

# MATT GRAHAM TRAVEL



Weekend Travel &  
Accommodation Packages  
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2013 VIRGIN  
LONDON MARATHON

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The London Marathon is a unique event which brings together over 30,000 runners from across the spectrum; fun runners to elite athletes; celebrities to thousands of ordinary people; charity runners to people running to achieve their own personal goals.

Simply completing the 26.2 miles of the marathon is no mean achievement in itself, but it is the peak of a mountain of dedicated training and preparation fraught with pitfalls. Not the least among these is the logistical problem of getting yourself and your supporters to the Start line, fresh and eager to run the race of your life.

The first time I ran a marathon I drove myself there, was stuck in traffic on the approach and had to abandon my car and run a mile to arrive at the Start just in time! What a warm up! I decided there had to be a better way!

For the past twenty-one years I have been dedicated to providing hassle free travel to and from the London Marathon, linked with first class accommodation and post-race facilities. I am assisted by an experienced and dedicated team whose one aim is to enable you to enjoy the race of your life with a minimum of stress.

Each year I am joined by a band of runners and their families, covering a broad range of ages, abilities and experience. Join us and share your Marathon experience with supportive like-minded people, dedicated to running the London Marathon in style.

*Matt Graham*

## FAQs Frequently Asked Questions

I'm not entered for the Marathon, do you have any guaranteed places?

No, you need to sort out your own place before you book with me. Entries for 2013 are now closed but several charities are still looking for sponsorship volunteers for their Gold Bond places. Check them out on the London Marathon website.

I've got my place in the Marathon and I've already booked my hotel but your Support Pack looks like just what I need – have I left it too late? Do I need to book accommodation with you to take advantage of your facilities?

No problem! Everyone is welcome. Just book the support pack without accommodation. Let me know where you are staying and we will fix up suitable pick-up points for you.

I want to bring my family so they can cheer me on but they don't know their way around in London, will they be OK while I'm running?

Yes, they will travel with you to the Start. Then we have an escorted Spectator Service, which will take them from the Start to the Finish by coach, so they can meet you at the Finish and travel on the shuttle with you back to Jurys Inn.

I'm travelling from Scotland, what's the best way to get to London?

Last year several runners flew by Easyjet and Ryanair to Luton or Stansted to be met by one of my coaches, which took them direct to the Marathon Exhibition for Registration. Why not do the same this year? N. Ireland & Isle of Man included!

My friend and I are running together and want to share a room but he lives in Cornwall and is travelling by car. I live in Manchester and want to come by coach.

No problem! Just let me know the details and I will make sure you meet up, staying at the same hotel.

I don't want to book just yet – I'm not sure how well my training is going – is that all right?

It's up to you but bear in mind that last year all my rooms were booked by mid-March and I, unfortunately, had to turn people away. Even with more rooms this year the same thing is likely to happen.

Don't leave it too late!

# The Matt Graham Travel Packages

## The Support Pack

**Available to all**, this is the ideal stand alone option for Runners who have already sorted out their hotel accommodation or are staying with friends or relatives. The Support Pack is included in my Budget and Superior Hotel accommodation packages.

- Coach transfer to the Marathon Exhibition for Registration from central London – all main rail stations and Victoria Coach Station. **Saturday Noon.**
- Coach transfer **via Marathon Finish** to Matt Graham Travel hotels or convenient central drop-off point. **Saturday afternoon**
- Coach transfer from MGT hotels and central London pick-up to Marathon Start (Runners and families travel together). **Sunday morning**
- Drop-off in sight of all three Start Areas. **Sunday morning**
- Spectator Service for families and friends after the Start – escorted rapid transfer from Greenwich to the Finish. **Sunday Noon**
- Shuttle transfer from the Finish for runners and families to Jurys Inn Islington, our Flagship Hotel. **Sunday all afternoon**
- Shower & Changing Facilities for runners. **Sunday all afternoon**
- Post-race buffet lunch meal for runners and families. **Sunday all afternoon.**
- Your luggage transferred to safe storage while you run. **Sunday**
- Optional coach travel from North-west, North-east, Yorkshire and Midlands to London. **Saturday morning, returning Sunday evening.**
- Optional three course Marathon Dinner at Jurys Inn Islington. **Saturday evening.**

Support Pack Price	£110.00 per person (Children £60.00 each )
Coach travel	£40.00 return per person (Children £20.00 each)
Marathon Dinner	£20.00 per person (includes minibus transfer from Hotel Montana and Hotel California in Argyle Square).

