

Polar Circle Marathon itinerary



21 Oct: Optional Pre-Tour Day in Copenhagen

Kick off your adventure with a day in Copenhagen! Though the journey officially starts on October 22nd, you should arrive at least a day earlier in Copenhagen due to the early morning departure to Greenland, and it will give you the opportunity to spend time in this splendid city.

You can join an optional running tour through the city's historic streets with a local guide, and explore Denmark's capital in the best way - on foot.

In the evening, you're invited to an informal tapas dinner at Albatros Adventure Marathons' headquarters, where you will meet your fellow participants and pick up your race pack.

Participants that do not make it to the dinner will receive their race pack at the airport the subsequent morning.

- [Running Copenhagen](#): 8 km sightseeing run through Copenhagen (optional)
- Informal welcome dinner at Albatros Travel HQ
- Receive your race pack (start number, race shirt, etc.)

- Welcome dinner

22 Oct: Copenhagen - Kangerlussuaq: Optional Excursions

The tour officially starts with an early morning flight to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland - a remote Arctic settlement that around 500 residents call home.

After checking in to your chosen accommodation you have the chance to explore the area or hike Mount Hassel for stunning panoramic views. Optional excursions are also available for those eager to discover more of this icy wonderland (see below).

- [Flight from Copenhagen to Kangerlussuaq](#)
- [Check in at Polar Lodge, Old Camp, or Hotel Kangerlussuaq](#)
- [Lunch at respective accommodation and dinner at Hotel Kangerlussuaq](#)
- [Guided hike to Mount Hassel \(2-3 hours\)](#)
- [Tundra Safari & sightseeing](#) (optional)
- [Russell Glacier excursion](#) (optional)
- [Northern Lights Tour](#) (optional)

- Lunch
- Dinner

23 Oct: Route Inspection

Get a first-hand feel for the race terrain with a route inspection to Point 660, where you will be able to test your shoes on the ice sheet.

After driving through a stunning landscape of lakes, moors, and rocky dunes, we will walk the marked route on the ice. Expect freezing temperatures - warm clothing is essential!

In the evening, runners gather for the official race briefing with officials and the medical team. (Note: this is the last chance to change race distances or register for the Polar Bear Challenge).

- *Drive to Point 660 for a walk on the ice sheet*
- *Experience Arctic conditions and test your race gear*
- *Race briefing with officials and medical team*
- *Pasta dinner at Hotel Kangerlussuaq*

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Pasta dinner

24 Oct: Marathon Race Day

Race day is here! At 08.00 in the morning, the full marathon and Polar Bear Challenge runners will be transported to the starting line near the ice sheet, where they will take on one of the world's most extreme races.

After the race we will celebrate at the finish line with a whole-hearted BBQ lunch and unwind with fellow runners. Half-marathon runners and non-runners can spend the day exploring the area on their own or go and cheer on the runners at the finish line. It's not possible to cheer at the start line, as our all-terrain vehicles are in full use.

- *Marathon starts at 09:30 AM – 7-hour time limit*
- *Finish line BBQ lunch for all participants*
- *Semi-pasta dinner at Hotel Kangerlussuaq*
- [*Tundra Safari & sightseeing*](#) (optional)

- Breakfast
- BBQ lunch
- Pasta dinner (for half marathon runners)

25 Oct: Half-Marathon Race Day

Half-marathon and Polar Bear Challenge runners take on their icy challenge today! At 07.00 in the morning, participants will be driven to the starting point near the inland ice. After crossing the finish line runners will be served a sandwich and snack lunch before boarding our all-terrain vehicles that will take all runners back to Kangerlussuaq.

In the evening we will celebrate your exceptional achievement with a festive Greenlandic dinner at Roklubben, where the awards ceremony will take place under the northern lights.

- *Half-marathon starts at 08:30 AM – 4-hour time limit*
- *Light lunch at the finish line*
- [*Russell Glacier excursion*](#) (optional)
- *Greenlandic celebration dinner at Roklubben*
- *Awards ceremony & (hopefully) northern lights sightings*

- Breakfast
- Celebration Dinner

26 Oct: Farewell Greenland or Hello Ilulissat

It's time to say goodbye to Greenland - or continue your adventure with a trip to Ilulissat, home to some of the world's most stunning icebergs! If returning to Copenhagen, enjoy a final Arctic stroll before your flight.

- *Final morning walk or jog in Kangerlussuaq.*
 - *Flight back to Copenhagen or continue your adventure on the [Ilulissat Extension](#).*
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- Breakfast
 - In-flight lunch