



Sunday, September 21st, 2025

It is time to get ready for your travel to the Berlin Marathon. The details below are the itinerary for the 2:09 Events tour, which we hope will make your participation as smooth as possible.

YOUR 2:09 EVENTS REPRESENTATIVE

Mike Gratton is the founder of 2:09 Events, a former London Marathon winner, experienced runner and running coach. He will be staying with you at the Scandic Potsdamer Platz for the duration of your trip. He has been taking trips to the Berlin Marathon for longer than he cares to remember, so he is very familiar with the city and the event.

MEET AND GREET

Mike will be available at the following times at the hotel to answer any questions or to chat about the race, the Expo, Berlin, running or life in general:

Friday 19 September

3.30pm – 5pm (in lobby area)

At 5pm Mike will be leaving the hotel to visit the EXPO if you would like to join him.

The nearest train station to Messe Berlin, the new Expo location, is Messe Süd (Eichkamp) station. To travel there by train, take the S2 to Friedrichstrasse and change to the S3 and get off at Messe Süd for the short walk to the Expo entrance.

Saturday 20 September

The traditional Berlin Breakfast Run has been replaced by the Generali 5K. At the time of writing there were still some entries available through the Berlin Marathon website. The race follows the final 5K of the marathon course, starting in Potsdamer Platz and finishing on Straße des 17 Juni after the Brandenburg Gate. The Generali 5K starts at 10am.

Saturday 20 September

3pm – 4pm (in lobby area). Mike will be in the lobby to answer any last-minute questions.

Sunday 21 September

7.45am – if you want to walk to the start area as a group, meet Mike in the lobby at this time. The walk to the start village near the Reichstag will take 20mins.

8.40 am – any non-running family and friends can meet Mike in reception to travel to the 8K point of the race route (metro ticket required). From there it is possible to take the metro to Yorke Strasse, the 20km point, then walk to Potsdamer Platz, which is approx. 30km on the route, before heading to the finish. The plan is to meet up with other 2:09 Events groups staying at other hotels in Berlin.

If you need to contact Mike at other times to the meet & greet times, you can do so through hotel reception, by phone (+44(0)7921 783613 or e-mail (mike@209events.com)). We will also set up a WhatsApp group for communication during the trip.

YOUR HOTEL – Scandic Berlin Potsdammer Platz ****



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When you check-in just give your name, we do not issue vouchers, but your reservation has been made. The room and breakfast are pre-paid you will only have to pay for any additional items you charge.

A breakfast buffet is included as part of your stay at the hotel, there will be a selection of hot and cold options for you to choose from.

The hotel will offer an early morning breakfast buffet on marathon morning, please check with the hotel reception or with Mike for timings, as this can vary.

TRAVEL FROM THE AIRPORT

Berlin has an excellent integrated transport system using a mix of overground (S-Bahn) and underground trains (U-Bahn), buses, trams and ferries. It all works with German efficiency but can be confusing for first time users.

Berlin Brandenburg Airport is the **new international airport for Berlin**. The majority of UK flights arrive and depart from terminal 1. The Berlin Brandenburg airport (*or BER*) is located in the south-eastern end of Berlin, about 18km from the city centre. There are a number of ways to reach the city centre from Berlin airport. The quickest and most reliable way...**is with the airport express train (FEX)** which leaves from below terminal 1. It runs every 30 minutes (from 4am to 11pm) and will take you from the airport to Berlin Central train station (Hauptbahnhof) where you can connect to a number of underground or overground trains.

If you are going from the airport directly to the Scandic hotel, take FEX towards Hauptbahnhof but get off at Berlin Gesundbrunnen, which is the stop before, and change to the S1 line (towards S Wannsee Bhf) to Berlin Potsdamer Platz. From there it's a five-minute walk to the hotel.

The price for a single ticket (Einzelfahrausweis) from BER to Berlin ABC zones, valid for 120 minutes is € 4.70 for adults.

A better option might be to pre-order a Berlin Welcome Card <https://www.berlin-welcomecard.de/en> which is designed to make travelling around Berlin easier for tourists. See the details at the bottom of this sheet for further information.

Uber or taxi?

If the public train does not appeal to you, you can take a taxi. A metered taxi from Berlin Brandenburg airport to central Berlin will cost you around €45-55 and you will find plenty of public taxis just outside the airport.

If you're more comfortable using an app, you can use Uber. In Berlin, Uber is used as a taxi hailing app so when you get a taxi on Uber you end up riding one of the public metered taxis.

The difference is that payment is automatically managed in the app and you have the convenience of hailing your taxi directly from the App which is a godsend if you do not speak German.

START CARDS NUMBER COLLECTION

You will receive an email direct from the Berlin Marathon organisers with your START CARD (please check your **spam/junk folder**), which you will need when you collect your race number at the EXPO.

Please bring it as either:

- **Print out**
- **WALLET-Document** on your iPhone (iOS)
- **MOBILE TICKET** on your smartphone (Android)

MARATHON EXPO

When:	THURSDAY 18 September	3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
	FRIDAY 19 September	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
	SATURDAY 20 September	9:00am – 7:00 pm

Where: Messe Berlin, Messedamm 22, Eingang Süd (South Entrance) Jaffestrasse, 14055 Berlin. This is a new location from previous years.

