



# Ultra**MAR**Athon



2026

## ULTRA**MAR**ATHON RACE INFORMATION

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50 KM RUN



# ABOUT US

Started in 2020, the UltraMARathon is a 50km single-day foot race through the conservancies of the northern Maasai Mara ecosystem in Kenya. The race, run either as an individual or as part of a relay team, takes participants through several conservancies, giving them a unique sporting experience within one of Africa's jewels. The proceeds from the event go directly to supporting initiatives in the region aimed at protecting both wildlife and the environment and enhancing the lives of the community members who live there.

Individual (1 x 50km) \$300  
Relay Team (2 x 25km) \$500  
Relay Team (4 x 12.5km) \$800

\*The race is capped at 350 runners.

## THE CAUSE

The Greater Maasai Mara is one of Kenya's most important ecosystems, supporting both wildlife and local communities. The conservancies that protect this landscape rely largely on tourism revenue, creating sustainability challenges throughout the year.

The goal of the UltraMARathon is to raise funds to support critical initiatives in the region related to conservation and enhancing the livelihoods of local communities. The initiatives being supported include:



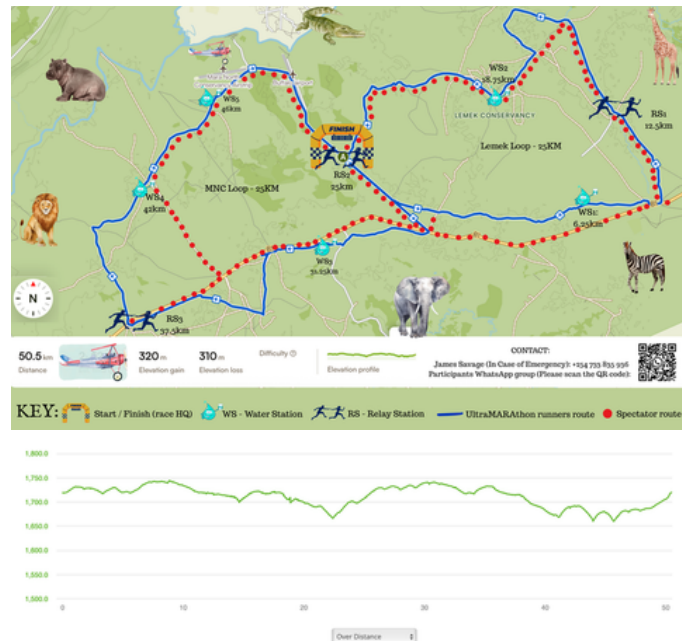
Conservation/Ranger support for the Northern Mara Conservancies – funding of uniforms, equipment and general administration for the conservancies involved in the event.



Mara Elephant Project - funding for the recruitment, training and deployment of rangers specifically to address poaching, human/wildlife conflict and habitat loss challenges in the region.



Africa Mission Services Community Health Center – funding supports eye, dental, maternity, and general community healthcare for approximately 11,000 Maasai residents in the Maasai Mara region of Kenya through improved facilities, equipment, supplies, and clinical services.



## DATE. TIME. LOCATION.



November 14th 2026, 06:30



Ol Choro, Lemek and Mara North  
Conservancies in Maasai Mara,  
Kenya

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## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND PRE-RACE BRIEFING

This Race Information Pack provides essential information for the 2026 UltraMARathon. As this is a live document, details may be updated and participants are encouraged to refer to the latest version. A detailed participant briefing will be issued to all registered participants closer to the event date. This will include the final route map, relay logistics, water and aid station information, spectator guidance, emergency contacts and other race-day operational details.

All participants must collect their race pack and bib number from Race HQ in the Maasai Mara on Friday, 13 November 2026, prior to race day.

## RACE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

### Friday 13 November 2026 – Registration & Briefing

14:00 -18:00 - Race HQ open for registration, Maasai Mara

15:00 -18:00 - Bib and bag collection

16:00 -18:00 - Informal Q&A time

18:00 - Registration closes

### Saturday 14 November 2026 – Race Day

05:30 - Race HQ opens

05:30 - 06:00 Participants gather at the race HQ

06:15 - Relay runners of leg 2 meet tourism partner vehicles and drive to Relay Station 1

06:20 - Participants running the solo, 1<sup>st</sup> runner of 2x25km and 1<sup>st</sup> runner of 4x12.4 assemble at the start

06:30 - Race starts

07:30 - Relay runners of leg 4 meet tourism partner vehicles and drive to Relay Station 3

08:30 - 3km kids race starts

13:30 - Prize giving

15:00 - Official cut-off

## PRIZES

After the race, participants can enjoy lunch and the prize ceremony, where medals will be awarded to the top three in each category. The overall 50km winner will receive a special prize, and the top-performing ranger team will be recognized, with the first team in the Rangers category receiving a medal and the bull.

