targeted amidst conflict, faced with famine and struggling to receive medical treatment for Cholera
- **Myanmar** - where Rohingya communities are being persecuted
- **Palestine** - where people are living amid conflict
- **Bangladesh** - Helping victims of the Sunamganj Floods and providing essential aid to Rohingya refugees
- Areas affected by the famine in **East Africa**, such as Somalia, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya

Sample 3 Night Travel Itinerary

Friday 9th October:

Arrive into Chicago by your own travel means and make your own way to the Aloft Chicago Downtown River North Hotel, Virgin Hotel or the Hyatt Place Hotel which will be your base for the next 3, 4 or 5 nights – please see below for details on how to get into the city. Upon arrival at your chosen hotel you will be welcomed by a Sports Tours International Representative who will be in the hotel reception at various times throughout the day and evening. Hotel check in is from 15.00pm. After hotel check in and time permitting, head to the marathon expo to collect your race bib.

Saturday 10th October:

If you didn't attend the marathon expo yesterday, today is your final day to do so, not forgetting to take your passport with you as ID. The rest of the day is for you to explore what Chicago has on offer.

Today is also the official Chicago 5k with a Start location: Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington Street

Race start: 7:30 a.m for anybody who has purchased a place.

This evening, your Sports Tours International Representative will hold a meet and greet with your fellow runners and the opportunity to listen to tips for tomorrow's events and ask any questions you may have.

Sunday 11th October:

RACE DAY- The months of training, and pre race nerves have all come down to this moment. Today you will line up at the start line with thousands of other runners ready to run The Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Your Sports Tours Representative will escort you to the marathon start today and will escort any non runners to a suitable viewing point should you wish to do so.

We expect the day's schedule to look something like the below. Please check the [Bank of America Chicago Marathon website](#) for last minute updates. The start and the finish of the race are located at Grant Park.

2019 timings below, 2020 TBC

- 05:30AM – Gear check opens
- 05:30 AM – Start corrals open
- 07:20 AM – Wheelchair Start
- 07:21 AM – Hand-Cycle Start
- 07:23 AM – Athletes with Disabilities Start
- 07:30 AM – Wave 1 Start
- 08:00 AM – Wave 2 Start
- 08:35 AM – Wave 3 Start

After the Marathon there is the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party at Grant Park, Butler Field from 09:30AM until 16:00 PM (*times are subject to change*)

Monday 12th October:

The morning will be free for sightseeing or last minute shopping. Hotel check out is 12.00pm. You will then make your own way back to the airport for your onward or return journey.

If you are staying longer in Chicago, we wish you a fantastic few days.

Travel to your chosen hotel:

Hyatt Place Chicago Downtown River North

From O'Hare International Airport (ORD) CTA directions: Take Blue Line towards Forest Park. Exit Blue Line at Jackson, walk to Red Line towards Howard. Take Red Line to Grand. Exit and walk to 515 North Clark Street (2 minute walk).

Marathon Expo From O'Hare International Airport: The CTA "Blue" line provides service to and from the airport. Take the Blue Line from O'Hare and transfer to a south-bound Green Line train at Clark and Lake. Note, in the Loop the Blue Line is a Subway Train and the Green Line is an elevated train, a free transfer is available at Clark and Lake.

IMPORTANT INFO

Passport – This is your responsibility

Please note: we will require a copy of your passport along with your application form. Please – don't leave it to the last minute. The following information is for United Kingdom passport holders only, other nationals including Eire should consult the appropriate embassy. UK residents are allowed to enter the USA with a ten year passport, with no less than 6 months left before the expiry of the passport, if staying in the US for less than 90 days. However, the rules are constantly updated, so we advise that you check your own individual situation as the visa waiver programme is subject to strict criteria, and for example, if you have a criminal record or have previously been refused entry to the US, you may not qualify for entry under the Visa Waiver programme.

Please check your status with the rules. Passengers are no longer permitted to enter the USA with a non-machine readable passport unless their old style passport has a valid Visa stamp. The newer red passports are machine readable. **CHILDREN MUST HAVE THEIR OWN PASSPORT** – If in doubt please contact the passport advice line on 0300 222 0000, or [Passport Office Website](#) or if applicable the American Embassy on 0207 499 9000 or the US Embassy Website

ePassports effective 1st April 2016 –

In preparation for customers travelling to the United States of America, please be aware that important changes have been made to passport requirements for the US. If you are

travelling on the **Visa Waiver Programme** to the US on or after 1 April 2016, you must have an **ePassport**. If you are not sure if you already have an **ePassport** or not, simply check your current passport for the **ePassport symbol** on the front cover. To find out more, please refer to www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa

Immigration to the USA

There are now very strict guidelines on entry to the USA and a new system put in place whereby you must have registered with the Department of Homeland Security at least three days before you travel. More information can be found on the [Department's Official Website](#)

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) issues travel advice on destinations, which includes information on passports, visas, health, safety and security and more. For all information relating to USA, please click [HERE](#).

Changes to ESTA requirements – 26.1.16

The U.S. Authorities have made changes to their entry requirements which will affect any dual nationality customer who has a passport issued by a country which is eligible under the U.S. visa Waiver Programme AND a passport issued by Iran, Iraq, Sudan and Syria.

These customers with dual nationality will no longer be able to enter the U.S. using an ESTA under the Visa Waiver Programme.

In addition any customer who has an ESTA and that has visited Iran, Iraq, Sudan or Syria since March 1, 2011 should also expect not to be able to use the Visa Waiver Programme.

These customers will require a U.S. visa for future travel to the United States, and should contact their local US Embassy.

Insurance

For details of specialist sports travel insurance for our travel packages, please visit our [insurance page](#). You must ensure that your travel insurance policy covers you to participate in running events. There is additional information about our other [Concierge Services](#) on our special web page.

For registration or other enquiries, please contact Haroon Mota, Head of Challenge Events

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