THE GREAT REFRESH



Runners guide 2027.

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WELCOME TO THE PLITVICE MARATHON

Welcome to Plitvice Lakes.
One of the most unique natural locations in Croatia, where sport and nature have been creating a special atmosphere for decades.

The Plitvice Marathon is a race that brings together professional runners, recreational athletes, families, and outdoor enthusiasts.
Whether you are running 5 kilometers or the full marathon, you become part of a story that has been built here for 42 years.

The course leads through forests, alongside lakes, and through the landscape of the UNESCO-protected Plitvice Lakes National Park, offering an experience that is difficult to compare with any other race.

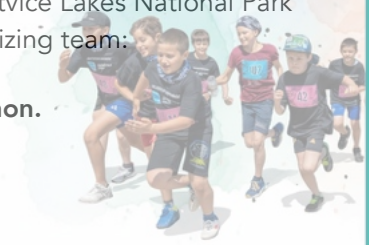
Our wish is for this weekend to remain a beautiful memory for you – not only because of your result, but also because of the atmosphere, the people, and the extraordinary location where you are running.

To make your stay at Plitvice as pleasant and simple as possible, we have prepared this guide with the most important information to help you focus on what truly matters – the race experience.

Behind this event stands a team of more than 100 people – organizers, volunteers, National Park staff, emergency services, and partners – all working together to ensure that every part of your arrival, stay, and race experience is safe, smooth, and enjoyable.

On behalf of all employees of Plitvice Lakes National Park and the The Great Refresh organizing team:

Welcome to the Plitvice Marathon.



SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 05.06. - location ŠRC Mukinje

Time	Description
09:00 - 16:00h	Race Pack Pickup for All Races
09:00 - 15:00h	Registration for Children's Races
15:45h	Start of the 100 m Race for Children Aged 3 to 4
16:00h	Start of the 100 m Race for Children Aged 5 to 6
16:15h	Start of the 200 m Race for Children Aged 7 to 9
16:30h	Start of the 500 m Race for Children Aged 10 to 12
16:45h	Awards Ceremony for the Children's Races
17:30h	Start of the 5 km and 10 km Races
19:00h	Finish of the 5 km and 10 km Races
19:00h	Awards Ceremony & Raffle Draw
18:00-20:00h	Continuation of Race Pack Pickup for the 42 km and 21 km Races

SUNDAY 06.06. - location ŠRC Mukinje

Time	Description
07:00 - 8:00h	Race Pack Pickup
9:00h	Start of the Plitvice Marathon and the Valentine Valjak Half Marathon
12:00h	Finish of the Valentine Valjak Half Marathon
12:00 - 15:00h	Serving of Hot Meals for Participants
14:00h	Awards Ceremony for Both Races & Raffle Draw
15:00h	Time Limit for Completing the Plitvice Marathon

*For runners staying at Hotel Jezero and Camp Korana, race packs will be waiting in their rooms.

