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**The scenic course, volunteers and fans provided inspiration and encouragement at the beginning and throughout the athletes' journey!**





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**Thanks to more than 400  
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J.W. COOKE Keys Citizen Jan 24, 2026



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Key West Half Marathon & 5K Run's Post

Key West Half Marathon & 5K Run  
April 2, 2025 · 🌐

Key West Half Marathon Wins 2025 USA Today 10Best Half Marathons Award! 🏆👏  
We did it, runners! The Key West Half Marathon & Runfest has been named one of USA Today's 2025 Readers' Choice 10Best Marathons! 🏆  
This incredible honor is a testament to our passionate running community, our dedicated organizers, and the breathtaking race experience we offer in the heart of paradise. From the stunning oceanfront views to the unforgettable race-day energy, every step in Key West is one to remember.  
A huge thank you to everyone who voted, supported, and ran with us—this award belongs to you! Whether you're a seasoned half marathoner or taking on your first race, there's no better place to chase your goals than in Key West.  
Join us in 2025 and experience why we're among the best half marathons in the country! 🏃🌴🌊  
<https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/best-half-marathon/>  
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12 Winter Half Marathons That Will Give You Something to Look Forward

From California to Florida, these winter half marathons are worth the trip—whether it’s across the country or just across town.

BY MATTHEW HUFF PUBLISHED: SEP 23, 2025 1:19 PM EDT

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Winter isn't the most popular season for running in the U.S. given that most of the northern states are covered in snow and fending off freezing temperatures during December, January, and February. But that doesn't mean that there aren't plenty of races to get you out of the cold and into your running shoes.

So whether you want to add on a **half marathon** to a beach vacation or ditch the snow for a quick trip to the desert, we've got the perfect list of winter half marathons for you.

Take a look at this incredible list of races scheduled from December 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026, and then get **training**, because winter is right around the corner.



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To clock a speedy 13.1, you'll need the perfect course.

BY MATTHEW HUFF PUBLISHED: JUN 12, 2025 11:59 AM EDT

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## Key West Half Marathon



Key West Half Marathon & Runfest

Date: January 17, 2026  
Location: Key West, Florida

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Like Texas, Florida also offers an ample buffet of flat half marathons to choose from. Unless you're running up an overpass or over a bridge, it's nearly impossible to find much of an incline in the Sunshine State. Key West's half is easily one of the state's most beautiful, though, which sends runners out and back around the tip of the Floridian archipelago. You'll run along the coastline and through the island's historic main drag in two directions before finishing on the northside of the island.



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## Runner's World June 2024

Most Scenic Half Marathons in the  
United States and Canada

## Check Out These Most Scenic Half Marathons in the United States and Canada

If taking in nature's natural wonders helps you get through the miles, then these races are for you.

BY [MATTHEW HUFF](#) PUBLISHED: JUN 17, 2024

### Key West Half Marathon



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Key West, Florida

**Date:** January 19, 2025

**Location:** Key West, Florida

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At the very southern tip of Florida lie the Florida Keys, a chain of islands that stretch out into the Caribbean Sea. The last in the string is Key West, a tiny four-mile-long island with water stretching out on all sides. The Key West Half is an out-and-back course that traces three sides of the island and provides runners with sunrise views from across the Atlantic. Celebrate with some key lime pie!



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# USA Today | April 2023

## KEY WEST HALF MARATHON VOTED 10 BEST HALF-MARATHONS ACROSS THE NATION FOR 2023 IN USA TODAY!!!



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The half-marathon is the fastest-growing race distance in the U.S., with some 2 million runners now participating annually. USA TODAY 10Best editors and a panel of expert runners compiled a list of their top events, then readers voted for their favorites – and the results are in. Here are the 10 best half-marathons in the United States for 2023.

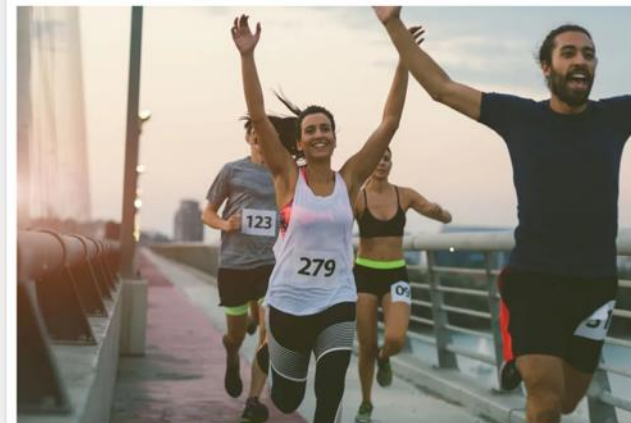


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### No. 10: Key West Half Marathon - Key West, Florida

Taking place in January, the Key West Half Marathon makes a perfect winter escape for runners seeking refuge from freezing weather. The unique racecourse runs along the ocean and through historic neighborhoods, highlighting the tropical beauty and charming architecture of Key West. The race ends in a big beach party.



