

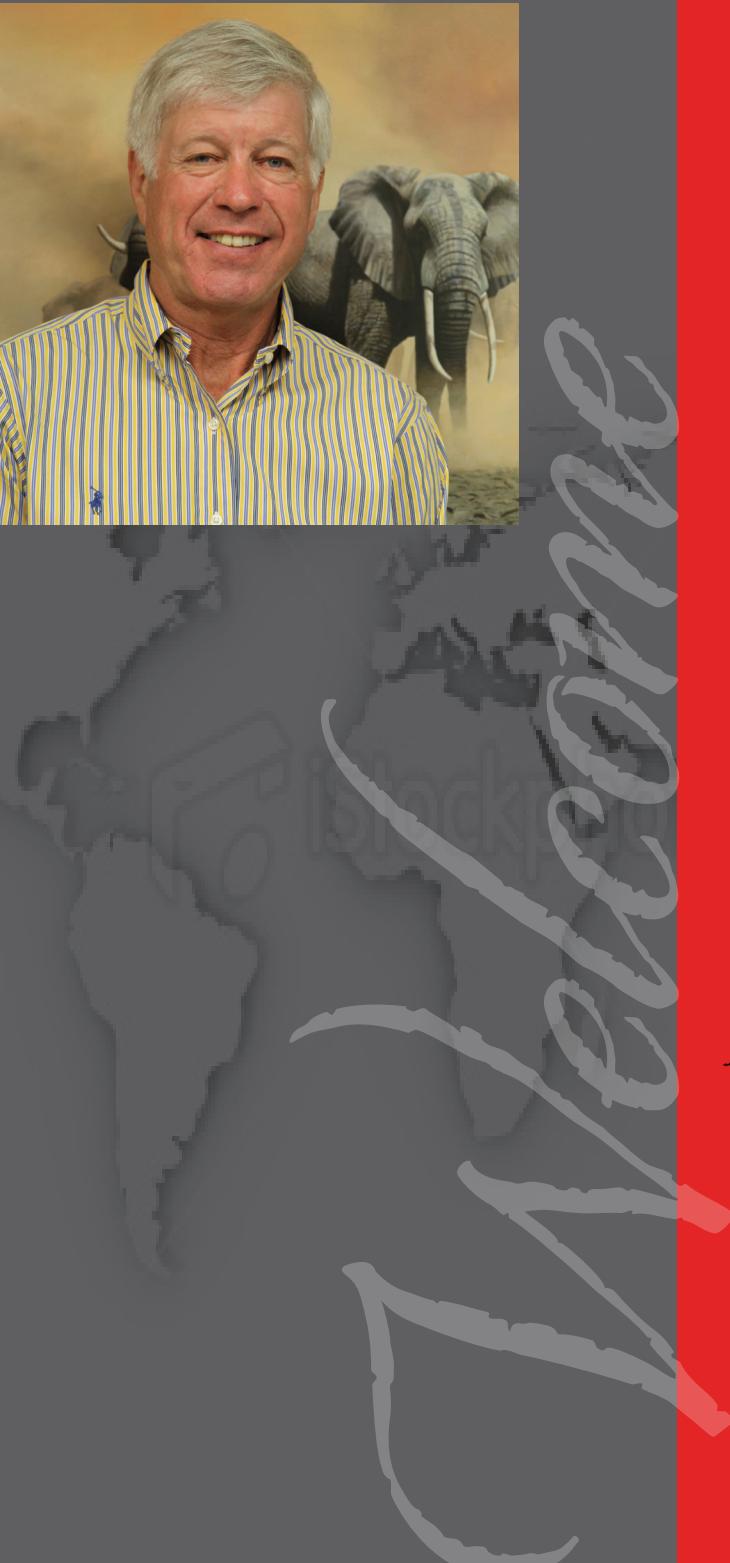


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TOURS & TRAVEL

*Exploring the Seven Continents One
Stride at a Time.*



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As we embark on our 39th year of exploring the seven continents, I never could have imagined during our early years that the sport of running would evolve from its modest roots as an endurance competition to its current status as a global social lifestyle activity and more.