# The Matt Graham Travel Package

## Budget Hotel Accommodation

I have secured budget accommodation at small private hotels close to Jurys Inn Islington (my Base Hotel) and close to Kings Cross, St Pancras and Euston Stations. Single rooms at a supplement are available but Runners travelling alone can opt to share with other runners, leaving it to me to find the sharers.

At the **Hotel Montana**, rooms are basic single, twin or triple rooms with shower, wash basin, tea/coffee facilities & TV. Toilet facilities are located along the corridor. The hotel has a few twin & triple rooms with full en-suite facilities available at a supplement of £10 per person.

At the **Hotel California** all rooms are en-suite with single, twin, double, triple and quad options available.

A full English breakfast with cereals is included at both hotels, and will be available at 07.00 am to allow an early departure to the Marathon Start.

Matt Graham Travel Representatives will be resident in each hotel to help with any problems.

The coach transfer to the Start on Sunday morning will be from your hotel. The post-race facilities will be provided at Jurys Inn Islington, and I will transfer your luggage there during the race.

These hotels don't have restaurant facilities apart from breakfast, so the Saturday evening meal is not included in the price. My Marathon Dinner at Jurys Inn is excellent value – a three course meal with a glass of wine and with a complementary mini-bus transfer for only £20.00. The Dinner is also a very good opportunity to meet other runners from all over the country before the Race. Alternatively a wide range of eating options is available around Kings Cross Station, across the road from the hotels.

### Prices for Hotel Montana (B&B plus the Matt Graham Support Pack)

Single	145.00
Twin or Triple per person	130.00
En-suite supplement (twin or triple only) per person	10.00
Matt Graham's Marathon Dinner (inc. Mini-bus transfer) each	20.00

### Prices for Hotel California (En-suite B&B plus the Matt Graham Support Pack)

Single	175.00
Double, Twin, Triple or Quad per person	150.00
Child aged 16 or under sharing with parents	90.00
Matt Graham's Marathon Dinner (inc. Mini-bus transfer) each	20.00

# The Matt Graham Travel Package

## Superior Hotel Accommodation

### Three /Four Star Accommodation at Jurys Inn Islington

Jury Inn Islington is a modern, stylish, purpose built hotel located just around the corner from the famous Angel and close to Kings Cross and St Pancras mainline rail stations.

The hotel has a bar, restaurant and 24-hour reception. The Saturday evening dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant.

**Our post Marathon facilities on Sunday afternoon will be at Jurys Inn Islington, with coach transfer from near the Finish.**

The hotel has recently been refurbished to a very high standard and all of the bedrooms are en-suite with tea/coffee making facilities, flat screen TV and internet connection.. Most of the bed rooms are furnished with a double bed and a single bed allowing double or twin occupancy, a family with one child or three adults sharing.

**Single Accommodation** Single runners have the choice of sharing a twin room with another runner at the normal adult price, or if you prefer not to share, having a double/twin room for single occupancy at the higher price shown in the price list.

If you will be travelling alone but want to share simply write "TO SHARE" after your name on the booking form and I will match you up with someone in the same situation.

**Family Accommodation** A few rooms have a double bed and a double sofa bed, these rooms are available for two parents together with two children. The hotel also has a few pairs of rooms which interconnect for more flexible family occupation.

### Prices for Jurys Inn Islington (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast plus the Matt Graham Support Pack)

Single Occupancy	255.00
Single Runner to share with another Runner	195.00
Double or Twin per person	195.00
Child aged 4-16 sharing with parents	95.00
Infant (three years and under)	35.00
Discount for triple occupancy (double bed & single) per person	10.00

# The Matt Graham Travel Package

## Extra nights

Most people have work and other commitments, which make a one night stay their only option.

If you are able to stay longer there are plenty of reasons to do so:

You could travel down on Friday, go early to the Marathon Exhibition to register and then have time free for sightseeing, shopping or to go to a show.

You might like to stay Sunday night so that you can get a good night's rest before making the return journey. In fact I recommend this option particularly if you intend to drive home after the Marathon.

