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**SAIPAN MARATHON ON MARCH 14, 2020**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** - 2020 Saipan Marathon in The Marianas is set for March 14, 2020, and will include courses for Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, and, for the first time in the marathon's history, 5K.

The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) has opened registration via webscorer.com, with separate sites for International (<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=196894>) and US/CNMI Residents (<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=197420>), as applicable.

For international participants who register by Feb. 14, 2020, the fee for the Full Marathon is \$90, while the Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K are \$60. Registration between Feb. 15-27, 2020, for is \$100 for the Full Marathon is \$100 and \$70 for the Half Marathon/10K/5K. The last day to register for international participants is Feb. 27, 2020, at 5 p.m. (ChST).

A special registration rate is available for residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the USA. For those who qualify for this special rate and register by Feb. 14, 2020, the Full Marathon is \$55, the Half Marathon/10K/5K at \$45, and for students with valid student i.d., \$30. Registration between Feb. 15-27, 2020, for Full Marathon is \$65, for the Half Marathon/10K/5K is \$55, and for students is \$55. Residents of the CNMI and USA who register

from Feb. 28 to Mar. 6 will pay \$95 for the Full Marathon, \$85 for the Half/Marathon/10K/5K, and \$55 for students. The last day to register for CNMI and USA residents in Mar. 6, 2020, at 5 p.m. (ChST).

Valid photo id is required to register. Registration includes the awards banquet, a finishers t-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

Those who register by Feb. 14, 2020, will have their names included in the official 2020 Saipan Marathon booklet and on the finishers photo backdrop and will receive a personalized race bib. Additional fees for these benefits will apply after Feb. 14, 2020.

“We invite all runners and walkers to get ready for the 2020 Saipan Marathon, our prestigious local marathon certified by the International Association of Athletic Federations through the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races,” said MVA Managing Director Priscilla M. Iakopo. “We’re very excited to be adding a 5K course this year to allow more people to participate, especially families and students. We’re looking forward to a great turnout.”

The race start will start and finish at American Memorial Park, starting at 4:30 a.m. for the Full Marathon, at 5:30 a.m. for the Half Marathon, at 5:45 a.m. for the 10K, and at 6 a.m. for the 5K. The cut-off time for the full marathon will be 8:30 a.m. at the half-way point. There is no cut-off time for the Half Marathon, 10K or 5K.

All competitors are required to pick up their race packets on March 13, 2020, at American Memorial Park. Pickup times are 3-4 p.m. for team/groups/tour groups/etc. and 4-6 p.m. for individuals only.

For more information, visit The Marianas Calendar at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com) or contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ed Diaz at 1.670.664.3210 or [ediaz@mymarianas.com](mailto:ediaz@mymarianas.com).



The 14<sup>th</sup> Saipan Marathon will be held on March 14, 2020, in The Marianas, featuring a Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K. Visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com) for more information.

The Marianas are a chain of idyllic islands including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the Western Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers looking for new travel discoveries will find them in The Marianas, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four to five from other parts of Asia and Australia. The Marianas are served daily from Tokyo-Narita in Japan by Delta Air Lines with seasonal flights by Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, Jin Air, Eastar Jet, and T'Way provide direct flights from Seoul-Incheon, and Asiana also provides service from Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong to Saipan are available. Philippine Airlines provides nonstop service from Manila and connects with many cities in China and Southeast Asia. United Airlines has daily flight connections from six cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made to Saipan via Tokyo-Narita, Seoul-Incheon or Guam. Visitors from Russia and Taiwan usually arrive via Seoul, Tokyo or Manila. Interisland travel to Rota and Tinian is provided by United Express (Cape Air) and Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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