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## Runnersworld.com | Feb 2014

The Key West Half Marathon secured the top spot in the article, *The Year's Best Half Marathons!*

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### The Year's Best Half Marathons

#### Key West Half-Marathon

The half marathon may be the perfect destination race. Running 13.1 miles is a travel-worthy goal that earns you a medal to wear proudly. But it doesn't wreck you like a marathon can, so you'll have energy to enjoy your post-race brunch and a little sightseeing. We debriefed race directors and veteran participants to come up with these 13 prime destinations. Happy travels! # Text by A.C. Shilton

Key West, Florida - January 18, 2015

**Key West** may be known more for marathon drinking sessions than for running, but the town's half marathon is trying to change all that—or at least combine the two. Starting in Old Town Key West, you'll pass Mallory Square, the Hemingway Home, and the famous Green Parrot Bar before embarking on a mostly coastal trek around the island (above). The event is especially known for its devoted—and spirited—volunteers, many of whom return yearly to support the 3,000-person race.

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## Ranked #3 in Runner's World Bucket List: 10 Designation Half Marathons!

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### Bucket List: 9 Destination Half Marathons

By [Author Name]

**Key West Half Marathon**  
Where: Key West, Florida  
When: January 15, 2017  
Approximate Number of Finishers: 4,000  
Register: [keywesthalfmarathon.com](http://keywesthalfmarathon.com)

**Why Run It:** More than half of the flat, out-and-back course runs on the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail, directly overlooking the aqua blue Atlantic Ocean. In pure Key West fashion, packet pickup and the race expo take place inside the Half Shell Raw Bar, one of the island's most popular seafood spots. You'll want to stop back in after the race—it's within walking distance of the finish—to celebrate with a plate of chilled oysters and a cocktail (or two).

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The Key West Half Marathon® Ranks #7 in the New Book, The Best Half Marathons in the World, by Steve Kesh!

The Best Half Marathons in the World

### Key West Half Marathon United States (Florida)

Key West is right at the end of the Florida Keys, a breathtaking outcrop. It may be part of the tropical paradise zone, but - since the sun is high in the middle of winter - the temperature should be perfect for you. If you can't get a flight to Key West International Airport, fly to Miami International Airport and drive down the scenic highway, which takes about three hours. Without a doubt the best winter half marathons in the USA, Key West has a strong history and a charming old town area where the race starts and finishes. The island upon which Key West is located is so small that you will see practically half of its circumference while going out at the aqua blue sea as you run. In some years, the half marathon circumnavigates the entire island. You will pass white sandy beaches, leafy palm trees, and coral pines. The course is possible flat, making it easy on your feet. After the run, head out to the Half Shell Raw Bar - one of the island's most popular seafood spots - and celebrate with oysters and a cocktail.

January | Early morning | Out and Back | Flat | Hot  
Easy | [www.keywesthalfmarathon.com](http://www.keywesthalfmarathon.com)



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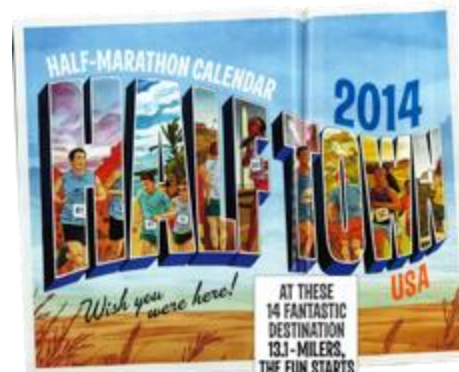
# Runner's World - Feb 2014

The author of the article, *At These 14 Fantastic Destination 13.1-Milers, The Fun Starts At The Finish Line*, debriefed race directors and veteran participants to come up with 14 prime destination races. The **Key West Half Marathon** once again secured the **top spot**!