Whatever the reason, accommodation is available at each hotel on a bed & breakfast basis:

### Extra Night Prices for Hotel Montana (B&B only)

Single	50.00
Twin or Triple per person	40.00
En-suite supplement (twin or triple only) per person	10.00

### Extra Night Prices for Hotel California (B&B only)

Single	80.00
Double, Twin, Triple or Quad per person	55.00
Child aged 16 or under sharing with parents	30.00

### Extra Night Prices for Jurys Inn Islington (B & B only)

Single Occupancy	140.00
Single Runner to share with another Runner (if available)	80.00
Double or Twin per person	80.00
Child aged 4-16 sharing with parents	35.00
Infant (three years and under)	15.00
Discount for triple occupancy (double bed & single) per person	10.00
<b>Discount on food and beverage in the restaurant</b>	<b>10%</b>



# Travel to London

In the early years of the London Marathon, most runners travelled by coach with only a handful of independent travellers. More recently, with the advent of budget air travel and availability of low cost rail travel for advance booking, there has been a shift towards independent travel.

In response to this I provide coach pick-ups at Luton and Stansted Airports as well as all the main line rail stations and coach stations in Central London to transfer to the Marathon Exhibition for Registration.

This year I will be providing coach travel on Saturday morning on three routes:

Coach LA - From Lancashire and Greater Manchester via the M6, with pick-ups en-route through the West Midlands (includes Manchester & Birmingham Airports).

Coach SK - From Skipton, Bradford and Leeds via the M1, with pick-ups en-route through the East Midlands (includes East Midlands and Luton Airports).

Coach NE – From Newcastle via the A1/M11 with pick-ups en route through Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and East Midlands (includes Stansted Airport).

For runners travelling by rail or National Express coach I will have a transfer coach picking up at all main line rail stations and Victoria Coach Station, shortly after Noon on Saturday. This transfer is included in the Support Pack.

These coaches will take you direct to the Marathon Exhibition with ample time for runners to register, before continuing to your hotel. Your luggage will be taken to your hotel by my team while you are in the Exhibition.

For runners travelling by car, there is a secure car park close to Jurys Inn Islington, with preferential rates for hotel guests. The coach transfer to the Exhibition will be available from Jurys Inn shortly after Noon on Saturday. The hotel and car park are situated outside the Congestion Charge Zone.

## Prices for Coach Travel

	£
Adult return, each	40.00
Child return , each	20.00
Luton Airport (one way only), each	25.00
Stansted Airport (one way only), each	25.00



## How to book

You can make a provisional booking by 'phone or e-mail. If you do this, your booking will be held for seven days awaiting receipt of a completed booking form and your deposit or full payment.

When I receive payment from you I will send you an invoice and other documentation to confirm your booking.

Up until Friday 1 February 2013 you may book by sending me a completed booking form with a deposit of £30 per person. This deposit is not refundable. Full payment of the balance will be due on Friday 22 February 2013.

After Friday 1 February 2013 full payment is required at the time of booking. If you are booking after the end of January, I recommend that you telephone to check availability and book provisionally. This is particularly important if your requirements are out of the ordinary (eg a large group or a family with more than 2 young children), so that we can discuss the options available to you before you book.

I accept payment by cheque, postal order or by bank transfer (transfer details on request).

## Conditions of Booking

1. To book, complete the booking form and return it to Matt Graham Travel with a non-returnable deposit of £30.00 per person (full payment after 1 February 2013).
2. Provisional telephone bookings & e-mail bookings will be held for seven days awaiting receipt of your booking form and deposit or full payment.
3. Payment will be by Cheque, Postal Order or Bank Transfer. Credit/debit card facilities are not available.
4. Full payment of the balance due is required by **Friday 22 February 2013**.
5. **Bookings made after Friday 1 February 2013 must be accompanied by full payment.**
6. You are responsible for your own entry for the Virgin London Marathon. Matt Graham Travel does not have any guaranteed entries and is unable to handle your entry for you.
7. Correspondence about your booking will be sent to the lead name on your booking form. He or she will be responsible for payment and for passing relevant information to the rest of the group. However, the final arrangements for the weekend will also be sent separately to each Runner wherever possible.
8. Prices for hotel accommodation include the Support Pack facilities. Bookings for the Support Pack without accommodation are accepted.
9. Superior accommodation is located at Jurys Inn Islington. Budget accommodation is located at the Hotel Montana and Hotel California.
10. The Weekend prices include:
  - Budget Bed & Breakfast accommodation at Hotel Montana & Hotel California.
  - Superior B & B accommodation at Jurys Inn Islington.
  - Three course Dinner at Jurys Inn on Saturday (**optional extra for Budget bookings** )
  - Bus & Coach transport in London, throughout the weekend as specified in the itinerary.
  - Post-race shower & changing facilities at Jurys Inn Islington.
  - Post-race complementary buffet meal at Jurys Inn Islington.
  - Spectator coach service to the Race.
11. The weekend price does not include:
  - Travel to and from London
  - Your own transport to and from your pick up point (see note 16)
  - Meals, drinks & refreshments except as specified in the itinerary.
  - Telephone calls, internet charges and other extras at the hotel.
12. Some charities have arranged their own facilities for their runners on Saturday evening and after the race. Where these replace the Matt Graham Travel facilities it is possible to claim a price reduction.

