

Press Release
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Great news: Prague International Marathon will start from the Wenceslas Square!

The most prestigious Czech sporting event is almost here, as the 27th Prague International Marathon will take place on May 7. And the organizers have great news about this year's edition: Thousands of runners will set off on the world's most beautiful 42 kilometers from the Wenceslas Square. *"Compared to previous years, when the race start was at the Old Town Square, we have now managed to arrange with Prague representatives to start in the lower part of Wenceslas Square, at Můstek, which brings several advantages. The main ones are the strategic location and even more space and comfort for our runners,"* said Carlo Capalbo, President of the RunCzech organizing committee, which has risen to first place in the number of races awarded with World Athletics Labels.

RunCzech has been organizing marathon runs in Prague for over a quarter of a century. Due to this, the Czech capital has risen among the top 10 cities in the world in terms of race quality and popularity among people. And it is no wonder. A well-prepared event, a beautiful course and spectacular performances have become commonplace at the Prague International Marathon. This time the prestigious event will break out at the second-largest square in the Czech Republic. *"We have already received a lot of reactions, and it is obvious that the competitors and our fans have responded to this news very positively. By starting from the Wenceslas Square we will offer them a slightly different but still unique experience,"* said Carlo Capalbo.

The Marathon Festival will begin on May 4 at the Prague Exhibition Center, where Marathon Expo, the largest sports fair in the Czech Republic, returns after four years. Visitors will be able to enter Pavilions B, C and D free of charge and will be able to find out about new products in the field of running equipment and accessories, healthy



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nutrition, prevention and regeneration and enjoy a varied accompanying program. Runners can also pick up their bibs there.

After the sold-out Prague Half Marathon, there are left the last registrations for the biggest race of the season (www.runczech.cz/registrace). Those who do not feel ready for the challenging 42 km can sign up for the 2Run, in which each of the pair will run a distance of 21 km. The famous event also includes the National Marathon Championship and the dm family mile.



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- Each of the five races are certified by AIMS, have been awarded a 5 Star Road Race standard by European Athletics or have hosted the IAAF (World Athletics) Half Marathon Championships.
- RunCzech races are awarded the quality mark by World Athletic and the Prague International Marathon, Prague Half Marathon and Birell 10k Race received the World Athletics Elite Label Road Race award.
- SuperHalves races have played host to World Record performances (2 in Lisbon, 2 in Prague, 1 in Copenhagen and 3 in Valencia).
- RunCzech organizes running events in cities across the Czech Republic and in Italy, with Napoli Running, and in Japan and China supported by local entities.
- Prague International Marathon spol. s.r.o. ("PIM")/RunCzech was established in 1995 by Carlo Capalbo, President of the Organizing Committee, with the aim of staging a world-class international marathon in Prague.
- Nearly 1.2 million runners have participated in RunCzech events since its inception. In 2019, we welcomed over 120 000 finishers from 101 different countries.
- ALL RUNNERS ARE BEAUTIFUL is our way of welcoming everyone to the world of running.
- Initiatives like RunCzech Running League and SuperHalves were created to motivate casual runners. To support elite European athletes, we created the EuroHeroes Challenge.
- RunCzech Racing is dedicated to the development of young athletes, community ties, and sporting excellence. Eight World records so far and over 150 podium finishes for our team!
- In 2021, RunCzech introduced the unique running invention called The Battle of the Teams. "Professional marathoners competing in teams, strategically drafted based on their collective personal bests, giving each team a serious chance to win gold".
- We host other events such as our Bambini Runs, Family Runs and Junior Marathon Championship to encourage youth participation.
- Our FreeRun courses form a network of running trails across the Czech Republic.
- Our Running Mall serves as the epicenter of the running world in Prague.
- All accompanying information regarding RunCzech can be found at this link:

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