The nearest train station to Messe Berlin is Messe Süd (Eichkamp) station. To travel there by train, take the S2 to Friedrichstrasse and change to the S3 and get off at Messe Süd which is the closest train station to the Expo.

RACE MATERIALS

You will need to bring the following to the EXPO:

- **Start card**
- **Official ID (Passport)**

The race materials must be picked up in person at the MARATHON EXPO, you can't ask anyone else to do it for you. You must collect your number by Saturday; there is NO collection on Sunday.

All your pre-ordered products e.g. t-shirts, race number magnets, jacket etc. are for collection at the MARATHON EXPO.

If you are travelling directly from the airport to the Expo, please note that you cannot take suitcases bigger than hand luggage (55x40x25cm) into the Expo. There is a storage area near the entrance where you can leave larger bags for €2.

The Expo is free to enter and there will be up to 160 companies exhibiting and selling running related products. It is expected to welcome close to 100,000 visitors over the three days. If at any time it is deemed to be too crowded runners will take priority over other visitors.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, RACE DAY

Runners can meet Mike in the hotel lobby at 7.45am and he will walk you to the start as a group. Of course, you are also free to go on your own. The race starts in four waves with the first wave leaving at 9.15am (there are some earlier starts for wheelchair athletes).

The waves are already allocated and are based on your best recent marathon time or your predicted time. They are now set, and you cannot change them. All first-time marathon runners will start in wave 4. Any non-running friends or family can meet Mike in reception at 8.40am and travel with him to the 8K point on the route to watch your runners pass by. Please make sure you have a subway ticket as you'll be using public transport.

Official Race Day Information - <https://www.bmw-berlin-marathon.com/en/your-race/race-day-for-runners>

All runners need to bring the following to access the start:

- Bib number
- Wristband or QR band (do not cut this off before the start!)

Only runners can access the start area, and they must do so by showing the wrist band/QR band given to them with their race materials at registration.

If you have booked a bag drop, you need to use the transparent bag you collected with your race number to leave any items at the bag drop. If you booked the Poncho option – wonderfully described as the ‘warming and reusable Poncho’ by the organisers – then you cannot check a bag at the start. If you booked a poncho, a poncho symbol will show on your start number. Any clothing you take to the start should be ‘throw away’ items that you can dispose of as you enter the start corrals.

Spectators – who wish to join Mike, meet in the hotel lobby at 8.40am to go to various points on route to spectate.

You can track your runner using the Berlin Marathon App, which will be available for free download from any App store from the week beginning September 15

See attached copy of the START/FINISH AREA & ROUTE MAP

[BERLIN-MARATHON Start Finish Area](#)

AT THE FINISH

At the end of the race please remember to hand back your timings chip otherwise you will be charged for a replacement.

As usual, each runner will receive a medal in the finish area. Then take your ‘warming and reusable’ Poncho or collect the bag you left earlier. Once recovered, make your own way back to the hotel or arrange to meet friends and relatives at the reunion area close to the Brandenburg Gate.

CHIP RETURN/ CERTIFICATE/ RESULTS

Chip Return: There are six chip return stations in the finish area - see Start/Finish Area Map. These stations are open until approx. 3 pm.

Certificate: Certificates will be available to download (within the results list) after the race on the BMW BERLIN-MARATHON website.

FULL EVENT INFO:

[Berlin Race Information](#)

VISIT BERLIN:

<https://www.visitberlin.de/en>

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Getting around Berlin using the public transport services is very easy. With a valid ticket, ticket holders have access to all public transport in Berlin: S-Bahn, U-Bahn, buses, trams, and ferries. The fare depends on the tariff zone and the ticket's period of validity.

Berlin is divided into three tariff zones: AB, BC und ABC. Tariff zone AB includes the urban area to the city boundary. Zone ABC additionally includes Berlin's surrounding area

One Way Ticket:

A single fare ticket (Einzelfahrschein) is valid for one person and a two-hour journey through the city. Note: It is not allowed to travel in the direction of your starting point. For that you have to buy a new single ticket.

Fares:

Tariff AB: 3.80 Euros,
Tarriff BC: 4.30 Euros,
Tariff ABC: 4.70 Euros

There is a short trip ticket (Kurzstrecke) if you are travelling three stops or less, which costs 2.60 Euro

24-hour ticket

A 24-hour ticket allows 24-hour travel for as many trips as desired. The ticket costs 10.60 Euros in tariff zone AB and 12.30 Euros in tariff zone ABC

Berlin Transport Card

As you are spending a few days in Berlin and using the public transport system (Metro, bus and train), the Berlin tourism office has helpfully created the **Berlin Welcome card**. It's a

little more expensive than the 24-hour tickets but you can buy it in advance, which will make life easier if you don't speak German and if you want to avoid long queues at the ticket machines.

The Berlin Welcome card gives you unlimited travel for 48 hours, 72 hours, 4-day or 5-day period. Make sure you buy the card for **ZONE ABC** which includes *Berlin Brandenburg Airport*.

	Fare Zone AB (Euros)	Fare Zone ABC (Euros)
48 hours	26.90	32.50
72 hours	37.50	42.90
4 days	46.90	53.50
5 days	50.50	55.90

<https://www.berlin-welcomecard.de/en/berlin-welcomecard-visitberlin>

Good Luck and have a great trip!