

Event guidelines and participation criteria

West to Zanzi challenge 2026



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event overview

Welcome to the **West to Zanzibar challenge**, the largest trail run event in Curaçao! This unique challenge offers participants the opportunity to experience the island's stunning landscapes across different distances, ranging from 7 km to 68 km. Whether you're an experienced trail runner or just getting started, we have a distance that suits you.

Participants can choose to run solo or as part of a relay team. The event is designed to be accessible for all fitness levels, while still providing a rewarding challenge for more seasoned runners.

The total course is divided in 5 stages with different lengths:

Stage 1: 7 km/ stage 2: 18 km/ stage 3: 17 km/ stage 4: 13 km/ stage 5: 13 km.

who can participate?

The West to Zanzibar Challenge is open to anyone who meets the following criteria:

1. age requirement

- Participants must be at least 16 years old to join the event.
- Participants under 18 must have parental consent.

2. fitness level

- All participants should be in good health and physically fit to take part in the race.
- Participants should have prior running experience, especially for longer distances (26 km, 42 km, and 68 km).
- First-time runners are encouraged to start in a relay team and do 1 stage (the 5 stages vary between 7 and 18 km in length)
- Solo runners and relay team members must be prepared to handle the unique challenges of trail running, including uneven terrain and varying weather conditions.

3. health and safety

- Before registering, participants should consult a doctor if they have any concerns about their fitness or ability to participate.
 - Participants with any medical conditions must disclose this information during registration to ensure proper safety precautions can be taken.
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event categories

Participants can choose from the following event categories:

1. solo race:

- 26 km, 42 km and 68 km options are available.
- Solo runners must complete the entire distance on their own, navigate with a watch or phone and checking in at designated support/check points.
- Solo runners are self-supported during every stage.

2. relay team:

- Teams of two or more runners will divide the total distance in the 5 stages.
- Every member must complete the entire distance on their own, navigate with a watch or phone and checking in at designated support/check points.
- A relay team consists of 2, 3, 4 or 5 runners.
- Each team member will be responsible for completing one or more stages.
- Relay runners must coordinate with their team and inform the event organizers of which member will run which stage.

event rules and guidelines

1. mandatory gear:

- All participants must carry essential gear for safety, including:
 - Hydration system (minimum 1,5 liter)
 - Whistle
 - Fully charged mobile phone + data (navigating back up)
 - (head)light (during the night)

2. start and finish locations:

- Please note that the start locations for each race distance may not be the same:
 - Solo 68 km (start: 1 AM at playa Kalki)
 - Relay (start: 2 AM at Playa Kalki)
 - Solo 42 km (start: 4 AM at Ascension)
 - Solo 26 km (start: 6 AM at Bullenbaai)
- Finish location is at Zanzibar.

3. checkpoints and support points:

- Solo runners can store extra food and drinks in the support vehicles, which will be available at the end of each stage.
- Upon reaching a support point, runners must check in with the coordinator and refill supplies before continuing to the next stage.
- Upon leaving a support point, runners must check out with the coordinator.

4. Solo guidelines:

- Solo runner may use their own support vehicle or use support of the organization
- Solo runners have the possibility to hand in 3 support bags.
- No support at Shete Boka for solo.
- Support bags will be handed out on support points (Ascension @ 25 km/Bullenbaai @ 42km and Piscadera @ 55km).
- Please label supportbag for the right supportpoint.

5. relay team guidelines:

- Relay teams must arrange their own transport.
- Relay teams are responsible for carrying their own food, drinks, and gear in their team vehicle.
- Teams must inform the organization of any changes to the assigned runners for each stage.
- Runners completing multiple stages must check in and out at each checkpoint to ensure their safety.

6. signing in and out:

- For the safety of all participants, signing in and out with the coordinator at the end of each stage is mandatory. This helps the organizers to track each runner's progress and location.

7. time limits:

- There will be time limits for every stage (timings will follow).
- 13:00 (1 PM) will be the time limit for closing the finish at Zanzibar.
- Runners who do not meet the time limit may be asked to withdraw from the event or proceed without the responsibility and support of the organization.

8. tombola and prize draw

- To celebrate the achievements of all participants and crew members, the West to Zanzi Challenge will conclude with a Tombola at the finish location. Participants who have completed their registered distance can place their startnumber in the Tombola at the finish.
- Prizes are made available by sponsors, partners and local businesses and may include products, gift vouchers and unique experiences.
- Participants must be present at the Tombola to claim their prize.

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how to register

1. online registration:

Participants can register online via this [link](#) . Early registration is encouraged to secure your spot.

2. entry fees:

- o solo distances: 130 XCG
- o relay teams: 90 XCG per teammember
- o shirt included

Payments must be made via bank transfer to the following account:

- o ★ **MCB: Aventis B.V / 33626102**

Please mention your name and race distance as reference. Your registration will be confirmed once payment is received.

- o if you prefer an other method of payment, please contact.

3. **whatsapp:** after registration you will be added to the Trail events groupsapp where all the necessary info will be provided.

4. **Safety briefing:** in the week before the event a mandatory safety brief will be provided to give you all the necessary info. Date and place will follow via Appgroup.

important dates

- **registration deadline:** November 1, 2026
- **event day:** Sunday December 6, 2026

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