

New York 2008
New York Marathon on November 2, 2008

Dear friends,

Thank you for your overwhelming interest to participate in the New York Marathon. Fortunately, most of those who applied for the race were able to attain a starter's ticket which means that approximately 180 Rotarian friends and their companions will meet in New York. Working on an appropriate tour for our stay has taken some time as we wish to include as many highlights as possible. Here our program in curtailed form:

Friday, the 31st of October: Dinner Cruise as the Official Starter

We will enjoy our 4-course dinner (including beer, wine and soft drinks) during a 3-hour cruise on a deck reserved exclusively for the Rotary group. Live entertainment will spice our journey along the spectacular New York skyline and New Jersey coast. This cruise is always described as being a major highlight for New York tourists. Although no rigid dress code is applied, gentlemen are requested to wear a jacket; please note that jeans and sneakers are not considered appropriate attire. Our New York Club host and the District Governor of New York (District 7230) will welcome and accompany us during the dinner cruise.

Saturday, the 1st of November: Group Photograph in the City

We will assemble in front of a major sight-seeing attraction on Saturday morning for the official group photograph. (Please bring your running wear for the picture). Afterwards we will view the sights, either on our own or in small groups. Saturday evening is at your disposal to allow for individual preparations for the marathon event the next day.

Sunday, the 2nd of November: Communal Run

On Sunday we will meet as a group in our customized running dress for a communal start. Porting the Rotary banner and wearing the identical running shirts, we'll definitely stand out as a group. It is our intention to run the first couple of kilometres together.

After the run, there will be ample time for each participant to recuperate. A farewell get-together to conclude the official part of the Rotary Marathon Trip is scheduled for 5:30 pm in a delightful Italian restaurant on Times Square.

Remarks:

Souvenir Shirt:

As in the occasion of the Paris and Berlin Marathons, a souvenir T-shirt will be provided. A decorative cotton shirt with typical New Yorker scenes is included both in the Runner's and the Supporter's Package.

Running Dress:

The Runner's Package will include a running dress in Rotarian blue and yellow, its material having functional qualities. As this attire is also to be used for future events, we have ordered a short form under which warmer clothes can be worn if needed.

Price of the Package:

Supporter's Package includes dinner cruise and cotton shirt New York for €165 per person.

Runner's Package includes dinner cruise, running dress and cotton shirt New York for €240 per person.

Booking Deadline: September 15, 2008

Please use attached form. Payment to be made by credit card or bank transfer.

Any surplus amounts will be donated to the Rotarian PolioPlus Campaign.

Various items offered for sale to support this charity effort such as wine, watches, etc. can be purchased during the starter event.

For comments, suggestions or more information, please contact one of the following:

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Thanks to all participants! We are looking forward to seeing you!