



RUNCZECH

RUNCZECH RUNNING LEAGUE 2016



Event calendar | **ENGLISH**

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RunCzech is a league of running events consisting of 7 races held in 5 enchanting cities of the Czech Republic and 1 guest race. Each competitive race meets AIMS/IAAF criteria and therefore offers organization at the highest standards.

The mission of the **RunCzech Running League** is to encourage healthy and active lifestyles by involving different communities in all our activities.

RunCzech has always had strong ties with charity programs and beginning in August 2015 we started a cooperation with **The Realbuzz Group**, organizers of the charity challenge events for the New York and Berlin Marathons. Runners now have even more opportunities to help someone in need when they purchase their starting number for a RunCzech Running League race from a favorite charity. Whether your ambition is a full marathon or a 5k, you can make your run more meaningful by supporting a charity challenge event.

RunCzech is technologically advanced. In 2015 the **RunCzech Application** was launched. The application measures various courses and offers a gateway to access information and news from the RunCzech running world, allows runners to keep abreast of their results, be aware of upcoming events and to create or join running groups. In 2016 we launch an absolutely unique innovation. The first **Prague Digital Marathon** will bring the world of running to a new social level.

Key Symbols:

N^o: Edition | 📍: Distance | 🏁: Start | ⌚: Time limit | 🏃: Race capacity
🏆♂️: Men's event record | 🏆♀️: Women's event record | 🌡️: Average temperature

Title partners



Patrons



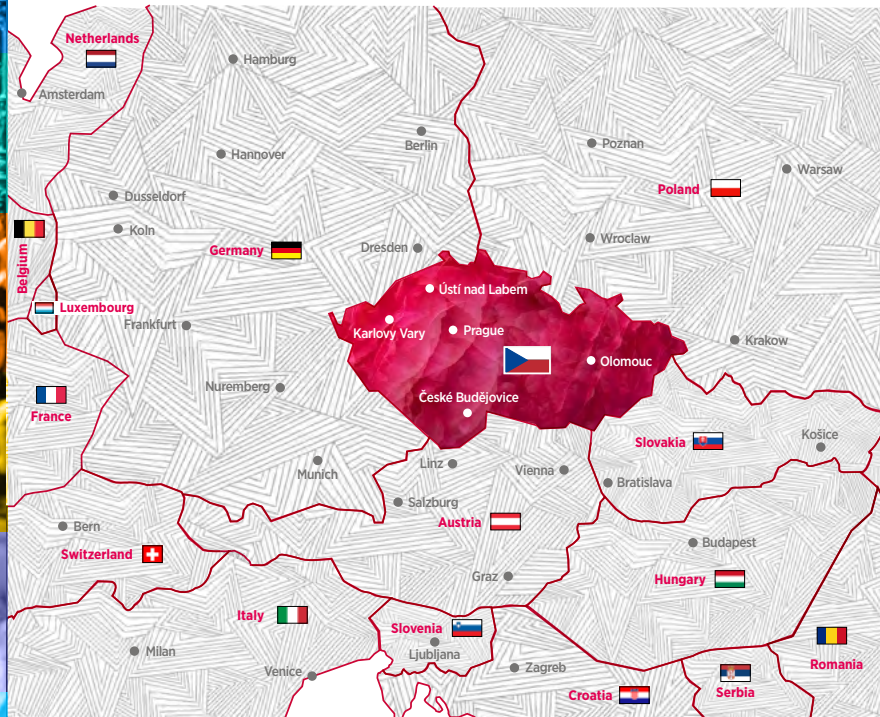
CzechTourism





RunCzech races awarded by a total of **7 IAAF Road Race Labels** attracted many of the world's leading athletes such as: Haile Gebrselassie, Stefano Baldini, Paul Tergat, Dennis Kimetto, Patrick Makau, Zersenay Tadese, Leonard Komon, Stephen Kiprotich, Atsedu Tsegay, Geoffrey Kamworor, Mary Keitany, Wilson Kipsang, Geoffrey Mutai, Moses Mosop, Edna Kiplagat, Emily Chebet and many others who brought hundreds of thousands of visitors and prestige to the Czech Republic. In 2015 **75 742 runners from 108 countries took part in RunCzech events.**