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2014 HALF-MARATHON CALENDAR



January 18, 2015  
**KEY WEST  
HALF-MARATHON**  
Honors: Ruth Margulies  
Key West, Florida

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(above), The event is especially known for its devoted—and spirited—volunteers, many of whom return yearly to support the 3,000-person race. “Snowbirds and retired military come down for this,” says race director Barbara Wright. “The water stops are great, a lot of the volunteers even dress up,” says Susan Burham, 55, of Fort Myers, Florida, who has done the race eight times. “But what’s really cool is that you get to circumnavigate the island. It’s a whole tour.” There were 20 kegs

of beer at last year’s postrace party at the Half Shell Raw Bar, and participants rave about the unique-to-Key West foods served, like chocolate-dipped Key lime pie on a stick. **Veteran Racer’s Tip** “Plan to stay in Key West a few days, but don’t come too many days before since you may be tempted to party too much,” says Burham. Also note: Race weekend is an Martin Luther King Weekend, so hotels generally fill up fast. **Don’t Leave Key West Without** Starting your postrace party with a margarita at Shoppie Joe’s, one of Key West’s most famous bars—it’s on the National Register of Historic Places. Finish the night like a local at the Green Parrot with a “Roast Beer Barrel,” a roast-beer schnapps shot dropped into a beer. [keywesthalfmarathon.com](http://keywesthalfmarathon.com)





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## DEMOGRAPHICS

Age Groups



| AGE GROUP      | COUNT | PERCENTAGE |
|----------------|-------|------------|
| Under 18       | 82    | 1.58%      |
| Ages (18 - 29) | 512   | 9.87%      |
| Ages (30 - 39) | 857   | 16.51%     |
| Ages (40 - 49) | 1,256 | 24.2%      |
| Ages (50 - 64) | 1,927 | 37.13%     |
| Over 65        | 556   | 10.71%     |
| Total          | 5,190 | 100%       |



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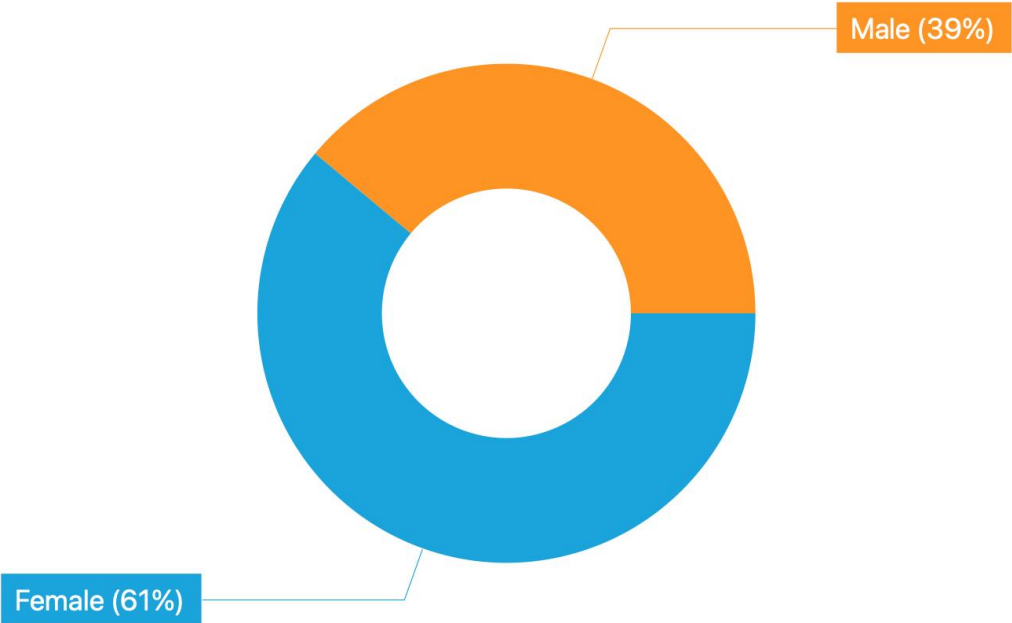
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Gender Breakdown



| GENDER  | COUNT | PERCENTAGE |
|---------|-------|------------|
| Males   | 2,021 | 38.94%     |
| Females | 3,169 | 61.06%     |
| Total   | 5,190 | 100%       |