The mission of the Marathon Tours & Travel team is to assist you in reaching your aspirational running and adventure travel goals. Our trips offer exclusive features that add value and enjoyment to your running vacations such as great sightseeing, unique dining experiences, social activities and much more. We are especially proud that our clients tell us that we consistently exceed their expectations related to the value of our packages, our ability to minimize their travel stress and our group's camaraderie that they enjoyed when traveling with us.

Our team of travel professionals thrive on the excitement shown by our travelers as we run alongside them in the Abbott World Marathon Majors, while completing races on all seven continents or at the multitude of other boutique, destination-driven events found in almost every corner of the planet. In addition to our current calendar of trips, we are constantly developing new events that offer memorable destination experiences via our "Runners Country Club".

We hope that you can join us soon for your first, or yet another, Marathon Tours & Travel running adventure.

Come explore the seven continents with us, one stride at a time.

Thom Gilligan
CEO & Founder
Marathon Tours & Travel

Why travel with Marathon Tours & Travel?

Passion

Do you love the sport of running and the adventure of travel? Imagine running on the Great Wall of China or through the Maasai community in Kenya . Earn big-time bragging rights by finishing a marathon in Antarctica, called by Runner's World as "Running's Greatest Adventure". Marathon Tours & Travel shares your passions and can take you to all corners of the world for an experience of a lifetime.

Experience

Founded in 1979, Marathon Tours & Travel is the undisputed expert in travel to running events. We are the official travel agency for the Boston Marathon as well as the creator and organizer of the Antarctica Marathon & Half-Marathon and the Madagascar Marathon & Half-Marathon. A travel partner you can trust, our CEO and founder Thom Gilligan has been selected as the world's foremost authority on travel for runners by Condé Nast Traveler magazine for nine consecutive years.



Service

We create exceptional group travel packages and customized individual itineraries for travel to the world's most spectacular destination marathons and half-marathons. On international trips we pair expert local guides with experienced Marathon Tours & Travel group leaders ensuring that you get the perfect balance of insider insights and attentive personal service.

As a full-service travel agency, we can assist you with all of your travel needs including:

- Flights
- Hotel
- Group sightseeing
- Race entry
- Pre- and post- event optional extensions
- Individual customized extensions
- Assistance with visas
- Travel insurance
- Car rentals and rail tickets

Guaranteed Entry

We offer guaranteed entry to many of the world's most popular events such as London, New York, Tokyo, Berlin, Chicago, Marine Corps, Big Sur, Paris, Dublin and more.

Camaraderie

An unexpected benefit for people traveling with us for the first time is the fun derived from traveling with a group of like-minded individuals. Lifetime friendships are formed, even some marriages. Those traveling individually find that they have ready-made friends.

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Where is your next Marathon or Half-Marathon?

Marathon Tours & Travel offers more than 40 trips to events on all seven continents. Do you prefer big city marathons, small boutique events, exotic destinations or remote trail runs with spectacular scenery? Our "Challenge Series", which offers two events in two countries during the same trip have been wildly successful.

Do you have a goal in mind? Here are few challenges that hundreds of runners have embraced:

Abbott World Marathon Majors

The Abbott World Marathon Majors is a series consisting of six of the largest and most renowned marathons in the world: Tokyo Marathon, Boston Marathon, Virgin Money London Marathon, BMW BERLINMARATHON, Bank of America Chicago Marathon and TCS New York City Marathon. The organizers of these events are united in their effort to advance the sport, raise awareness of its elite athletes, and increase the level of interest in elite racing among running enthusiasts. All finishers receive the treasured Six Star Finisher Medal.

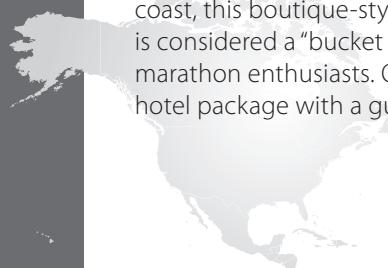


Seven Continents Club

Seven Continents Club™ (SCC) was founded in 1995 when the inaugural Antarctica Marathon made it possible for runners to conquer a marathon or half-marathon on all of the earth's seven continents. The SCC has evolved since then into a global frequent traveler club for runners that have a passion for traveling to the world's most interesting running events. We offer destinations that will provide memorable experiences that you can share with your family and friends forever. All marathon and half-marathon finishers receive a medal worth framing along with their seven other medals.