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13. The weekend prices include a return coach transfer from Central London to the Marathon Exhibition on Saturday for Independent Travellers. There is no reduction for Independent Travellers who make their own arrangements to go to the Exhibition.
14. Cancellation. The weekend is offered subject to a minimum of 35 passengers. In the unlikely event of Matt Graham Travel having to cancel the Weekend, you will receive a full refund of your payments. My final date for cancellation by me is **Friday 25 January 2013.**

**If you have to cancel your booking, the following charges will apply (as a percentage of the total cost):**

<b>Up to Friday 22 February 2013,</b>	<b>deposit only</b>
<b>Up to Friday 15 March 2013,</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Up to Friday 5 April 2013,</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>After Friday 5 April 2013,</b>	<b>100%</b>

15. Insurance. In accordance with “The Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992” all passengers booked with Matt Graham Travel are fully protected for the initial deposit and subsequently the balance of all monies paid to us, arising from cancellation or curtailment of the holiday arrangements due to the insolvency of Matt Graham Travel.  
**We strongly recommend that you take out holiday insurance to cover cancellation, illness, injury and personal belongings.**
16. You will be responsible for your onward travel from your set down point on the return journey. The coaches will not make detours from the prescribed route, although intermediate set-down points **en-route** can be arranged in advance.
17. Independent travellers (including those picked up at Luton & Stansted Airports) are responsible for their own return travel **from Jurys Inn Islington.** Matt Graham Travel is not responsible for you being able to make departure times for coach, train or air services. You are expected to allow adequate time between completing the race and the departure of your return transport – Matt Graham can advise on this.

# 2013 LONDON MARATHON WEEKEND BOOKING FORM

Mr/Mrs etc.	First Name	Surname	Runner R	Age
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Please bracket names sharing a room

Put **S** in the **Age** column to identify singles who require a shared room

Number in group	
Name of club or Charity	

Address for correspondence:


Contact phone numbers:

Daytime	
Evening	
E-mail (print clearly)	

*I have read and accept the conditions of booking*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

How do you intend to travel to London?      (Circle your choice)

MGT Coach   Car   Train to (Name of Station)   Air to (Name of Airport)   Other (specify)

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<b>Support Pack</b>	Persons	Price per person £	Total £
Adult		110.00	
Child		60.00	
<b>Coach Travel</b> Adult Return		40.00	
Child Return		20.00	
Luton Airport (one way only)		25.00	
Stansted Airport (one way only)		25.00	
<b>Matt Graham's Marathon Dinner</b>		20.00	

<b>Superior Accommodation, Jurys Inn Islington</b>	Persons	Price per person £	Total £
Double or Twin <b>per person</b> including <b>single to share</b>		195.00	
Single Occupancy of double or twin		255.00	
Child (4-16 years) sharing with parents		95.00	
Infant (3 years and under)		35.00	
Discount for 3 adults sharing(NB 1 double & 1single)		10.00	
<b>Budget Accommodation, Hotel California</b>			
Single		175.00	
Adult to share		150.00	
Child (4-16) sharing with parents		90.00	
Infant (3 years and under)		35.00	
<b>Basic Accommodation, Hotel Montana</b>			
Single		145.00	
Adult to share, each		130.00	
En-suite supplement (twin/triple only), each		10.00	
<i>Total Amount Due</i>			
<b>Total Enclosed (£30 deposit per person before Fri. 1 February 2013)</b>			

<b>Extra Nights</b>	Persons	Price per person £	Total £
<b>Hotel Name: *</b>			
Single/Single Occupancy		*	
Adult to share		*	
Child (4-16) sharing with parents		*	
Infant (3 years and under)		15.00	
En-suite supplement (Hotel Montana)		10.00	
Discount for 3 adults sharing (Jurys Inn)		10.00	

\*insert as required

For group bookings separate cheques are acceptable.