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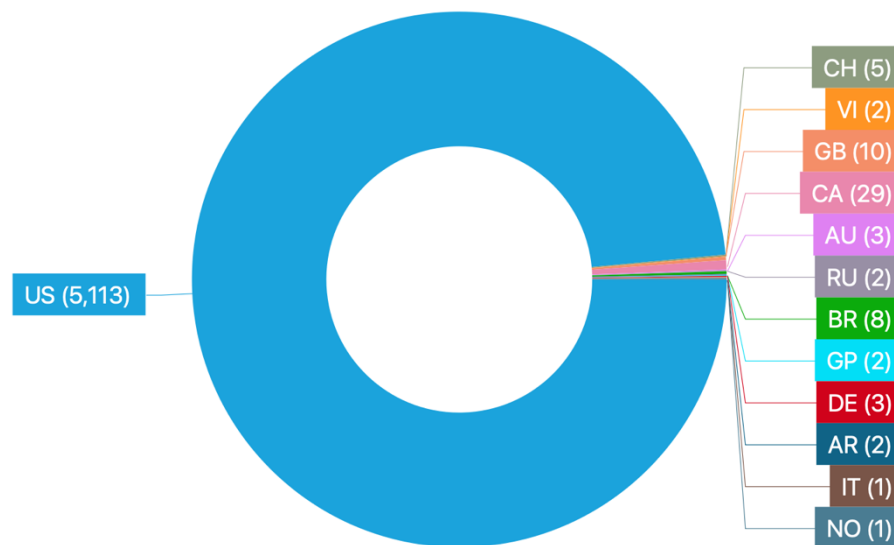
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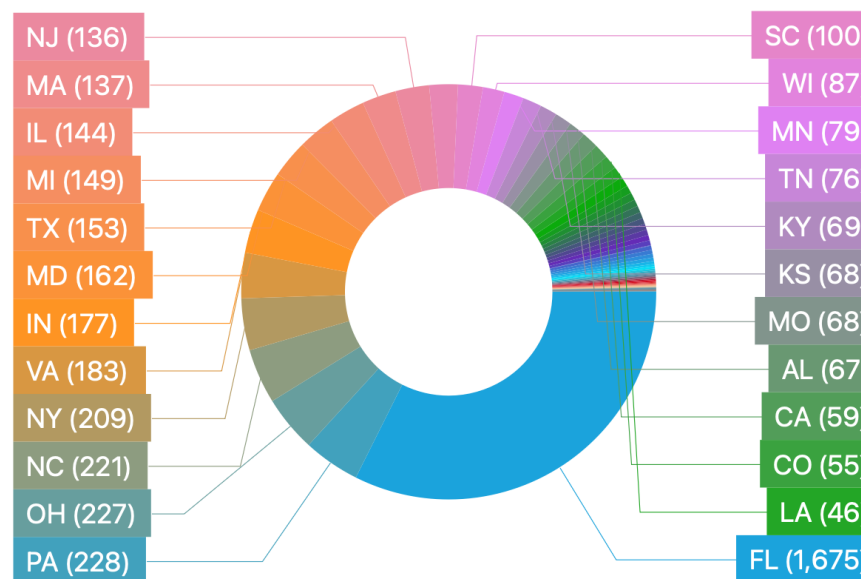
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## DEMOGRAPHICS

Country of Registration



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- Company Sponsor logo featured on Key West Half Marathon Facebook page for six months prior to the event
- Opportunity for a company representative to appear at the Guest Speaker Presentation on Saturday night before the event and during Awards Ceremony
- One 20' x 10' display tent at Registration and the Awards Party
- Sponsor Digital Ad or Sponsor logo social media graphic to be shared on Key West Half Marathon social media platforms
- 15 Complimentary race entries for the Key West Half Marathon or Runfest



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JANUARY 17-18, 2026

5K - 6:30AM - 10K - 7:30AM | HALF - 8K - 6:30AM

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HALF MARATHONS IN THE U.S. "!!!*

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DESTINATION HALF MARATHONS!!!*

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## **Presenting Sponsor: \$50,000**

- Product Exclusive. No other company in the same industry
- Presenting Sponsor will receive top billing in all advertising and promotion. Note: Title Sponsorship will have a more prominent position than the Presenting Sponsor.
- Company Sponsor logo displayed on Home Page of [keywesthalfmarathon.com](https://keywesthalfmarathon.com) and runsignup.com event page with link to sponsor website
- Company Logo on Key West Half Marathon Facebook page for 6 months prior to event
- Logo inclusion in up to 10 E-blasts to 105,000
- A Virtual Race Bag Offer/Ad to all the participants
- Opportunity to include your company materials in Race Bags
- Sponsor Digital Ad or Sponsor logo social media graphic to be shared on Key West Half Marathon social media platforms
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## **Big Pecker Presenting Sponsor : \$15,000**

