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## Results are in for the 6<sup>th</sup> Petra Desert Marathon, 2017

**187 Runners took part in this rigorous Adventure Marathon in the ancient city of Petra, Jordan.**

Copenhagen, Denmark – (Monday, August 28, 2017) 187 Athletes and thrill-seekers from 36 nations around the world, met this Saturday, August 26, 2017, after months of preparation and training, to run under the gleaming desert in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Petra Desert Marathon.

The 42.195km challenge, created in 2009 by **Albatros Adventure Marathons** as part of its extreme marathon series, takes place in the southwestern corner of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Petra, a location named by UNESCO as a World Heritage site, and also known as one of the new Seven Wonders of the World.

**About the race:** The Petra Desert Marathon has made its name amongst the international running community due to the demanding terrain and high temperatures; a route that goes through the ancient city of Petra, through sand, gravel and asphalt paths, surrounding both runners and spectators with the marvels of this historic location, such as tombs, monasteries and caves, as well as the candid colors of the gleaming sun.

This year, both half marathon and marathon runners endured temperatures as high as 36° as they completed both distances, with clear, bright skies over their heads and the backdrop of the beautiful desert region of Jordan.

**The results are in:** Manuel Ricardo Machado, from Portugal, crossed the line first, with a time of 03:25:58, followed by Norbert Zeppitz and Thomas Brendan Byrne, from Australia and Great Britain, respectively. In the women's Marathon, the first place went to Herdis Dugstad from Norway, with a time of 04:25:41, followed by Erin Gayle Shedd and Kelly Connors, both from the USA. A new race record on the men's half marathon as Alastair Cambell from the UK ran the 21.1km in an astonishing time of 1:40:56. Winning the women's half marathon was Megan Mason, also from the UK, in 1:56:46. All finishers received a medal, and a small symbolic prize was awarded to the top finishers in the male and female categories for each race (marathon, half-marathon).

Live results and posts on the Facebook page and website were also available so that future participants, families and friends of the runners and marathon enthusiasts could follow the race and medal commemoration at home. Albatros Adventure Marathons would like to thank everyone involved for a successful and rewarding 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Petra Desert Marathon and congratulate all the runners who took up on this challenge. Next year's race will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. To learn more visit: [petra-desert-marathon.com](http://petra-desert-marathon.com)

### About Albatros Adventure Marathons:

Albatros Adventure Marathons, a division of Albatros Travel, organizes five annual races, each characterized by locations of exceptional natural beauty and historical significance. The concept offers race entry along with a tour package. It is the aim of Albatros Adventure Marathons to provide a lifetime experience while creating responsible tourism, raising awareness for these remarkable areas and giving back to the local communities.

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