Register in advance – the races sell out quickly! | www.runczech.com



2 APRIL 2016
SPORTISIMO PRAGUE
HALF MARATHON

8 MAY 2016
VOLKSWAGEN
PRAGUE MARATHON

21 MAY 2016
MATTONI KARLOVY VARY
HALF MARATHON

4 JUNE 2016
MATTONI ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE
HALF MARATHON

25 JUNE 2016
MATTONI OLOMOUC
HALF MARATHON

10 SEPTEMBER 2016
BIRELL PRAGUE
GRAND PRIX

17 SEPTEMBER 2016
MATTONI USTÍ NAD LABEM
HALF MARATHON

**COMBINE YOUR PASSION FOR RUNNING WITH EXCITING TRAVEL ADVENTURES
AND DISCOVER THE FAIRY TALE COUNTRY IN THE HEART OF EUROPE!**



SPORTISIMO

HALF DISTANCE,
FULL SATISFACTION



SPORTISIMO PRAGUE HALF MARATHON



N^o: 18th | 📍: 21,0975 km | 🏠: Jan Palach Square | ⌚: 3 hours | 🏃: 11 500

🏆♂: Atsedu Tsegay /ETH/ 58:47, 2012 | 🏆♀: Joyce Chepkirui /KEN/ 1:06:19, 2014 | 🌡: 10 °C

Official race hotel: Hilton Hotels in Prague



2 APRIL

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Start the RunCzech season with the biggest running event in Central Europe! Every year the Sportisimo Prague Half Marathon excites spectators with performances of elite athletes breaking records. Enjoy a course with incomparable scenery in the heart of historic Prague that follows along the Vltava river and crisscrosses five beautiful bridges. Take in majestic views of the Charles Bridge, Prague Castle, the Rudolfinum Concert Hall, the National Theatre, Vyšehrad Castle, and the Dancing House. If you are hoping to improve your time, the Sportisimo Prague Half Marathon offers fantastic speed; in 2012 it set the record as the fastest half marathon in the world! **Half distance, full satisfaction!**

THE CITY & THE REGION

Each city is unique in its own way. Prague, with its hundreds of castles, cathedrals, monuments, and statues, is absolutely exceptional. It is a city of art and music, of architecture and design, of literature and history. Prague is the city of inspiration not only for great writers, poets, artists and musicians, but also for thousands of tourists from all over the world. Come to run in Prague and discover its stunning beauty and charm.

www.praguewelcome.com | www.czechtourism.com



Think Blue.



RUNNING THROUGH
THE CENTURIES!



VOLKSWAGEN **PRAGUE MARATHON**



Nº: 22nd | 📍: 42,195 km | 🏠: Old Town Square, 9 a.m. | ⌚: 7 hours | 🏃: 10 300
(+ 4 800 dm family minimarathon) | 🏆♂: Eliud Kiptanui /KEN/ 2:05:39, 2010
🏆♀: Lydia Cheromei /KEN/ 2:22:34, 2011 | 🌡: 15,6 °C

Official race hotel: Hilton Hotels in Prague



8 MAY



VOLKSWAGEN MARATHON WEEKEND | 5 – 8 MAY 2016

Thursday – Saturday, **5 – 7 May 2016** – Sport EXPO

Saturday, **7 May 2016** – Walk with Dogs

Sunday, **8 May 2016** – Volkswagen Prague Marathon; dm family minimarathon

When you run the Volkswagen Prague Marathon, you are running through the centuries in a city that was built when Emperors chose to make it the capital of Europe. Awe-inspiring views throughout the race course have made this marathon a popular running holiday in the Czech Republic. Start your journey in the Old Town Square, leaving behind the world famous Astronomical Clock and wander through the ancient streets down to the Vltava River, where you'll enjoy a splendid view of Prague Castle while crossing the Charles Bridge – one of the most magnificent Gothic bridges in the world. Well-preserved across the ages, Prague's renowned architectural beauty offers a spectacular glimpse into **history and unforgettable future memories!**

www.praguewelcome.com | www.czechtourism.com



MATTONI



LIKE RUNNING
IN A MOVIE!



