



# Salzburg Marathon

Lauffestspiele der Mozartstadt

14.–21. Mai 2023

## Salzburg Marathon celebrates 20th anniversary

The Salzburg Marathon is ready for its 20th jubilee on Sunday, 21 May. The spirit of the anniversary, the flair of the „Mozart City“, the chance for a new course record and a pleasing increase in the number of participants of 15-20% in all main events compared to the previous year increase the anticipation.

„We will celebrate this event together with thousands of running enthusiasts, our partners and sponsors as well as the city and its population,“ says organiser Johannes Langer. Over four days, Salzburg offers a wide range of running events. „Everyone can look forward to an eventful weekend full of exciting attractions and countless emotional moments,“ says Langer.

### Favourites from Kenya: Women’s course record could be broken

Runners from Kenya are the favourites for the marathon race. Simon Kamau Njeri comes to Salzburg with a best time of 2:14:21 hours and the self-confidence of several marathon victories. He triumphed at the Italian marathons in Verona, Treviso and Sacile („Mytho Marathon“) in 2022. His best time is from another victory in Sacile in 2021, furthermore he was already second in the Turin Marathon in 2022 and second in Salzburg in 2017. The men’s course record by Eliud Kiplagat (2:14:16 hours, 2013) looks to be a very hard target, but there is no question that Njeri wants to claim victory this time in Salzburg, too.

The favourite in the women’s race is 25-year-old Doreen Jerop Murkomen. She won the Turin Marathon last year in a personal best of 2:32:37 hours and was also the winner at the 2019 Nantes Marathon. With the support of her personal pacemaker Simon Mwangi Waithaka, she has the potential to improve on the Salzburg course record set by Risper Kimayo (2:35:05 hours, 2011).

The Marathon starts on Sunday, 21 May, 9.00 am. Late entry will be available on Friday and Saturday at the start number pick-up at the SportMall in the Eisarena Salzburg.

### Impulses for an active lifestyle

With its programme and initiatives, the Salzburg Marathon motivates people to lead a conscious, health-oriented lifestyle. This is reflected in the colourful running programme, which takes place in the heart of a beautiful city with the unique combination of sport and culture as well as a magnificent backdrop.

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„Our aim is to motivate the population of Salzburg and active people from all over to exercise more with these impulses. That is why we want to present running in its entirety and with all its facets,“ emphasises race director Langer.

## Four days of running events

The Marathon, the Salzburger Sparkasse Half Marathon, the 10K-Hervis CityRun and the POWERADE Relay Marathon will take place on Sunday, 21 May. All Sunday events finish in front of the „Großes Festspielhaus“ (Large Festival Hall) in the city centre with a breathtaking view of the Fortress “Hohensalzburg”.

Saturday, 20 May is all about family, charity and emotional moments. The Junior Marathon and the charity event #OneMileForASmile - Inclusion Run by Coca-Cola will take place as running events. In addition, 18 sports and exercise stations for children and young people will motivate them to participate, professionally supervised by sports associations and clubs.

Friday, 19 May is the day for the Salzburg Women’s Run. This running and walking competition over 5.5 kilometres is already taking place for the 15th time and thus is celebrating a „jubilee within a jubilee“.

The sporty kick-off already on Thursday, 18 May took place. At the first „Salewa GipfelTreffen“, a speed-hiking competition to the nearby Gaisbergspitze, the focus was on consciously experiencing nature close to the city and at the same time alpine nature in an atmospheric community.

## A sustainable marathon event

Public transport to and from the race is available free of charge to all participants within the region of Salzburg on their day of running. Salzburg Marathon is certified as an ecologically sustainable event by Austrian control authorities. Runners enjoy high quality organic food made of local products at the marathon village. The use of renewable materials and an integrated programme for the reduction of transports and natural resources is in force.

A race report and pictures will be available on Sunday afternoon.

For more information please visit [www.salzburg-marathon.at/en/](http://www.salzburg-marathon.at/en/) or contact Thomas Kofler (Press Officer) [presse@salzburg-marathon.at](mailto:presse@salzburg-marathon.at).

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