## CUT-OFF TIME

There will be a strict cut-off time of 15:00 at which time a vehicle will retrieve any participants remaining on the course more than 2km from the finish line.



## SPECTATORS

Spectators are welcome. Details on spectator route will be included in pre-race briefing.

## INCLUDED IN ENTRY FEE

- Race bib with number and timing chip
- Event medical evacuation insurance, by Rescue.co
- Post-race lunch
- Fully marked race route
- Relay points with water, snacks and first aid kits (donated by local Tourism Partners)
- Medical station at the finish line
- Runners goodie bag
- Donation to the beneficiaries of the event (Northern Mara Conservancies, Mara Elephant Project and Africa Mission Services)
- Ambulance/medics on course
- Participation medal
- Transportation to / from the relay points (if you are in a relay team)

## NOT INCLUDED IN ENTRY FEE

- Accommodation and conservation fees pre- post- and during race event
- Transportation to and from the event and registration
- Any snacks or beverages during the event other than what's provided at relay points
- Personal medical insurance

## RECOMMENDED GEAR

- Trail Running Shoes
- Hydration Pack
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Food reserves, gels, bars, fruit
- GPS device with the track of the race and/or map of the terrain

## SIGNAGE

The race route will be marked so participants can easily identify the route. The route will be marked in full during the two days before the event, and checked on race day prior to the front runner/start.

## SAFETY AND MEDICAL

Safety is our highest priority during this event. All participants will be briefed on potential hazards. Rangers will notify and temporarily halt participants in the event of a wildlife hazard. All participants must adhere to rangers' instructions and stop running until given a signal it is safe to continue. Basic first aid kits will be available at every water and relay station, with medical teams, including ambulances and air support, stationed strategically along the course and at race HQ. Wildlife rangers will be present along the entire route to ensure runners' safety, supported by safety vehicles/motorbikes and spotter aircrafts. For safety reasons, headphones are **not permitted** while running. All runners are covered by **Rescue.co** for the day of the event.

## WATER AND RELAY STATIONS

There are 9 water/relay stations throughout the 50KM route including the finish line. Stations are located approximately every 6.25 km, with an extra water station in the final sector of the course to provide additional support towards the finish. Each **water station** will consist of a water, juice and a first aid kit. In addition, **relay stations** will have snacks, portable toilets and a shaded area for participants to wait before or after a relay change over. Local **tourism partners** will manage these stations to ensure smooth and safe running. There will be a dedicated team to ensure no materials or waste are left after the event.

## LIABILITY

Each participant must sign an event disclaimer, accepting to participate in the event on the basis that the event organisers, partners, conservancies and land owners undertake no responsibility for health or safety during the event and that such responsibility is the participants' alone. By participating in the event, the participant acknowledges that they suffer no medical condition which would prevent them from participating. All participants agree to abide by the organisers' and rangers' instructions.

## WASTE DISPOSAL

Each water and relay station will have a disposal bin for eco-friendly water cups and any other waste products. Managers of each checkpoint will ensure that all waste is removed from the area. A team will be designated to 'litter pick' whilst sweeping behind the last runners to ensure no waste is left behind.

## ACCOMMODATION

We are partnering with **Bush & Beyond** for all your travel and accommodation needs, please reach out to them for any travel and accommodation plans. Otherwise please visit the event [website](#) for local accommodation options.

## TRANSPORTATION TO RELAY STATIONS

All participants are to arrive at the race HQ no later than **06:00** on race day. Relay runners will be shuttled to relay stations through event transportation kindly provided by the Tourism Partners. Vehicles will be stationed at relay stations for transferring relay racers to the finish line. In the event of an emergency, these vehicles will be available for transport.



# ROUTE

## MAP

This is the provisional 2026 route. The final map will be made available closer to the race day.



Sunrise on 14th November: 06:17 | Elevation Gain: ~320m | Temperature: Typical range 12–32°C

Terrain: The course follows dirt tracks, game-drive roads and open conservancy roads. Approximately 90% of the route is compact dirt surface with no technical trail sections.

