

Lost City Marathon Mexico

21 February 2026

This immersive experience offers runners the unique opportunity to traverse the lush jungles, majestic rivers, and picturesque villages surrounding the UNESCO World Heritage site of Palenque.

Whether you're tackling the full marathon or the half, each step brings you closer to the rich legacy of the Maya civilization. Beyond the race, indulge in the local flavours, explore the awe-inspiring ruins, and connect with fellow running enthusiasts from around the globe.



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

DAY 1	19 FEB	Welcome to Villahermosa & Palenque, Mexico!
DAY 2	20 FEB	Maya ruins of Palenque & Race Briefing
DAY 3	21 FEB	Race Day!
DAY 4	22 FEB	Unwind, Explore & Celebration Dinner
DAY 5	23 FEB	Farewell Mexico, or Hello Extension!

STANDARD PACKAGE - HOTEL MAYA TULIPANES

PRICES PER PERSON	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE
RUNNER	AUD \$2648	AUD \$2974
SUPPORTER	AUD \$2073	AUD \$2399

Surrounded by trees in a Mayan-inspired building, this laid-back hotel is 3 km from Antiguo Aeropuerto de Palenque and 8 km from the Temple of the Inscriptions pyramid.

Featuring ceiling fans and tile floors, the casual rooms have free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and desks. Room service is offered.

DELUXE PACKAGE - CHANKAH RESORT VILLAGE

PRICES PER PERSON	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE
RUNNER	AUD \$2974	AUD \$3544
SUPPORTER	AUD \$2399	AUD \$2969

Set on lush grounds, this laid-back resort is 4 km from both Zona Arqueológica Palenque and Temple of the Inscriptions.

Bright, modest bungalows offer flat-screen TVs, air-conditioning and covered terraces. Some have tea and coffeemaking facilities.

PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- Guaranteed Race Entry (Runners Only)
- Meet and greet on arrival
- Arrival and departure transfers from/to Villahermosa airport
- 4 Nights' accommodation at the property of your choice:
Check in: Thu 19 Feb 2026
Check out: Mon 23 Feb 2026
- Meals included as per the itinerary
- Transport included as per the itinerary
- English speaking tour leader
- Local guide and entry to Palenque
- Celebration dinner
- Personalised Travelling Fit Running Top
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Enjoy a long weekend in lush and exotic Palenque with ample time to relax or explore the area.

Day 1: 19 Feb - Welcome to Villahermosa and Palenque, Mexico!

Arrive in Mexico on a suitable flight from your departure airport. For a seamless journey to Palenque, the optimal route is to fly into Villahermosa. While international flights don't land directly in Villahermosa, worry not – there are seven daily flights from the bustling hub of Mexico City.

Once in Villahermosa, you'll spot the race officials beaming smiles on standby, along with fellow runners, ready to take you on a picturesque 2.5-hour drive to your hotel in Palenque.

*Please note that domestic flights are not included in your package. To ensure a spot on the bus, kindly share your flight details, including arrival time, with Travelling Fit.

For those opting for alternative modes of transportation to Palenque, note that check-in at your chosen hotel is guaranteed from 3.00pm.

Day 2: 20 Feb - Explore the Maya ruins of Palenque & Race Briefing

After breakfast, you will be taken by bus to restaurant Chiapaneca (near race finish line) for the race briefing. Upon arrival, the race officials will go through important details regarding tomorrow's race and distribute your goodie bags. This is the last chance to change your running distance.

Your journey continues to the captivating Maya ruins of Palenque. Following a guided tour, you'll get to explore this historic site at your own pace.

Afterwards, a bus will bring you back to your hotel, where you can use the rest of the afternoon to unwind or stroll through town before tonight's big pasta buffet. *If booked the Deluxe package, a lift into town is included.

Meals: Breakfast and Pasta Dinner.

Day 3: 21 Feb - Race Day!

Today is the big day! After an early breakfast at your hotel, everyone will depart at 6.00am by bus to the Palenque Archaeological Zone.

Upon arrival, you'll have time to use the restrooms and drop off bags for the finish line. The race starts in waves, with marathon runners heading off first, followed by half-marathon participants.

Ten minutes before your wave, you'll be allowed into the Archaeological Zone to line up at the start. Only items used during the race may be brought inside.

You'll cross the finish line near restaurant Chiapaneca, where a well-deserved lunch awaits. Shuttle buses will be available to take you back to your hotel after the race.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.

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Day 4: 22 Feb - Unwind, Explore & Celebration Dinner

For those seeking relaxation, it's the perfect day to hang out by the pool, while others may opt for an exploration of the Palenque ruins.

If you are in for some more adventure, consider booking an excursion with your knowledgeable guides to the breathtaking waterfalls of Agua Azul, promising a day filled with awe-inspiring natural beauty.

In the evening, buses will be waiting and ensuring everyone reaches the festive celebration dinner on time. You will rejoice in each other's accomplishments and indulge in excellent food and drinks late into the evening!

Meals: Celebration Dinner

Day 5: 23 Feb - Farewell Mexico, or Hello Extension!

Sadly, the Lost City race adventure has come to an end.

Today, you'll be transferred back to Villahermosa Airport for your return flight to Mexico City.

*As flights are not included, transfers are arranged according to flight times you've shared with Travelling Fit.

If you're not ready to leave Mexico just yet, consider joining the 6 day / 5 night Yucatán Extension – a journey filled with natural wonders, rich history, delicious cuisine, and beautiful beaches.

Meals: Breakfast.