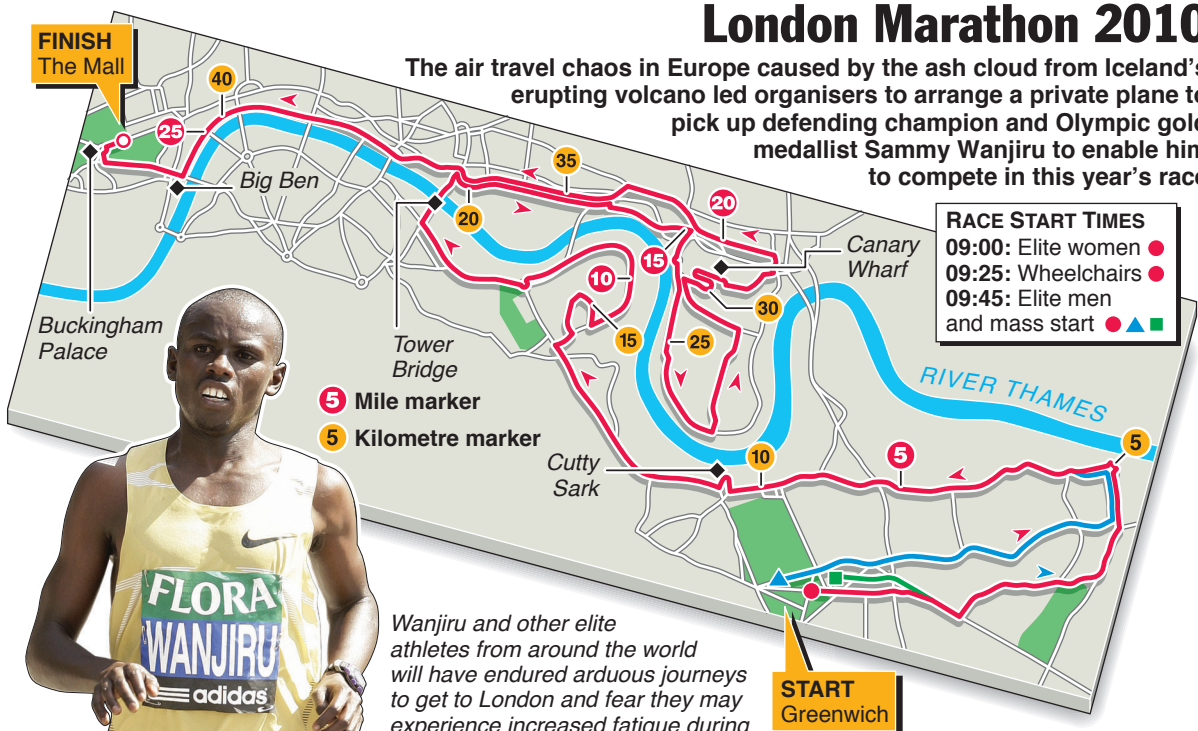


London Marathon 2010

The air travel chaos in Europe caused by the ash cloud from Iceland's erupting volcano led organisers to arrange a private plane to pick up defending champion and Olympic gold medallist Sammy Wanjiru to enable him to compete in this year's race



Wanjiru and other elite athletes from around the world will have endured arduous journeys to get to London and fear they may experience increased fatigue during Sunday's race

Flight Plan: ① Nairobi – ② Djibouti
Picking up other runners
② Djibouti – ③ Spain
Via Barcelona
③ Spain – ④ London

Total travel:
5,400 miles
(8,690km)

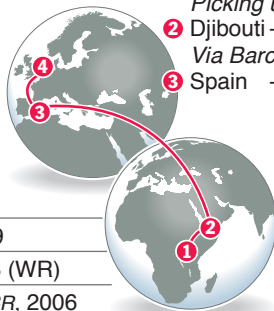
RECENT MEN'S CHAMPIONS

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| 2009 Samuel Wanjiru | KEN | 2:05:10 |
| 2008 Martin Lel | KEN | 2:05:15 |
| 2007 Martin Lel | KEN | 2:07:41 |
| 2006 Felix Limo | KEN | 2:06:39 |

RECENT WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

Irina Mikenko is aiming to become only second woman to seal hat-trick of titles, after Katrin Dorre (1992-94)

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| 2009 Irina Mikenko | GER | 2:22:11 |
| 2008 Irina Mikenko | GER | 2:24:14 |
| 2007 Zhou Chunxiu | CHN | 2:20:38 |
| 2006 Deena Kastor | USA | 2:19:35 |



FINISH
The Mall

Buckingham Palace

Big Ben

Tower Bridge

Canary Wharf

RIVER THAMES

Cutty Sark

START
Greenwich



COURSE RECORDS

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|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----------|
| M: 2:05:10 | Samuel Wanjiru | KEN | 2009 |
| W: 2:15:25 | Paula Radcliffe | GBR | 2003 (WR) |
| Wheelchair M: 1:29:48 | David Weir | GBR | 2006 |
| Wheelchair W: 1:48:04 | Sandra Graf | SUI | 2008 |