

# Lost City Marathon Mexico

21 February 2026

Explore iconic landmarks, sample delicious local cuisine, and soak in the energy of the capital before heading to the lush rainforests of Chiapas.

There, you'll run the Lost City Marathon or Half Marathon – a rugged, off-road adventure through ancient Mayan ruins, jungle trails, river crossings, and remote villages.

After the race, relax and explore Palenque's stunning archaeological sites, with optional excursions like waterfalls and butterfly migrations.



## ITINERARY OVERVIEW

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

DAY 1	15 FEB	Welcome to Mexico City!
DAY 2	16 FEB	Exploring Mexico City's Rich Heritage
DAY 3	17 FEB	Relaxation & Excursions
DAY 4	18 FEB	Exploring Teotihuacan & optional cooking class
DAY 5	19 FEB	Flight to Palenque
DAY 6	20 FEB	Maya ruins of Palenque & Race Briefing
DAY 7	21 FEB	Race Day!
DAY 8	22 FEB	Unwind, Explore & Celebration Dinner
DAY 9	23 FEB	Farewell Mexico, or Hello Extension!

## STANDARD PACKAGE - NOVOTEL CENTRO + MAYA TULIPANES

PRICES PER PERSON	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE
RUNNER	AUD \$4114	AUD \$4846
SUPPORTER	AUD \$3539	AUD \$4272

Stylish and centrally located, Novotel Centro Histórico offers modern comfort just steps from Mexico City's most iconic attractions.

Centrally located in Palenque, Maya Tulipanes offers comfortable rooms, local charm, and easy access to restaurants, shops, and the nearby ruins.

## DELUXE PACKAGE - NH CENTRO + CHANKAH RESORT VILLAGE

PRICES PER PERSON	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE
RUNNER	AUD \$4602	AUD \$5661
SUPPORTER	AUD \$4027	AUD \$5086

Located just one block from the Zócalo, NH Centro Histórico offers modern comfort in the vibrant heart of Mexico City—perfect for exploring.

Nestled in the lush jungle near the Palenque ruins, Chan-Kah Resort Village offers tranquil villas, natural pools, and a unique stay surrounded by nature and history

## PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- Guaranteed Race Entry (Runners Only)
- 4 Nights' accommodation in Mexico City:  
Check in: Sun 15 Feb 2026  
Check out: Thu 19 Feb 2026
- Local guide and entries in Mexico City
- Transfer from Mexico City to the airport on 19 Feb 2026
- Return domestic flights from Mexico City to Villahermosa
- Return transfers from Villahermosa to Palenque
- 4 Nights' accommodation in Palenque:  
Check in: Thu 19 Feb 2026  
Check out: Mon 23 Feb 2026
- Local guide and entries in Palenque
- Meals included as per the itinerary
- Transport included as per the itinerary
- English speaking tour leader
- Celebration dinner
- Personalised Travelling Fit Running Top - *exclusive to Travelling Fit clients*

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Please Note: All prices are quoted in Australian dollars and are based on a per person basis.  
Prices and itinerary are subject to change at any time without prior notice.

# Lost City Marathon 9 Day / 8 Night Itinerary

15 to 23 February 2026



Start your visit to Mexico in the vibrant capital of Mexico City before flying to Palenque for the big race day!

## Day 1: 15 Feb - Welcome to Mexico City!

Arrive in Mexico City on the most suitable flight from your departure airport. From the airport, you can reach your hotel in the city centre by metro, metrobus, shuttle bus, or taxi. Your hotel is situated in the historic centre, just a short distance from the Zócalo.

\*Taxi fares are fixed between the airport and the city centre.

Note: Check-in is not guaranteed before 3.00pm. However, the hotel offers the convenience of storing your luggage if you arrive early, allowing you to explore the city centre.

## Day 2: 16 Feb - Exploring Mexico City's Rich Heritage

After an early breakfast at the hotel, you are ready to explore the magical Mexico City with a guided tour. While the city is impossible to see all in one day, you can still get a feel for its versatility and history. Your tour begins at the National Museum of Anthropology, showcasing artefacts from Mesoamerican civilisations; a perfect place to gain an understanding of the fascinating country. For those less museum-inclined, the surrounding park offers a peaceful break from the bustle of the city.

In the afternoon, the journey takes you south towards the borough of Xochimilco, known for its accredited World Heritage Site canals and waterways. From there, you will take a boat ride through the famous Trajineras or floating gardens.

The tour wraps up upon your return to the hotel. The rest of the day is at your own leisure to explore Zócalo and the pedestrian area surrounding your hotel.

*Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.*

## Day 3: 17 Feb - Relaxation & Excursions

You have the entire day free to explore the city at your leisure or to join one of the optional excursions. You can witness a lucha libre wrestling match, which is a vibrant blend of sport, theatre, and pop culture in Mexico. Alternatively, you can take a day trip to one of Mexico's Monarch Butterfly Reserves for a serene and breathtaking experience. Or you can do them both.

*Meals: Breakfast. Taco tastings and drinks is also included if you have booked the Lucha Libre excursion.*

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### Day 4: 18 Feb - Exploring Teotihuacan & Tasting Mexico

After breakfast, you head out to explore the ancient city of Teotihuacan, home to the impressive Sun and Moon pyramids, located just an hour from Mexico City. Once one of the largest cities in the world, its origins remain a mystery – adding to the wonder of this archaeological site.

Your local guide will lead you along the Avenue of the Dead, sharing the history and architecture of this fascinating place.

In the evening, you can join an optional cooking class to learn how to prepare traditional Mexican dishes – a fun way to end the day and pick up some new skills!

*Meals: Breakfast and Lunch. Dinner is also included if you are booked into the Cooking Class excursion.*

### Day 5: 19 Feb - Flight to Palenque

It's time to join the other runners!

After breakfast, a bus will take you to the airport for the domestic flight to Villahermosa. Depending on the final number of participants, there will be either one or two departure times. 10.40am and/or 1.15pm. If there are two times, you can request the earlier or later departure. More information can be found in Important Info.

Once you land in Villahermosa, there is about a 2.5-hour drive to Palenque. On arrival you will check in at the hotel and can use the rest of the day and evening to settle in, preparing for the big race weekend.

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.*

### Day 6: 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.*



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### Day 7: 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.*

### Day 8: 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 9: 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.*