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**SAIPAN MARATHON 2017 ON MARCH 25**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – Saipan Marathon 2017 has been set for March 25, 2017, with the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) already heavily promoting the marathon overseas. The event will again include 10K, half-marathon, full marathon, and 50K courses, as well.

Early registration by Feb. 24, 2017, for the 50K and marathon is \$55.00 for US and NMI participants, and \$45.00 for half-marathon and 10K participants. The fee for high school and junior high school students is \$30 (student i.d. required). An additional late fee of \$10.00 will apply to registrations submitted after Feb. 24. The last day to register for the event will be on March 10, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Registration will include the awards banquet, a finishers t-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

“We’re looking to a great year of sporting events here in the Northern Marianas including our annual Saipan Marathon on March 25,” said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “As always, we are receiving strong interest from the local community and Japan in the marathon, and we are also looking at expanding our participation from other countries even more in 2017.”

All competitors are required to pick up their race packets on March 24, 2017, at Paseo De Marianas, without exception. The start will take place at the American Memorial Park at 4:00 a.m. for the 50k and the Marathon, at 5:00 a.m. for the half-marathon, and at 5:45 a.m. for the 10K. The cut-off time for the 50K and marathon will be 8:30 a.m. near the intersection of Navy Hill and Chalan Pale Arnold Rd.

Entry forms are available at the MVA office located in on Beach Rd. in San Jose or on the MVA official website Event Calendar at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com). For more information contact Ed Diaz at the MVA at 664-3210 or through email at [ediaz@mymarianas.com](mailto:ediaz@mymarianas.com).

The MVA will also host the Marianas Sunset Fun Run on Jan. 20, the first 70.3 Saipan Ironman on March 11, and XTERRA Saipan Championships on March 18, 2017.



The 12<sup>th</sup> Saipan Marathon will be held on March 25, 2017, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe, North and South America and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four to five from other parts of Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served daily from Tokyo-Narita in Japan by Delta Air Lines with seasonal flights by Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, Jin Air and Eastar Jet provide direct flights from Seoul-Incheon, and Asiana also provides service from Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and

Hong Kong to Saipan are available. Philippine Airlines provides nonstop service from Manila to Saipan and connects with many cities in China and Southeast Asia. United Airlines has daily flight connections from six cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made to Saipan via Tokyo-Narita, Seoul-Incheon or Guam. Visitors from Russia and Taiwan usually arrive via Seoul, Tokyo or Manila. Interisland travel is provided by United Express (Cape Air) and Star Marianas Air. For more information on the Marianas, visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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