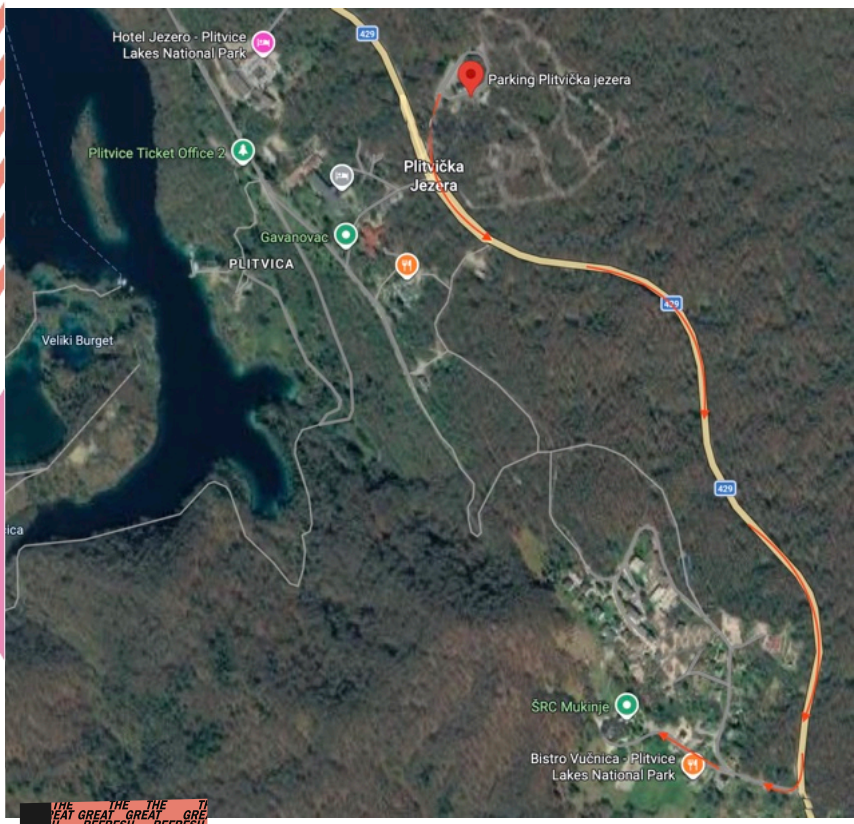
LOCATION

ŠRC Mukinje (Sports and Recreation Center) is the main hub for all pre-race activities and post-race entertainment. Within the center you will find toilets, showers, and changing rooms. There is also the Sport Café Bar, where you can enjoy a coffee or grab a snack.
To ensure better traffic flow and easier movement for both participants and vehicles, we kindly ask you to use the designated parking area and the National Park shuttle transfers operating between the parking area and ŠRC Mukinje.



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Google location: CLICK HERE

PARKING & SHUTTLE TRANSFER





You received a Parking 2 voucher by email. With this voucher, you can park free of charge at the location marked on the map. No need to print it.

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SHUTTLE TIMETABLE (every 15–20 minutes)	
Saturday, June 5th (Parking 2 –ŠRC –Parking 2)	9:00 - 20:00h
Sunday, June 6th (Parking 2 – ŠRC – Parking 2)	7:00 - 8:30h
Sunday, June 6th (ŠRC – Parking 2 – ŠRC)	12:00 - 16:00h
Sunday, June 6th – One Shuttle Transfer from Camp Korana	7:00h
* Walking Time: Hotel Jezero – Parking 2	13min

RAFFLES POWERED BY BikerSHOP

The luckiest runners will have the chance to win some amazing prizes provided by our partner **BikerSHOP** — and maybe even head home with two brand-new wheels!

To make sure the prizes are not all taken by just one lucky winner, our sponsors have also prepared additional rewards.

Raffle Rules:

- each runner will receive, together with their bib number, a raffle ticket with the same number. The ticket must be placed into the raffle box located in the race pack pickup area;
- At the time of the raffle draw, the winner **must be personally present** and, upon presenting a valid ID document, will be able to collect the prize.;
- If the winner does not respond when their number is drawn, a new winner will be drawn one minute later.

Prize Draw Times:

- On Saturday at 19:00, the winner of the bicycle will be drawn;
- On Sunday at 14:00, the winner of the valuable **e-bike** will be drawn!

For more details about the bikes and prizes, follow us on Facebook and Instagram, where we'll be sharing updates in the coming weeks!

COURSES

All courses at the Plitvice Marathon are held exclusively on paved roads, therefore road running shoes are recommended.

Marathon 42km
Time limit: 6h (8:32/km)
Total elevation gain: ~1100m

Polumaraton 21km
Time limit: 3:30h (12:00/km)
Total elevation gain: ~506m

Categories:
- Men's and Women's Overall Categories;
- Age Categories (under 25, 26–35, 36–45, 46–55, 56–65 and 65+)
- Team Category (minimum of 10 runners combined in the 21 km and 42 km races).

