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### **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ROTA MARATHON ON JANUARY 18, 2025**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – Building on the success of its inaugural race highlighting one of the most picturesque islands of the archipelago, the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rota Marathon in The Marianas, on Jan. 18, 2025, featuring a full marathon, half-marathon and 5K courses.

Eighty-three registrants from as far away as Japan joined last January's race on Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend. The MVA will open online registration next month with early bird rates for those seeking a memorable race in the captivating and quaint island of Rota.

“Rota is renowned in The Marianas for its stunning nature and friendly community, and all that adds up to a great weekend experience for visitors in Rota Marathon,” said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “We’ve starting planning this year to give everyone plenty of time to join us for this lovely race. If you’re looking for an escape and a bit of mindfulness, the roadways of Rota Marathon are the place for you!”

Cash prizes will be awarded for top finishers in all races. Mandatory race packet pick-up will be on January 17, 2024, in the late afternoon. Further details will be announced when registration opens at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

Rota is 30 minutes from the capitol island of Saipan via light aircraft.

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**FILE - Roxanne Soriano of Saipan takes in the view of Alaguan Bay at Rota Marathon 2024 in The Marianas. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rota Marathon will be held on Jan. 18, 2025, organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.**

The Marianas is an archipelago of 14 islands - including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota - in the Western Pacific. The Marianas are home to indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people, as well as over 20 different ethnicities from around the world who live and work in this

harmonious tropical paradise. Ancient latte stone limestone monoliths, traditional nature-based ocean navigation not reliant on modern technology, and a culture seasoned by East and West influences are just a few of the experiences found in The Marianas, where pristine sea, sand, and skies are only a 3–4-hour flight from major Asian gateway cities. From South Korea, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights to Saipan from Seoul-Incheon. United Airlines flies three times a week from Tokyo-Narita, Japan, and daily from Guam. Hong Kong Airlines flies twice weekly from Hong Kong. Interisland travel between Saipan, Tinian, and Rota is provided by Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com), Facebook/VisitTheMarianas, or Instagram @themarianas.