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MARATHON**

# TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON 2025

## Runner Information

### **EDISON HOTEL OPTION**



Thank you for signing up to the 2:09 Events trip to the New York City Marathon. The race is now just under three weeks away and your training should have reached its peak, and you should be starting to taper for the big day.

Here is a basic itinerary for the trip outlining all the key information you need for your trip to New York and the USA.

Please read the information carefully.

There are more details, including race routes and maps of the marathon start and finish area on the NYRR website <https://www.nyrr.org/tcsnymarathon>

## **BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**

### **ESTA Visa Waiver**

If you are a UK citizen, you do not require a VISA to visit the USA, you can travel under the Visa Waver Programme, to do this you must complete an online application at least 72 hours prior to travel. This is known as an Electronic Travel System or ESTA. If you haven't already done so, apply online at: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>

To complete the ESTA process, you will need your passport details and the address and telephone number of the hotel or accommodation you are staying at. You also have to pay a fee of \$40, although you can travel under the same ESTA for up to two years.

If you are not a citizen of the UK, you will have to complete the appropriate application for your own country. It is your responsibility to make the correct Visa or ESTA application before you travel. You will not be allowed on board a flight unless you have completed this procedure.

## **ARRIVALS IN NEW YORK**

As you have booked a hotel-only option you are responsible for making your own way to the hotel. A taxi from JFK to midtown Manhattan is approximately \$80 including tolls and tips. The basic price is fixed. There is a supplement of \$5 for travel between 4-8pm. If you want to use public transport, it's a little more complicated but cheaper: the best option is to take the Air Train from JFK airport to Jamaica (\$8.25 single journey) and then change on to the subway where you should take the E train in the direction of World T and get off at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue which is a short walk from the hotel. (subway is \$2.90 per single journey). The closest subway stop to the Edison is 49<sup>th</sup> street, but it requires more changes to arrive there whereas the E train is a faster train and goes direct from Jamaica.



## **YOUR HOTEL – Hotel Edison**

A reservation has been made for you at the 4-star Hotel Edison. The hotel holds our group rooming list under 2:09 Events but the hotel does have all your names. You do not need a hotel voucher just present your Passport as ID at check in. The accommodation is pre-paid, along with all associated taxes, on a room only basis. As with is the case with most US hotels, breakfast **is not** included with the booking. The hotel may ask for a credit card at check in to cover any discretionary spend you make while at the hotel.

**HOTEL EDISON, 228 W 47TH ST, NEW YORK, NY 10036 TEL: 00 1 212-840-5000**

Located just steps from Broadway and one block away from Times Square, the Hotel Edison has offered a perfect location to guests of the city for over eight decades. Since its opening day in 1931 when Thomas Edison, the hotel's innovative namesake, turned on the marquee lights of the Edison, the hotel has been setting trends in New York City. Throughout the years, the hotel has been synonymous with celebrity, innovation, and art, with its stylish interiors being used in major productions like The Godfather, Naked City and Birdman.

The hotel features two excellent restaurants, Bond 45 and Friedmans, as well as the Rum House, regarded as one of the best bars in the Theatre District. Room service is offered via Friedmans, and the hotel also has a 24-hour fitness centre. Most importantly you are about 25-30 minutes' walk from the finish of the NYC Marathon in Central Park.

## **YOUR 2:09 EVENTS REPRESENTATIVES**

Mike Gratton will be staying with you at the Hotel Edison throughout your stay. Mike is a former winner of the London Marathon (back in 1983) and was the founder of 2:09 Events. Although he retired from 2:09 Events a few years ago, he still represents the company on a few trips, while also running his own coaching business

If you need to contact Mike, you can do so by phone +44(0)7921 783613 or e-mail [mike@209events.com](mailto:mike@209events.com)

Steven Seaton, the managing director of 2:09 Events, and Gwilym Seaton, who is the head of operations at 2:09 Events are in New York although they are staying at different hotels where we have other groups of runners.

Steven Seaton can be reached on +44(0)7834 431000 or e-mail [steven@209events.com](mailto:steven@209events.com)

Gwilym Seaton can be reached on +44 (0) 7879 822538 or by email [gwilym@209events.com](mailto:gwilym@209events.com)

Mike and Steven will be hosting a recce run covering the last few miles of the course and the finish area of the marathon on Friday October 31. If you would like to join them meet at reception of the Hotel Edison at 7.40am and we'll jog up to the park where we will meet up with other runners from the Warwick hotel.