The Runner's Country Club

In how many countries have you run? We are in direct contact with many race directors around the world in an effort to research unique cultural experiences while exploring those destinations one stride at a time. Each year we create special trips so our travelers can continue to experience new countries together. These trips are sometimes limited in capacity and are first offered to members of the SCC.



North America



B.A.A. Boston Half-Marathon

The B.A.A. Half Marathon's rolling, out-and-back course highlights the beauty of Boston and Brookline's Emerald Necklace park system which begins and ends at White Stadium in Boston's Franklin Park.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon

One of the six Abbott World Marathon Majors, the Chicago Marathon is known for its flat, fast, world record course. The race starts and finishes in Grant Park and travels through one of America's favorite cities. We offer a choice of accommodations and a guaranteed entry.

Big Sur International Marathon

Known for its magnificent scenery along California's dramatic Pacific coast, this boutique-style marathon is considered a "bucket list" race for marathon enthusiasts. Our special hotel package with a guaranteed entry

includes a welcome reception, pre-race pasta dinner and a VIP tent at the finish line. This is the ideal way to spend your weekend while enjoying one of the most beautiful courses in the world.

Boston Marathon

Held in April, the Boston Marathon is the world's oldest annual marathon. The legendary point-to-point course starts in rural Hopkinton, passes through numerous quaint New England towns before finishing on Boylston Street in the heart of Boston. As the event's official travel agency, we offer the lowest rates at a wide variety of hotels, many of which are just a short walk from the finish line in Copley Square. We also offer a VIP hotel package that takes care of the logistics for you so that you can relax, enjoy 'Bean Town', and focus on your race.

South America

Easter Island Marathon & Half-Marathon

Few 26.2 mile odysseys can compete with this gem when it comes to combining the magic and mysteries of the marathon distance with a profoundly mythical and provocative locale. The most remote inhabited island on Earth, Easter Island lies 2,300 miles from land of any significance.

Our comprehensive package is loaded with features that include overnights and sightseeing in Santiago as well as a tour of Vina del Mar on Chile's central coast.



Patagonian Marathon & Half-Marathon

Have you ever felt completely insignificant in comparison to nature? Well, get ready to feel precisely that way among the turquoise waters, glaciers and towering granite horns of the Torres del Paine National Park. The jaw-dropping landscapes of the Andes Mountains are humbling indeed. Enjoy hiking, fishing, horseback riding and more.

Rio de Janeiro Marathon & Half-Marathon

This Brazilian beauty weaves through city streets, starting in Receiro and finishing in Flamengo. With views of Rio's world renown beaches to your right and iconic mountains to your left, this course is one of the more picturesque marathons in the world. We offer hotel packages along Rio's Copacabana Beach and an optional postrace excursion to Iguassu Falls.



“ This was truthfully a life changing experience for me and I am so pleased with how everything panned out. Don't change a thing! I will definitely be running with Marathon Tours again! – Big Sur Guest ”

Europe



Athens Marathon, 10K & 5K

Every runner dreams of running in the footsteps of Pheidippides who ran from Marathon to Athens in 490 BC to announce the Athenian victory over the invading Persians. A 10K and 5K is also available and features out-and-back courses from the Panathinaikon Stadium built for the first modern Olympics in 1896. All of the races finish inside the classic marble stadium.

Berlin Marathon

Known for its fast course and superb organization, the Berlin Marathon is undisputedly one of the world's premiere sporting events. This Abbott World Marathon Major starts and finishes near the historic Brandenburg Gate and loops through the former East Berlin. We offer a choice of hotel packages and a coveted guaranteed entry. Join us for a post-race excursion to the Munich Oktoberfest.

“ This was my first international trip let alone running my first international marathon and I am extremely grateful for the overall experience Marathon Tours provided. From the hotel & tour in London, to the hotel and tour in Edinburgh, the trip was absolutely incredible. I will definitely book with you again in the future and also recommend you to many of my running friends. Thanks again! – London Guest **”**

Dublin Marathon

The Dublin Marathon is sometimes referred to as the "Friendly Marathon" because of the warm, friendly, supportive nature of the Irish. Resist the temptation to make a pit stop at one of the many Irish pubs along the route. There will be plenty of time to celebrate your finish with a Guinness later.

