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### Countdown begins for race in New7Wonders of the World location: Petra Desert Marathon

Copenhagen, Denmark – (August 16, 2017) – Exactly 10 days away from one of the most stunning marathon desert races, the prehistoric Jordanian City of Petra prepares to welcome runners from all over the world.

Located in the southwestern corner of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Petra is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and was named one of the new Seven Wonders of the World in 2007. Almost 200 runners have already committed to this year's Petra Desert Marathon and half marathon, which will take place on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Although international registration is already closed, **local registration is still open** until tomorrow, the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, or until the quota of 200 runners is complete.

Since 2009, the city is host to athletes and thrill-seekers, who have spent months of preparation to take on the 42.195 km challenge, known for its lunar-like mountain landscape and demanding conditions under the dry, arid desert heat, a part of the extreme marathon series hosted by **Albatros Adventure Marathons**. A team of specialized doctors from Denmark and paramedics from Jordan will supervise the marathon and assist in case of injury or exhaustion.

**About the race:** The Petra Marathon's start line is located in the Street of Facades, heading through the ancient city of Petra, where runners and spectators find themselves surrounded by tombs, caves and monasteries carved in the mountainsides. A 2km uphill section on paved road leads them to the main road and 6km later, to the fiery desert. Just before the village half marathon runners continue straight through the village while marathon runners do a 8km back tracking stretch running past rock formations that only few tourists visit. When passing the 30km mark, full marathon runners find themselves back at Ammarine village and merge again with the half marathon course. The route then goes uphill for the next 5km, towards the mountain ridge where the surface becomes gravel for the next 3km, and ends with 4km of steep downhill running on paved roads towards the finish line.

As the last traveling details are completed for the event, the countdown of the upcoming days will include photos of the previews marathon years, an updated 3d map to review the route, live streaming and posts on the facebook page and website for those who want to follow the race at home, concluding with a medal commemoration at the finish line. To learn more visit: [petra-desert-marathon.com](http://petra-desert-marathon.com)

#### **About Albatros Adventure Marathons:**

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