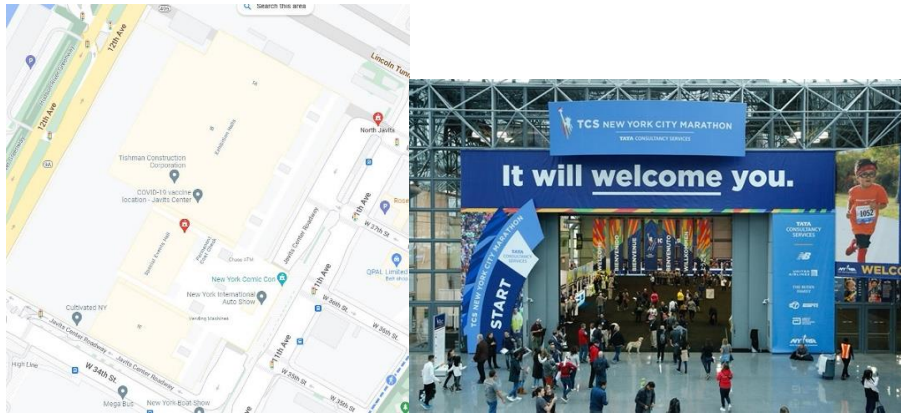
The run will be between 5-6k and will go up to the finish line on Central Park West cut across the park and follow the marathon route for the last two miles. The run will be a gentle pace with frequent stops to explain parts of the route and the operation of the race.

Mike will also be in the reception area of the Hotel Edison at the following times if you need to speak to him about anything connected with the race or the trip.

Friday October 31	<b>7.40am</b> meet in reception in running kit for a 5-6K recce run of the marathon finish as well as the last few miles of the race route in Central Park.
	<b>9.30-10 am</b> Mike will be in reception
	<b>5-5.30 pm</b> Mike will be in reception
Saturday November 1	<b>10-10.30 am</b> Mike will be in reception

### **Race Number Pick up and Collection**

You must collect your race pack in person at the TCS New York City Marathon Expo. You should have already selected a date and time slot to pick up your number. If you can't remember this time, check the dashboard on your NYRR profile which holds all the information you selected for this year's race. You will need to take along a photo ID as well as your runner confirmation form, which was sent to you the week beginning October 13. The expo is held at the: **Jacob K, Javits Convention Centre located at 11<sup>th</sup> Av and 35<sup>th</sup> St.** The Expo is open Thursday - Friday 10am-8pm and Sat 9am-5pm. The walk from the Hotel Edison takes around 20 minutes.



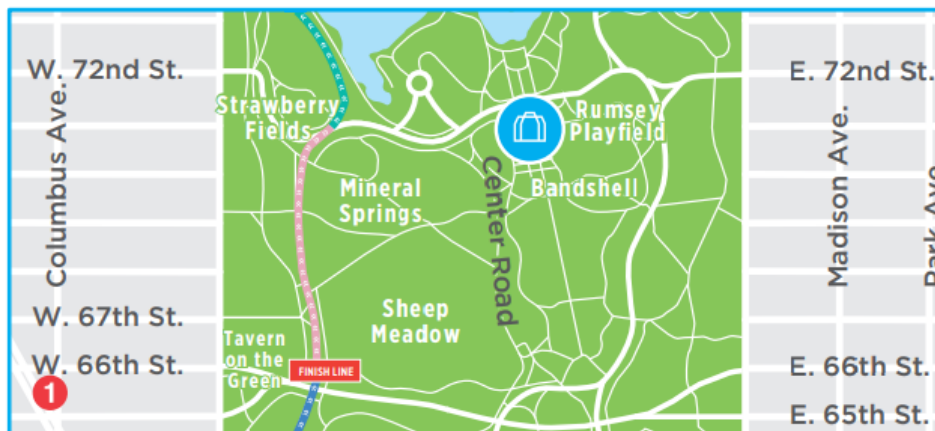
### ABBOTT DASH to the Finish 5K

This pre-marathon 5K takes place on Saturday morning and starts outside the United Nations on 44<sup>th</sup> St and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue at 8.45am. The event is only open to those who have entered in advance. There are no longer any entries available.

If you have entered, you have to pick your number up from the Race Expo on Thursday October 30 or Friday October 31. You will need your race confirmation email to pick up your number. The 5K uses the same finish as the marathon.

### Checked baggage

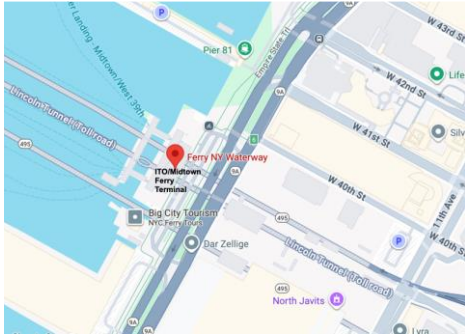
There is no bag check at the start of the NYC Marathon but if you have pre-booked it, you can leave a bag at the finish for collection after crossing the finish line. You have to deposit this bag at the finish on Friday October 31 or Saturday November 1 between 9am-5pm at Rumsey Playfield in Central Park. You can only leave the official race bag which will be given to you at number collection if you have pre-booked this service. Again, if you are uncertain, you can see if you have booked this by checking your NYRR profile.