Our full-week optional package ventures across the Irish countryside to Galway and Limerick.



Marathon du Medoc

"The most fun that you can have running in a marathon," the Marathon du Medoc is routed through 59 vineyards in the fabled villages of the Bordeaux region. Over half of the field dresses up in costume and every year there is a new theme.

We offer a five-night package in Bordeaux with numerous château visits, wine tastings, welcome dinner and more.

Paris Marathon

Springtime in Paris! Paris is truly a world-class city with a world-class marathon. The course starts on the Champs Elysees, one the world's most famous boulevards and passes many iconic sights including the Louvre. We know the best hotels in the best locations.



We offer guaranteed entry after online registration is closed and a post-race option to celebrate your completion with a full-day tour of Champagne.

Prague Marathon

Prague, the Czech Republic capital, has been a popular tourist destination for decades. Its history and architecture attract visitors from all over the world. The Volkswagen Prague Marathon draws more than 10,500 runners and has become an essential race on the world running circuit since it gained gold status from the Association of International Marathons (AIMS).



Reykjavik Marathon, Half-Marathon & 10K

Iceland in August. Need we say more? Reykjavik is a little-known gem of a destination – a natural wonderland of volcanoes, geysers, waterfalls and hot springs. Just a five-hour flight from New York, Iceland is the world's most northerly capital. We offer a four-night package at a choice of hotels, transfers, as well as two full-day tours in the countryside and the famed Blue Lagoon.

Rome Marathon

There is no better way to sightsee in this historic city than by foot. The loop course starts and finishes in the shadow of the Coliseum and passes many spectacular sites such as Piazza Venezia, the Pantheon and Saint Peter's. We offer a package with sightseeing and a special pre-race dinner in a private restaurant.

Virgin Money London Marathon

Getting an entry into this Abbott World Marathon Major can prove to be harder than running the 42.195 kilometers. Since 1981, Marathon Tours & Travel has been the official tour operator in the US and Canada and has guaranteed entries. We offer packages that include great hotels, a welcome reception and private transportation to the start in Greenwich. This trip sells out quickly.



“ This is my second foreign trip with Marathon Tours — I did the Tokyo Marathon earlier this year — and I continue to be very impressed. The choice of hotels, tours, the reception, the carbo load dinner, were all excellent. The M.T. staff is very knowledgeable, personable, and professional. I enjoyed my entire Berlin Marathon experience. And, so I am looking forward to my London Marathon trip with M.T. in April. — Berlin Guest **”**



Asia & Oceania



Asia

Bagan Temple Marathon & Half-Marathon

Tucked away in central Myanmar, the ancient site of Bagan is home to more than 2,000 temples. Bagan's beauty and historical significance is unsurpassed. Both the marathon and half-marathon start and finish in front of Htilominlo Temple and will take runners through a tour of this ancient city.

Bhutan Marathon & Half-Marathon

Bhutan or Druk Yul (the land of the Thunder Dragon) as it is known in Bhutanese, is mystical, enchanting and like nowhere you have ever been. Remote and isolated it is the last great Himalayan kingdom. Although completely cut off for centuries it has tried to let in some aspects of the outside world while fiercely guarding its customs and traditions.

Great Wall Marathon, Half-Marathon & 8.5K

Run the most challenging race of your life along one of mankind's greatest monuments. Staged in the Tianjin Province of China, a quarter of the scenic route takes place on the Great Wall itself. Many of our travelers choose one of the shorter distances and carry a camera to capture the experience of a lifetime. We offer a wide range of packages including a Yangtze River cruise, Tibet, and a pre-race tour in Hong Kong.

