

**MERCURY INTERACTIVE SILICON VALLEY MARATHON OFFERS NEW COURSE, NEW EVENTS AND GREAT WEEKEND GETAWAY**

San Jose, Calif. - September 13, 2002 - Don't just run through San Jose and neighboring cities, call the San Jose Concierge at 888-SAN JOSE (726-5673) to book affordable weekend getaway packages for the Mercury Interactive Silicon Valley Marathon Version 6.0 October 27.

Race day events include the Boston qualifier marathon, now featuring nearly 16 traffic-free scenic miles on the Los Gatos Creek Trail, new two-person marathon relay and Silicon Valley 10k and kids races... all starting and ending in downtown San Jose.

Runners and spectators won't find excitement just on the course! San Jose, the Capital of Silicon Valley, offers plenty to do race weekend, including a Sports/Tech Expo October 25 and 26 at Parkside Hall. Athletes will receive free admission to the Tech Museum of Innovation during the expo. Enjoy a show at one of San Jose's premier performing arts venues, stroll through San Jose's seven museums or dine and relax in two unique downtown districts, South First Area (SoFA) and San Pedro Square.

San Jose's walkable downtown, convenient light rail system and easy freeway access makes California's third largest city a great place to explore day and night.

Accommodations at the San Jose Hilton & Towers, host hotel for the Mercury Interactive Silicon Valley Marathon, start at \$109 per night (based on availability). To make reservations or for more information on tailored weekend packages, call the San Jose Concierge at 888-SAN JOSE (726-5673).

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