### Race Day Transportation

There are a number of ways of reaching the NYC Marathon start on Staten Island: buses from NY public library, Staten Island Ferry or the Midtown Ferry. You should have already selected your desired option, and it should be visible on your NYRR dashboard. For those who have selected the (ITO) Midtown Ferry, there are four sailings on Marathon morning: 6am, 7am,

8.30am and 9am. The Midtown Ferry leaves from **Ferry NY Waterway, 459 12th Ave, New York, NY 10001**



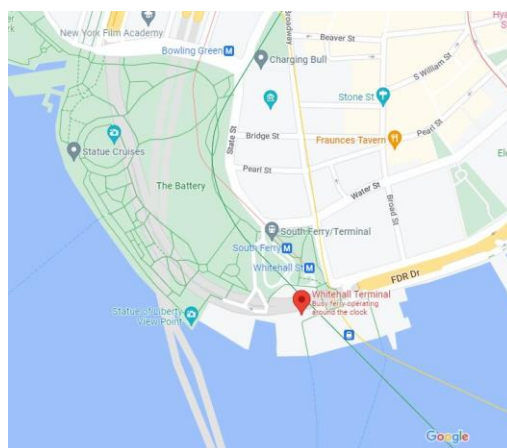
We have a private bus that will take you from outside the hotel directly to either the 6am, 7am or 8.30am/9am **ITO ferry**. You need to be in reception no later than:

- 5.20am to board a bus to take you to the 6am sailing,
- 6.20am for the 7am sailing,
- 7.50am for the 8.30 **and** 9am sailings.

The timing is too tight to drop off for the 8.30am sailing and return to pick up those on the 9am ferry so those on the later ferry (9am) will have to leave at 7.50am and wait at the ferry terminal. If you prefer to walk to the ferry, it is approximately 25 minutes' walk from the hotel.

If you selected this option, it will be printed on your race number with the ferry sailing you have chosen. There is reserved seating on the ITO/Midtown Ferry so only those with ITO/Midtown Ferry and the correct time will be allowed on to those particular sailings.

If you opted to use the Staten Island ferry rather than the Midtown Ferry, it leaves from Whitehall terminal in lower Manhattan.



The best way to travel to the Whitehall terminal is on the subway on the 1 or the R lines, which both have stations close to the Hotel Edison.

Again, the service timings you selected should be printed on your number. Although NYRR say you have to use the service you booked, the Staten Island ferry is a walk on, walk off public service ferry and no one will be checking numbers at the entrance. There are sailings every 15

minutes. The journey takes 25 minutes and when you land at Staten Island there will be an official marathon bus service to take you to the start holding area.

If you have chosen to take the midtown buses, they leave from the New York Public Library at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. The service takes 90 minutes and will take you directly to Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island, which is the holding area for the start. Buses depart between 5am and 6.15am.

### **At the start**



There are five wave starts for the mass field leaving at 9.10am, 9.45am, 10.20am, 10.55am and 11.30am. The elite women start at 8.40am and the elite men at 9.05am.

The only bag you are allowed to use in the start village is the clear bag you were given at registration. Only registered runners are allowed into the start village.

With any of the transport options, it is likely you will be at the start area for some time before you line up and start running. There are ample toilets at the start, as well as water, energy products, bagels and hot drinks - while supplies last. As the start area is on an island surrounded by water it can be extremely cold in early November so pack plenty of old, warm clothes. There is no bag check at the start so you will be throwing these clothes away before you start running. NYRR collect these old clothes, launder them and distribute them to local charities.

When your start time approaches you will be moved to start corrals. This is generally 15-20 minutes before your intended wave starts.

### **At the finish**

When you cross the finish line you will be presented with a medal, a fleece-lined Poncho and runner recovery bag, which contains food and drink. The exit from the park is West 77<sup>th</sup> street which is around 30-40 minutes' walk back to the Hotel Edison. If you are planning to meet up with family and friends after the race, we suggest you do it back at the hotel. Trying to find people in a heavily congested finish area can be very difficult.

## Supporters

Mike will be walking out to watch the runners coming past on First Avenue close to the 17-mile point, which is soon after the runners return to Manhattan. If you would like to join them, please meet in reception of the Edison at 10.40am and we will walk over as a group, with supporters staying at the nearby W Hotel, and then join up with other supporters staying at the Warwick Hotel. It is quite crowded on First Avenue but thins out as the race progresses, you will be standing on the left-hand side of the course as your runners come past. From the 17 mile point it is a short walk over to Central Park East where you can watch your runner again as they come past between 24 and 25 miles, this area is less congested than First Avenue. The final mile to the finish along Central Park South is very congested with spectators, as is the route for the final 400m along Central Park West. Much of that final section has grandstand seating which is ticketed.

Finishing the NYC Marathon is always a great achievement so don't forget the big celebration on Sunday night.

For those of you who have purchased tickets, NYRR is hosting a post-race marathon celebration for the second time year. It is on Sunday night between 7-11pm at Terminal 5, 610 West 56th Street New York, NY 10019.

The party includes music, activations and some surprise guests. It is a ticketed event, and you have to be over 21 to attend, tickets include one complimentary drink at the party.

## Departures

As you have booked a hotel-only package you need to make your own arrangements to return to the airport.



**GOOD LUCK AND HAVE A FABULOUS TIME**