

The Marathon

Venue Information

The marathon will start in front of the National Museum, on the east side of Tian'anmen Square, and will finish in the National Stadium ("Bird's Nest"). The route goes along Chang'an Avenue, past the Temple of Heaven, YONGDINGMEN, the China National Grand Theatre, Capital Gymnasium, ZHONGGUANCUN Street, Peking University, Tsinghua University, Olympic Sports Center, and finishes in the National Stadium.

Olympic event: **Marathon**



Olympic dates: Aug. 17 for women and Aug. 24 for men

Route distance: 42.195 km

Marathon Route

- **Start:** East side road of Tian'anmen Square
- **Route:** East side of Tian'anmen Square (south to north) - East Chang'an Avenue (eastward) - NANCHIZI, NANHEYAN Junction and Beijing Hotel (HQ of the IOC in Beijing) - WANGFUJING South Junction (southward) - TAIJICHANG Street - QINIAN Street (southward) - north gate of Temple of Heaven - Temple of Heaven - Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests (west side) - south gate of Temple of Heaven - YONGDINGMEN East Street - YONGDINGMEN Gate Tower (northward) - YONGDINGMEN Inner Street - QIANMEN Street - eastward around QIANMEN Gate Tower - East side road of Tian'anmen Square - past the start point in front of the National Museum - East Chang'an Avenue (westward) - China National Grand Theatre - ZHONGHUAMEN - XIDAN Square - Cultural Palace of the Nationalities - TAIPINGQIAO Street Junction (northward) - ZHENGXIE Auditorium - TAIPINGQIAO Street (northward) - ZHAODENGYU Road - PING'AN Street (westward) - GUANYUAN Bridge - CHEGONGZHUANG Street - SHOUDU TIYUGUAN South Road Junction (northward) - Capital Gymnasium - ZHONGGUANCUN South Street - Black Bamboo Park - National Library - PLA Arts Academy - Friendship Hotel - DANGDAI Department Store - ZHONGGUANCUN - Side Road of North 4th Ring Road (westward) - HAIDIAN Bridge (northward) - YIHEYUAN Road - enter southwest gate of Peking University (eastward) - exit through east gate (northward) - ZHONGGUANCUN North Street - enter Tsinghua University campus through west gate (eastward) - past Mechanical Engineering Building - Main Building of Tsinghua (southward) - YEJING Building - exit the university through south gate - ZHONGGUANCUN East Road - Automation Building - ZHICHUN Road (eastward) - DAYUNCUN - XUEZHI Bridge - HUAYUAN Road - BEITUCHENG West Road - JIANDE Bridge - CAS Microelectronics Institute - XIONGMAO Roundabout (northward) - Olympic Sports Center - BEICHEN Bridge - enter the Olympic Green
- **Finish:** National Stadium

Spectator Tip

1. The start of the marathon is a non-ticketed event, and spectators can watch the race from the sidewalks along the route.
2. The finish in the National Stadium is a ticketed event, and spectators can watch the final sprint to the finish line. There will be cultural performances in the Stadium to entertain spectators as they wait for the marathon runners to enter.