MATTONI KARLOVY VARY HALF MARATHON



N^o: 4th | 📍: 21,0975 km | 🏠: nábreží Osvození, 6 p.m. | ⌚: 3 hours | 🏃: 4 000
(+2 000dm family run) | 🏆♂: Elijah Serem /KEN/ 1:01:01, 2015 | 🏆♀: Mulu Seboka /ETH/
1:09:11, 2015 | 🌡: 13 °C

Official race hotel: Thermal Hotel Karlovy Vary



21 MAY

The Mattoni Karlovy Vary Half Marathon is another jewel of the RunCzech Running League. The famous spa town of Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad) invites runners to succumb to the charm of its harmonic atmosphere, outstanding architecture, and great history. A scenic route follows along the Teplá River to the colonnade and continues passing by many charming buildings and promenade halls which appear in famous films. With relaxing spas, regenerating springs and graceful grandeur, the elegance of Karlovy Vary creates a truly unrivaled racing experience — **just like in a movie!**

THE CITY & THE REGION

Situated 120km away from Prague, Karlovy Vary is a popular tourist destination due to its hilly scenery, spa tradition and rich history, recaptured in the breathtaking Baroque and Art Nouveau architecture. Karlovy Vary has attracted many great musicians, scientists, artists and dignitaries of the 19th century: Beethoven, Chopin, Freud, Mozart, Goethe, Franz Joseph I and others. Celebrities still flock here to make beautiful films and to enjoy the annual Karlovy Vary International Film Festival. Explore the whole Karlovy Vary region and visit Loket Castle, Bečov Castle and Chateau, with the unique Reliquary of Saint Maurus, or indulge yourself in the richness of nature in the Ore Mountains.

www.karlovyvary.cz | www.zivykraj.cz

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A SUNSET RUN IN FAIRY
TALE SOUTH BOHEMIA!



MATTONI ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE HALF MARATHON



Nº: 5th | 📍: 21,0975 km | 🏠: Přemysl Otakar II Square, 7 p.m. | ⌚: 3 hours | 🏃: 3 400
(+ 2 500 dm family run) | 🏆♂: Daniel Chebii /KEN/ 59:49, 2012 | 🏆♀: Tadelech Bekele /ETH/
1:10:54, 2012 | 🌡: 19 °C

Official race hotel: Grandhotel Zvon



4 JUNE



Held in the stunning city with over 750 years of history, the Mattoni České Budějovice Half Marathon is one of the most exciting races of the RunCzech Running League with both speed and beauty. It offers a flat and fast course that led to a great result of the race premiere in 2012. Start the race in the colorful heart of the city, in the grand town square, and continue through the 13th century streets, passing interesting landmarks and wonderful green scenery. **Become a part of a lovely sunset run in the capital of South Bohemia!**

THE CITY & THE REGION

There are many exciting attractions in the capital and region of South Bohemia, only 150 km south of Prague. České Budějovice (Budweis) itself boasts one of the largest town squares in Europe and has been famous for beer making since the 13th century. While many towns can produce a good pint, České Budějovice was the imperial brewery for Holy Roman Emperors, allowing visitors today the chance to enjoy the same renowned beer. Step into a fairy tale by visiting the amazing Český Krumlov and the charming village of Holašovice (both are UNESCO world heritage sites) or arrange a romantic trip to the neo-Gothic Hluboká Castle.

www.c-budejovice.cz | www.jiznicechy.cz | www.inbudejovice.cz



MATTONI



ENCHANTING EVENING
RACE IN MORAVIA!

25 JUNE



MATTONI **OLOMOUC HALF MARATHON**



N^o: 7th | 📍: 21,0975 km | 🏠: Horní Square, 7 p.m. | ⌚: 3 hours | 🏃: 6 200
(+ 3 100 dm family run) | 🏆♂: Geoffrey Ronoh /KEN/ 1:00:17, 2014 | 🏆♀: Mary Keitany
/KEN/ 1:06:38, 2015 | 🌡: 18 °C

Official race hotel: NH Collection Olomouc Congress



Have you been to Moravia? The Mattoni Olomouc Half Marathon is the largest running event in this picturesque winemaking region. Enjoy the exceptional atmosphere of a sunset run through this charming Baroque city. The race has won the hearts of runners with its charming course through green parks and cozy lanes crossing the historic Horní Square. **Don't miss this enchanting evening race!**

THE CITY & THE REGION

A visit to Olomouc, which is 288 km from Prague, is a delightful trip to a splendid city in the heart of Moravia. There are only a few regions in the world offering such a combination of architectural monuments (6 are UNESCO world heritage sites), idyllic countryside and local traditions that are hundreds of years old. The same mild weather that produces the sweet Moravian wines also creates a pleasant climate for runners. If you come to the Olomouc region, use a special discount card OLOMOUC REGION CARD. Moravia is a true paradise for tourists and athletes alike.