Wannabe 10
Time limit: 140 min (12:00/km)
Total elevation gain: ~263m

Plitvice five
Time limit: 70min (12:00/km)
Total elevation gain: ~146m

Categories:
- Men's and Women's Overall Categories;
- Team (minimum of 10 runners combined in 9 and 5km races).

Link to Course Profiles and GPX files:
CLICK HERE.

Team Competition Scoring

The team ranking is determined by the combined results of the 10 highest-ranked runners in each race classification, separately for men's and women's categories.
The team with the lowest total number of points is ranked higher.

For example:
2nd place in the women's marathon and 4th place in the men's half marathon = 6 points.

AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY

The total prize money fund amounts to €6,930.

Prize Money for Team Rankings – Marathon & Half Marathon / Plitvice 5K & Wannabe 10:

- First place 1.000€ / 500€
- Second place 500€ / 250€
- Third place 250€ / 150€

For details regarding additional awards for the marathon and half marathon:
CLICK HERE.

Sports prizes for the winners of the 5 km and 9 km races have been provided by our sports partners Topo Athletic and Iglu Šport.
In addition to the prizes, winners will also receive commemorative plaques.



AID STATIONS POWERED BY PROTEINI.SI

To ensure high-quality aid stations, our partner **PROTEINI.SI** has provided nutritional support, while we have introduced aid stations at shorter intervals due to the demanding courses and the possibility of high temperatures.

Marathon and half marathon: aid stations with drinks and food will be available every 5 km, with additional water stations every 2.5 km after the 10 km mark.
Water will be served in 0.2 L paper cups. By drinking two cups at each aid station, runners can consume approximately 3.5–4 liters during the marathon.
At several aid stations, water containers for cooling and pouring water over yourself will also be available.

Wannabe 10: water stations will be available at 2.5 km and 6.5 km, while an aid station with snacks and refreshments will be located at 4.5 km.

Plitvice five: water station at 2.5 km.



NATURE PROTECTION

The Plitvice Marathon takes place within the area of Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of the most valuable natural areas in Croatia and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
It is a strictly protected area of exceptional natural value, where environmental preservation is an absolute priority.

By participating in the race, you accept responsibility for respecting nature and following the rules of conduct in protected areas.

It is mandatory to:

- stay exclusively on marked trails
- not leave any waste outside the aid station areas (including gel wrappers, cups, and packaging)
- not damage plants, soil, or natural formations
- not disturb wildlife
- follow the instructions of the organizers and National Park staff

It is strictly prohibited to::

- disposing of waste outside designated areas
- any behavior that may endanger nature or the safety of other participants

Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification

Thank you for helping preserve Plitvice Lakes as they are – wild, clean, and truly unique.



RACE PACK & ENTRY TICKET

We are proud that the entry fee includes not only memorable race items, but also the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the National Park.

In addition to race shirt, bag, buff, and meal voucher, every race pack also includes a very valuable National Park entry ticket.Ticket can be used for a one time visit to the Nonal Park between June 5th and June 7th.

No National Park entrance ticket is required for race participants or their accompanying supporters in the start/finish area.



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Risnjak trail
24.- 25.7.2027.

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41. Plitvički maraton
05.- 06.6.2027.

MLJET
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National Park

Mljet trail
01.- 02.5.2027.

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41ST PLITVICE MARATHON

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION OFFER AT JEZERO HOTEL

5 JUNE – 7 JUNE 2026

Standard Double Room, park side:

- Bed & breakfast 62,00 € per person/per day in twin/double room
- Half board 69,00 € per person/per day in twin/double room

Standard Double Room, Solo Use, park side:

- Bed & breakfast 99,20 € per day
- Half board 106,20 € per day

Superior Suite, lake side:

- Bed & breakfast 134,00 € per person/per day in twin/double room
- Half board 141,00 € per person/per day in twin/double room

NOTICES

- tourist tax is not included in the price and is paid on the spot

Children discounts

- Child 0 - 1,99 years of age: FOC,
- Child 2 - 6,99 years of age: 30 % on basic bed, 50 % on extra bed,
- Child 7 - 11,99 years of age: 20 % on basic bed, 30 % on extra bed

Check-In | Check-Out

- Check-In: after 2 p.m.
- Check-Out: until 11 a.m.