Jerusalem Marathon, Half-Marathon, 10K and 5K

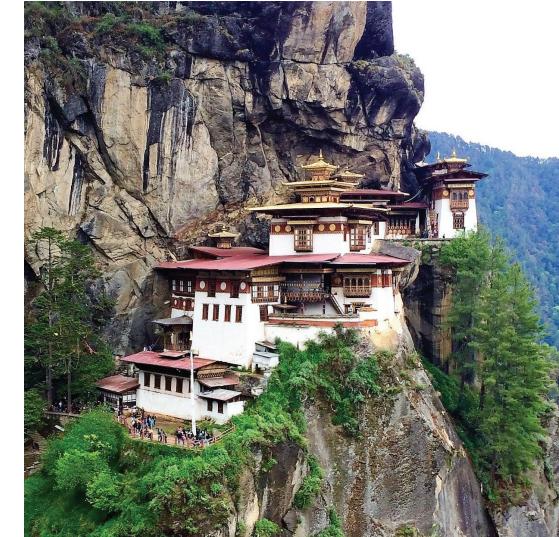
New on our calendar is a race and tour to the Holy Land! You will go back in time, as you visit historical places throughout Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the surrounding area. The fairly challenging Jerusalem Marathon course itself will take you through sites that illuminate 3,000 years of history seeing exquisite landscapes and heritage sites. You'll also have the opportunity to float in the Dead Sea, visit the ancient Masada ruins, experience food sampling in the Mahane Yehuda Market, to name a few of the highlights. This is a trip that will leave lasting memories.

Petra Desert Marathon & Half-Marathon

The Petra Desert Marathon is a challenging adventure marathon set in the beautiful desert region of Jordan. Starting in the ancient city of Petra, in the Street of Facades – four levels of tightly packed carved tombs – and continues on an archaeological tour through Petra and the surrounding area, passing tombs, caves and monasteries carved out in the mountainsides. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Petra is also known as the Rose City due to the color of the stone from which it was carved.

Tokyo Marathon

Tokyo was selected as the sixth Abbott World Marathon Major in October 2012. The most popular running event in Japan, some 320,000 runners vie for a bib number in the lottery. We are pleased to be appointed the exclusive tour operator



in the US and Canada for this popular event. We offer guaranteed entry when you book one of our packages.

Oceania

Australian Outback Marathon, Half-Marathon, 11K & 6K

Located in the very heart of the country, this truly unique event will have the majestic Ayers Rock as its backdrop and give runners of all levels the opportunity to experience the Australian Outback as its earliest inhabitants once did, on foot. As an officially-appointed travel representative in North America, we offer packages to suit all tastes and budgets.

Queenstown Marathon & Half-Marathon

Queenstown, known as the "Adventure Capital of the World", will impress you from the moment you step off the plane! Located on the South Island, it offers a myriad of options for outdoor enthusiasts. Experience one of the country's most scenic races from start to finish. You can opt to start your tour package in Auckland before Queenstown to get a taste of this beautiful country.

Africa



Amazing Maasai Marathon, Half-Marathon & 10K (Kenya)

Run with the wildlife and Maasai warriors who call this unspoiled territory their home. Held in the Kimanjo area near the equator, this event was conceived to raise funds to sponsor Maasai girls through secondary school. The Amazing Maasai Girls Project (AMGP) mission continues to thrive and is still a vital part of this race. In addition to the beautiful trail run, throughout your time in Kenya you will experience a variety of landscapes and go on game drives seeking the "Big Five". Extend your time by joining us for three nights in the Maasai Mara National Park and witness the Great Migration. If you want a true African experience this is the tour for you.

Big Five Marathon & Half-Marathon (South Africa)

Run among the wildlife on the savannah. The Big Five Marathon takes place in the Entabeni Game Reserve in the northeastern corner of South Africa. View all of the "Big Five" on game drives as well as giraffe, hippopotamus, crocodiles and more.



Cape Town Marathon & 12K (South Africa)

Run at the tip of Africa in arguably the world's most beautiful city. Enjoy fabulous sightseeing at the Cape of Good Hope, wine tastings in Stellenbosch, cage diving with great whites and other exciting adventures.

Comrades Marathon 89K (South Africa)

The world's most famous ultramarathon, Comrades features a course that runs from Pietermaritzburg to Durban in the even numbered years and from Durban to Pietermaritzburg in the odd numbered years. Every ultramarathon enthusiast aspires to capture the coveted finisher's medal by completing the course under the strict 12-hour time limit.

Marathon Tours & Travel is proud to be one of the officially recommended travel agencies.