www.tourism.olomouc.eu | www.ok-tourism.cz
www.olomoucregioncard.cz





FEEL THE ATMOSPHERE
OF PRAGUE NIGHT RUNNING



BIRELL PRAGUE GRAND PRIX



Nº: 21st | 📍: adidas Women's Race 5 km / Birell 10 km Race | 📍: Republic Square,
6 p.m. (5km); 7:30 p.m. (10 km) | ⌚: 45 minutes (5 km); 1,5 hours (10 km) | 🏃: 7 500
(+2 500 adidas Women's Race) | 🏆♂ 10km: Geoffrey Ronoh /KEN/ 27:28, 2014
🏆♀ 10km: Peres Jepchirchir /KEN/ 30:55, 2015 | 🌡: 15,4 °C

Official race hotel: Hilton Hotels in Prague



10 SEPT.



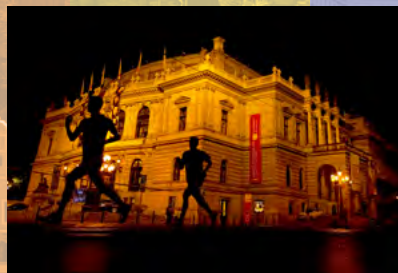
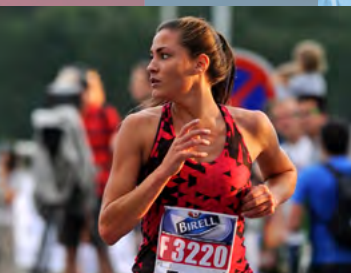
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The Birell Prague Grand Prix is a charming evening race with a mysterious atmosphere in the historical Prague city center. During the first weekend of September Prague streets are full of thousands of runners and spectators alongside the race course. The first race is a ladies only affair. The adidas Women's Race 5km starts on Republic Square and continues over the bridge to the other side of the river. When the sun sets, the next race starts. The Birell 10km Race is open to all runners, both men and women. **Feel the truly unique atmosphere of Prague at night!**

THE CITY & THE REGION

Prague is beautiful in every season, but in autumn, when the colorful leaves hover along the sunlit banks of the Vltava, the city is exceptionally wonderful. You may enjoy being in Prague or you can choose from numerous destinations for a day trip. Some of the most popular places are the Karlštejn Castle, Konopiště Chateau, and the picturesque medieval town of Kutná Hora with the Gothic Cathedral of St. Barbara.

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MATTONI



UNIQUE
ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM!



MATTONI ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM HALF MARATHON



N^o: 6th | 📍: 21,0975 km | 🏠: Mírové Square, 3 p.m. | ⌚: 3 hours | 🏃: 3 600
(+ 2 300 dm family run) | 🏆♂: Philemon Limo /KEN/ 1:00:38, 2013 | 🏆♀: Peres Jepchirchir
/KEN/ 1:07:17, 2015 | 🌡: 13,8 °C

Official race hotel: Hotel Vladimír



17 SEPT.

The Mattoni Ústí nad Labem Half Marathon is different from any other race in the world. Here you have the opportunity to run through the vast Spolchemie chemical factory, over half a million square meters big. After the impressive plant, the course runs through the city to the Elbe, following along the riverside offering beautiful views of the Czech Central Mountains and Střekov Castle. **A race like no other!**

THE CITY & THE REGION

Ústí nad Labem is located in the north of the Czech Republic, only one hour from Prague by car, in the romantic Czech Highlands. The town is nestled in the green valley where tributaries flow to meet the river Elbe. The area offers a striking contrast between massive industrial architecture and sweeping natural beauty. Enjoy a variety of outdoor adventures in the surrounding countryside and nearby Czech Switzerland National Park. You will find among the park's many stunning views the largest sandstone rock arch in Europe, the impressive Pravčice Gate.

www.usti-nad-labem.cz | www.branadocech.cz



SERVICES FOR RUNNERS

Entry fee for all competitive races includes:

- Start number with rented timekeeping chip
- High quality start bag
- Commemorative medal at the finish
- Finish bag with refreshments
- Start bag deposit & changing room
- Free massage before and after the race in the technical area
- Refreshment points and sponge points every 2.5 km
- Medical service along the course and at the finish area

- Intermediate times (every 5 km)
- E-mail and text message with performance info
- Online ranking & diploma
- RunCzech Event Guide
- Free public transport on the race day
- Course closed for traffic
- Live TV broadcasting and/or Internet live streaming
- Special offers from partners
- Runners Party with free refreshments

and a great deal more!