Here is a [link](#) to the route on Google Earth along with the locations of the Water and Relay stations.



# FAQ's

## CAN I RUN WITH HEADPHONES?

No, headphones are not permitted for safety reasons.

## WILL I SEE WILDLIFE?

Yes, the Maasai Mara is one of Kenya's most wildlife rich locations. Rangers are stationed around the course for your safety. You must listen to them if they instruct you to stop.

## CAN SPECTATORS FOLLOW THE COURSE?

Yes, there is a specific spectator route you can follow. The route will be available closer to the event.

## CAN I TRANSFER MY ENTRY?

Yes, the deadline to transfer your slot is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2026**. Please email [info@ultramarathon.co.ke](mailto:info@ultramarathon.co.ke) with the new runners details before this date. Any transfers after the deadline will be charged an extra ksh5,000.

## IF I CANCEL AND DON'T HAVE A REPLACEMENT, DO I GET A REFUND?

No. All race entry fees are non-refundable, however, you may find a replacement runner up to 14 days prior to the event. Should no replacement be found - funds will be considered a donation to the causes.

## CAN I DEFER MY ENTRY?

No, it will be considered a cancellation and funds will be considered a donation to the causes, unless you find a replacement runner (transfer) within the allocated timeframe for transfers.

## CAN I SWITCH CATEGORIES ONCE I HAVE SIGNED UP?

Yes, only up to 14 days prior to the event. Difference in cost will be applicable.

## CAN RELAY RUNNERS TRAVEL BETWEEN STATIONS BY THEMSELVES?

Yes, participants travelling independently do so at their own discretion. There are Tourism Partner vehicles to help get runners from the Race HQ and back.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I WITHDRAW DURING THE RACE?

You will be picked up by a Tourism Partner vehicle. Notify your next water or relay station. If you are part of a relay team, it will be a DNF.

## WHAT MEDICAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

All participants are covered by Rescue.co who can evacuate you in a medical emergency. All water and relay stations have basic first aid. There is a BLS ambulance roaming the course and an ALS ambulance stationed at the race HQ. Phoenix Aviation will be stationed at the MNC airstrip for the day of the event with a full ICU set up.

## IS THERE MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE?

Yes. Both Safaricom and Airtel work well, however there can be certain areas that network is patchy.



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## IS THERE A BAG DROP?

Yes, each relay station will have a bag drop crate. Leaving your bags at these crates, is at your own risk.

## WILL THERE BE TOILETS AT THE START AND FINISH?

Yes, there are porter toilets at the start/finish (Race HQ)

## WHAT WEATHER SHOULD I EXPECT?

Cold mornings and hot during the day with high chances of rain in the afternoon. Lows of 12C and highs of 32C.

## WHAT TERRAIN IS THE ULTRAMARATHON?

Trail and dirt tracks. It can be rough and uneven.

## WHAT IS THE ELEVATION AT THE ULTRAMARATHON?

Approximately 1,675 m (5,500 ft)

## IS THERE A SPECTATOR FEE?

No, spectators are welcome to come cheer on the runners. There will be a spectator route, please only follow this route and abide by the conservancy rules and regulations.

## WHERE DOES MY ENTRANCE FEE GO?

Your entrance fee, alongside donations from companies and individuals, supports the six beneficiaries of the UltraMARathon, helping fund ranger welfare, conservation, and healthcare in the Maasai Mara. All profits, after race expenses, are donated directly to these important causes.

## WHY AM I BEING CHARGED A PROCESSING FEE BY PESAPAL WHEN I CHECK OUT AT REGISTRATION?

The online processing fee comes from a 3.6% commission charged by the payment gateway Pesapal to make sure all intended funds are sent to the UltraMARathon.

## WHEN CAN I COLLECT MY RACE PACK?

Race registration and race pack collection is on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2026** at the Race HQ in the Maasai Mara between **15:00 - 18:00**. Your race pack will contain your race number, t-shirt and various race bag goodies.

## AM I REQUIRED TO FUNDRAISE ON TOP OF MY ENTRANCE FEE?

No, fundraising beyond your entrance fee is not required. However, as the UltraMARathon is a fundraising event, any additional support you raise is greatly appreciated and helps our beneficiaries make an even greater impact. We encourage participants to use our donation page to share their story and inspire friends and family to support their run.





## PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



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