- Product Exclusive. No other company in the same industry
- Presenting Sponsor will receive top billing in all advertising and promotion. Note: Title Sponsorship will have a more prominent position than the 5K Sponsor.
- Big Pecker Presenting Sponsor's name on Hat As Presenting Sponsor with Logo
- Company Sponsor logo displayed on Home Page of [keywesthalfmarathon.com](http://keywesthalfmarathon.com) and runsignup.com event page with link to sponsor website
- Company Logo on Key West Half Marathon Facebook page for 3 months prior to event.
- Logo inclusion in up to 10 E-blasts to 105,000
- Opportunity to include your company materials in Race Bags
- Sponsor Digital Ad or Sponsor logo social media graphic to be shared on Key West Half Marathon social media platforms
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## ***Lil' Pecker Presenting Sponsor : \$10,000***

- Product Exclusive. No other company in the same industry
- Presenting Sponsor will receive top billing in all advertising and promotion. Note: Title Sponsorship will have a more prominent position than the 5K Sponsor.
- Lil' Pecker Presenting Sponsor's name on Hat As Presenting Sponsor with Logo
- Company Sponsor logo displayed on Home Page of [keywesthalfmarathon.com](http://keywesthalfmarathon.com) and runsignup.com event page with link to sponsor website
- Company Logo on Key West Half Marathon Facebook page for 3 months prior to event.
- Logo inclusion in up to 5 E-blasts to 105,000
- Opportunity to include your company materials in Race Bags
- Sponsor Digital Ad or Sponsor logo social media graphic to be shared on Key West Half Marathon social media platforms
- 4 Complimentary race entries for the Key West Half Marathon or Runfest



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## **Health Expo Presenting Sponsor: \$5,000**

- Presenting Expo will receive top billing in all advertising and promotion. Note: Title Sponsorship will have a more prominent position than the Expo Sponsor.
- Company Sponsor logo displayed on Home Page of [keywesthalfmarathon.com](http://keywesthalfmarathon.com) and runsignup.com event page with link to sponsor website
- Company Logo on Key West Half Marathon Facebook page for 6 months prior to event.
- Logo inclusion in up to 5 E-blasts to 105,000 per blast
- Opportunity to include your company materials in Race Bags
- Sponsor Digital Ad or Sponsor logo social media graphic to be shared on Key West Half Marathon social media platforms
- 3 Complimentary race entries for the Key West Half Marathon or Runfest



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## **Host Hotel Sponsor : \$2,500**

- Host Hotel Sponsor logo displayed on Home Page of [keywesthalfmarathon.com](http://keywesthalfmarathon.com) and runsignup.com event page with link to sponsor website
- Host Hotel will receive top billing on Travel and Hotel pages both on [keywesthalfmarathon.com](http://keywesthalfmarathon.com) and runsignup.com
- Company Logo on Key West Half Marathon Facebook page for 3 months prior to event.
- Logo inclusion in up to 20 E-blasts to 105,000
- Opportunity to include your company materials in Race Bags
- Host Hotel Sponsor logo added to Key West Half Marathon & 5K Social Media campaign starting throughout the year – ad spend \$30,000
- Sponsor Digital Ad or Sponsor logo social media graphic to be shared on Key West Half Marathon social media platforms
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## **Business Sponsor: \$1,000**

- Company Sponsor logo displayed on Home Page of [keywesthalfmarathon.com](http://keywesthalfmarathon.com) and runsignup.com event page with link to sponsor website
- Company Logo on Key West Half Marathon Facebook page for 3 month prior to event
- Logo inclusion in up 3 E-blasts to 105,000 per blast
- Opportunity to include your company materials in Race Bags
- Full color logo placement on race day Sponsor Thank You Signage produced by event
- Public Address mention during pre-race, post race and awards ceremony
- Sponsor Digital Ad or Sponsor logo social media graphic to be shared on Key West Half Marathon social media platforms



## KEY WEST HALF MARATHON & RUNFEST

JANUARY 16-17, 2027

5K - 7AM - 10K - 8AM | HALF - 7AM - 8K - 7:30AM

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# 29th Annual Key West Half Marathon Sponsorship Opportunities for 2027



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