Available:

adidas functional running t-shirt, official adidas event collection, cancellation and injury insurance, medal engraving, Pasta Party and a finish photo, travel & accommodations options, training plans & sessions in running mall.

Sport Expos in the Czech Republic are about more than just running. They are spectacular fairs of active and healthy lifestyles. The **Running Expo Prague** for the Sportisimo Prague Half Marathon, the **Sport Expo** as part of the Volkswagen Marathon Weekend and the **Moravia Sport Expo** at the Mattoni Olomouc Half Marathon offer a great opportunity to pick up your start kit, get pre-race information, check out sports goods and equipment and enjoy an eventful accompanying program.

The Marathon Music Festival is an integral part of each RunCzech event! Not only will the refreshment points give you energy along the course but a number of live music bands as well!

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Official partners



RUNNING MALL

Visit us at the **Running Mall** where you can train with elite runners, hit the Sport Lounge, meet new friends at the PIM Running Club, have a refreshing drink at the Water Bar, check out the latest sporting goods at the adidas running – Prague Marathon Store, and attend a variety of seminars held in the special conference room dedicated to the world famous Czech long distance runner Emil Zátopek and his wife Dana.

The Running Mall is a sport and social center for all those who believe in a healthy lifestyle.

RUNNING MALL
CENTRE OF RUNNING

www.runningmall.cz | www.praguemarathonstore.cz



RUNSOCIAL — PRAGUE DIGITAL MARATHON

Experience running through Prague in your gym! A project is underway which will make it possible for millions of runners around the world to feel like they are running in Prague and other cities of the Czech Republic.

Our new interactive application allows you to race through the virtual course of the Volkswagen Prague Marathon, connecting and comparing performances with other runners along the way. The recording of the marathon race course can be used on treadmills linked up to a tablet or television.

Every year start numbers sell out early but now you can enjoy the thrill of running through Prague anywhere. **Join in the Prague Marathon anytime you want! | www.pimdigital.com**



IAAF LABELS OF QUALITY



The IAAF Quality Labels are the highest award that a road race organizer can receive and RunCzech has earned more Quality Labels than any other race organizer in the world.





















Each year the governing body of athletics assesses the level of individual races and assigns labels based on fulfilling a certain set of criteria. Quality labels guarantee runners that they will be participating in an event that is held to and exceeds top international standards. More than that, it proves the RunCzech passion and commitment to providing the best experience for everyone involved in our races.

We could not have done it alone, thanks to our longstanding efforts and great cooperation and support on behalf of our partners, government and local authorities, associations, institutions and volunteers, the Czech Republic has become the place for world-class long distance running.



OFFICIAL TRAVEL AGENCIES

RunCzech cooperates with the following foreign travel agencies and tour operators:

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • InterAir — www.interair.de • Grosse-Coosmann — www.gro-co.de 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albis Reisen — www.albisreisen.ch
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VO2Maxvoyages — www.vo2maxvoyages.com • Endurance Shop Tour — www.enduranceshoptour.com • Planet Tours — www.planet-tours.fr • Sportifs a Bord — www.sportifsabord.com • Thomas Cook — www.marathon-thomascook.com 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sportravel — www.sportravel.es • Running Travel — www.runningtravel.es
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ZX-Tour — www.zx-tour.com • Yesports — www.yesports.com.cn
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passions Performances www.passions-performances.com • BCD Travel — www.bcd-travel-direct.be 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plaza Maratones — www.maratones.com.mx
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marathon Tours & Travel www.marathontours.com 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run Fun Travel — www.runfuntravel.com • Travelling Fit — www.travellingfit.com
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:09 Events — www.209events.com • Running Crazy — www.runningcrazy.co.uk 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kamel Turismo — www.kamelturismo.com.br
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born2Run Melville Travel — www.born2run.it • Effetto — www.effettoitaly.com • Terramia Tours — www.terramia.com • Ovunque Running — www.ovunquerunning.it 	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Consultant — www.aurinkomatkat.fi • Vetikko Travel — www.vetikkotravel.com 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Futazas — www.futazas.hu
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rogaland Marathon Tours www.rogaland-marathon.no 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R-bies — www.runnet.jp
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRRC Sweden — www.marathon.se/srrc 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penthouse Travel Sporting Tours www.runningtours.co.za

The official organizers of the RunCzech Running League are: Prague International Marathon spol s r.o. and Tempo Team Prague s.r.o.
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