Madagascar Marathon & Half-Marathon

Often referred to as the Eighth Continent and earth's fourth largest island, Madagascar is one of our newer adventure destinations for 2018! The marathon and half-marathon will be held in Isalo in the south central highlands with most of the course routed through Isalo National Park. This is Madagascar's most visited area where the country's oldest dinosaur bones were discovered. Enjoy hiking in search of lovable lemurs, chameleons and other exotic animals.



Two Oceans 56K & Half-Marathon (South Africa)

We are pleased to offer the Two Oceans 56K held in Cape Town, one of the world's most picturesque cities. The spectacular course runs from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean with two long climbs over Chapman's Peak and Constantia Peak.

“The animals, the landscapes, fellow runners...loved everything! Absolutely no complaints. The best trip of my life!! – Amazing Maasai Guest



Antarctica

Antarctica Marathon & Half-Marathon

Explore the most pristine corner of the planet with Marathon Tours & Travel, the Antarctica Marathon organizer and exclusive tour operator. Come face-to-face with towering icebergs, penguins numbered in the thousands, basking seals and breaching whales during this breathtaking trip of a lifetime.

Depart for your adventure via an overnight flight to Buenos Aires for a three-night stay in Argentina's capital. After a half-day city tour, get to know your fellow runners at the welcome cocktail reception and banquet. The group will then fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, to board the Akademik Ioffe or the Akademik Sergei Vavilov for a journey through the Beagle Channel, across the Drake Passage, through the Shetland Islands and along the Antarctic Peninsula. Enjoy wildlife-packed lectures and landings that feature seal colonies, penguin rookeries and research bases.

Race day will bring us to King George Island, the largest of the Shetland Islands, located off the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. Sections of the gravel roads that connect the scientific research bases of Uruguay, Chile, China and Russia double as the marked, multi-looped course. Great care is taken for zero impact on the environment in this sensitive ecosystem.

Although the goal of many runners on this trip is to run a marathon on all seven continents, many of our past travelers will attest that they return home with much more than heavy finisher medals and huge bragging rights - they are forever changed. Traveling to, and running on, the "Last Continent" can do that to a person.

Due to the incredible popularity of this event and limited availability, we sell out far in advance but maintain a waitlist. We recommend reserving your spot as early in advance as possible.



“ It was an opportunity to visit Antarctica for the 5th time, a place I love with a new found passion for running. I really liked that there were runners at all levels, I was nervous that I might not “Fit in”, but that was not the case, this is a trip for those whose passions spread from running to nature. I was impressed with the number and quality of landings we were able to pack into such a short trip with race preparations etc., I think folks got a real sense for Antarctica and I heard a few would be back. The One Ocean Crew and Marathon staff were amazing, some of the best we have traveled with to Antarctica and other remote locals. – Antarctica Guest **”**



Run around the world with Marathon Tours & Travel

Join Our Seven Continents Club

The Seven Continents Club (SCC) is a VIP travel club designed for runners who love international travel. SCC Members receive special VIP travel benefits depending on the tier in which they fall. There is a one-time membership fee of \$200 USD. Benefits include:

	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Individual Trips Taken	0 to 5	6 to 10	11+
Monthly SCC Members Bulletin	X	X	X
Personal SCC Web Page	X	X	X
SCC Member Bag Tags	X	X	X
Running Tech shirt	X	X	X
\$25 Travel Discount Vouchers*	X	X	X
	4 awarded when you join	4 awarded after 6th trip	6 awarded after 11th trip
Reserved Seating At MTT Events	X	X	X
SCC Finisher Certificate of Completion***	X	X	X
SCC Finishers Medal***	X	X	X
SCC Finisher Press Release Assistance***	X	X	X
SCC Members Leaderboard	X	X	X
Upgraded Rooms**		X	X
Bronze Early Registration Period	X		
Silver Early Registration Period		X	
Gold Early Registration Period			X
SCC Medal Holder			X

* One \$25 Travel Discount Voucher May Be used Per Trip

** Based On Availability

*** Upon Completion And Verification



*Please note that you do not have to finish a marathon or half-marathon on all seven continents to join the SCC.
For more information on the Seven Continents Club, including how to join please visit: www.sevencontinentsclub.com*

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