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SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION OFFER AT KORANA CAMPSITE

5 JUNE – 7 JUNE 2026

BUNGALOW/TWIN:

- Bed & breakfast 23,00 € per day/per person
- Half board 35,60 € per day/per person

BUNGALOW/SOLO USE:

- Bed & breakfast 30,90 € per day
- Half board 43,50 € per day

NOTICES

- Tourist tax is not included in the package price and is paid on the spot,
- The bungalows do not have private bathrooms; guests are provided with access to newly renovated shared sanitary facilities.

Children discounts

- Child up to 6,99 years of age – WITHOUT BED - FOC (accommodation);
- Child up to 6,99 years of age – WITH BED - 50 % on services (accommodation, meals);
- Child 7 - 11,99 years of age - 30 % on services (accommodation, meals)

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FINISH AREA & CELEBRATION

Crossing the finish line is not the end of the day – it is the beginning of the celebration.

After the race, a relaxed atmosphere awaits you with music and entertainment, socializing with runners and supporters, and a rich finish-line refreshment area.

The following will be available in the finish area:

✔ water and isotonic drinks
✔ Coca-Cola and **Red Bull**
✔ **Velebitsko beer**
✔ fruit, snacks, and additional refreshments for runners

Our goal is for the finish area of the Plitvice Marathon to be a place where you will want to stay a little longer – to share your impressions, celebrate your result, and enjoy the atmosphere together with other participants.

See you at the finish line.



Red Bull

POST-RACE REFRESHMENTS POWERED BY VELEBITSKO BEER



THE CHARITY SIDE OF THE RACE (June 5th)

This year, on Saturday at Plitvice, we run for those whose next breath is not guaranteed.

Together with our friends from the PH "Plava krila" Croatia association and the team from the Red Cross Zagreb, we are making sure that every kilometer also carries a message of health awareness and care.

Visit their stand:

- measure your blood pressure, blood sugar, and oxygen saturation levels;

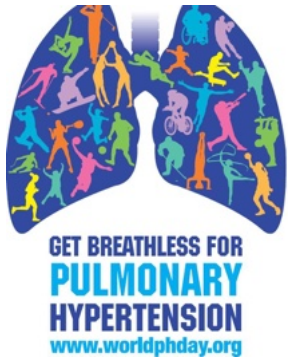
- learn more about pulmonary hypertension;

- meet the team from Plava krila!

Run in shirts with a message:
"Get breathless for pulmonary hypertension"
Because for some people, being out of breath is not a choice – but an everyday reality.
With your steps, your shirt, and your support, you help us raise awareness about pulmonary hypertension — a rare and serious lung disease.

After the run – it's time for smiles!
Our photo booth is waiting to capture your most breathless (and happiest) race moments. Because let's be honest… if there's no photo, did the run even happen?

Let's run together for those who fight for every breath!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM POWERED BY THE PLITVIČKA JEZERA MUNICIPALITY TOURIST BOARD (June 5th)

With this program, we want to create beautiful memories and a day to remember for our youngest athletes.

The program begins with children's races divided by age categories:

Start of the 100 m race for children aged 3 to 4: 15:45
Start of the 100 m race for children aged 5 to 6: 16:00
Start of the 200 m race for children aged 7 to 9: 16:15
Start of the 500 m race for children aged 10 to 12: 16:30

The categories are mixed and participation is free of charge.
You can register on race day between 09:00 and 15:00.

After the races, children will have additional fun in a dedicated play area featuring two inflatable attractions and a small climbing wall.

Every participant will receive a race shirt, a finisher medal, and an ice cream.

Zott Monte ICE CREAM

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Good luck!