

QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE

**More than a race,
it's a sensation**

**2024
MEDIA GUIDE**





5 good reasons to attend the QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE

On **Sunday, 6 October 2024**, the racing world will be focused on ParisLongchamp racecourse and the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. For its 103rd renewal, this sporting and festive event is once more the absolute highlight in the world of horse racing.

A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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The legendary Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe is broadcast live in 60 countries and is attended by 250 international journalists who will cover the event from ParisLongchamp racecourse. On Sunday, 6 October, the world's best racehorses, partnered by the finest jockeys, will line up at the start of this world championship that takes place at the famous ParisLongchamp track.

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ENJOY AN UNBELIEVABLE ATMOSPHERE

35 000 spectators embracing nearly 50 nationalities are expected to fill the ParisLongchamp grand stand on this great weekend of high-intensity sport. Each nation supports their champions and the cheers of encouragement will get louder and louder as the horses approach the finish line. It is a truly international atmosphere, exciting and unforgettable.

GET YOUR HEART RACING WITH EVERY STRIDE

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The noise of thundering hooves as the horses gallop past you, encouraged by the cries of their jockeys while spectators roar in the stands of the racecourse! Each race provides an unforgettable sporting moment. The winner of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe will have the great honour of hearing the national anthem of their country, delivered by the Garde Républicaine (French Cavalry) and celebrated by all their fans! Allow yourself to be carried away by the intensity and emotion of the greatest horserace in the world.

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ENJOY A VARIED GASTRONOMICAL TREAT

There is something for everyone. Fine dining on the rooftop of the ParisLongchamp grandstand, a French Brasserie next to the paddock, the Bistro Triomphe open only for this special occasion, the pop-up Maison Ladurée stand with its fine macarons and the biggest food garden in the capital ensure that everyone will find something to their taste. A huge 200m² bar will serve Gallia beer, brewed in the outskirts of Paris. Don't forget to book your tickets on the France Galop Live website.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

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The end of the races doesn't mean the end of the day. On Saturday and Sunday after the final race, continue the afternoon to the sounds of music and share a final glass with friends and family until the gates close at 9.30pm.



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OFFICIAL TICKETING
ON [FRANCEGALOP-LIVE.COM/EN](https://francegalop-live.com/en)

A sporting event enjoyed by everyone

To experience the adrenalin-fuelled races, France Galop is selling tickets for the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend from **10€ on Saturday and 20€ on Sunday**.

Children under 12 get free admission into the main enclosure.

Booking and information on www.francegalop-live.com/en

GASTRONOMY

A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT OFFERS TO IGNITE YOUR TASTE BUDS

A HUGE FOOD GARDEN

If you want to enjoy a snack while watching the races, come to the Food Garden! The many different food trucks ensure there is something for everyone. The giant bar that serves Gallia, a beer brewed in the outskirts of Paris, can be found trackside, not far from the Maison Ladurée cart and its delicious macarons. There is no need to book entry into the Food Garden.



BRASSERIE PARISLONGCHAMP

Located next to the parade ring, The Brasserie ParisLongchamp is a friendly and welcoming restaurant with the charm of a traditional Parisian brasserie. Appropriate attire is required. Bookings are advisable. Tel.: +33 06 23 18 54 50.



THE BISTRO TRIOMPHE

In an elegant and welcoming setting, the Bistro Triomphe seduces with its traditional, tasty and responsibly sourced cuisine. It has continuously grown in popularity and reservations on francegalop-live are advisable.



PANORAMA RESTAURANT

This fine dining restaurant, located on the rooftop of the ParisLongchamp grandstand, comes with access to the viewing area high above the track, and a fabulous rooftop area offering spectacular views of the racecourse and the Paris skyline. Appropriate attire is required. Bookings on francegalop-live.com.



LE QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE

AN EVENT TO FOLLOW LIVE



ON TV

In France, on Sunday, 6 October from 3.40pm, the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe will be broadcast live on M6, presented by journalists Xavier de Moulins and Carine Galli. Every race on Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend will be broadcast live on Equidia, the dedicated racing channel. Internationally, the race will be broadcast by **Sky Sports Racing, ITV, Virgin Media, Green Channel, Fox Sports, Al Kaas, Dubai Racing Channel, beIN Sports, Sport24, RAI...**

ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM @FRANCEGALOP

Starting on 30 August 2024, immerse yourself into the world of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on the social media platform **eFranceGalop** with hashtag **#QPAT**

Thanks to a wide variety of exclusive content, **eFranceGalop** takes racing enthusiasts, as well as newcomers, deep into the preparations for this global event. Until the day of the race, this unique journey behind the scenes includes content from owners, trainers, breeders and jockeys involved in this great challenge.

Thanks to these weekly updates, discover how the France Galop teams prepare the racecourse for the event, how the horses are trained and get an insight into the world of horse racing...



DENIS BROGNIART, SOCIAL MEDIA AMBASSADOR @FRANCEGALOP WILL BE YOUR CELEBRITY HOST

For this renewal of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, France Galop has brought on board **Denis Brogniart**, an expert in sporting challenges. On the day, our ambassador will take followers on a journey of discovery of this unique event via the social media handle **eFranceGalop** and hashtag **#QPATinside**.

To prepare the show, Denis Brogniart has met up with famous dual Arc-winning jockey Cristian Demuro to discover how he prepares himself for such an international challenge. Don't miss the opportunity for a truly unique experience! Follow our postings with **#QPATinside**.

Stay connected and join us to discover the secrets of this legendary race!

**Discover the videos on our social networks
@FranceGalop**

#QPATinside



KEY FIGURES

OF THE QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE



5 M€

Record prize-money for the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, thanks to the partnership with the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club.

**broadcast in
60
countries**

The Arc is broadcast across the world thanks to 25 different international broadcasters in Japan, Middle-East, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Balkans, UK, Ireland, Indonesia, USA, India...

**2400
metres**

The classic distance in horse racing, and that of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

**103rd
renewal**

Since 1920, on the first Sunday in October, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe has been the undisputed highlight in the racing calendar.

**24
English
Thoroughbreds**

The maximum number of horses to run in the Arc since 2023.



**250
accredited
journalists**

Representing 26 nationalities.

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35 000
spectators

and 50 nationalities can be found in the stand of the racecourse.

200
different
professions

working together on this important weekend to organise the races, run the restaurants, look after the horses and broadcast the event...

2 600
people
mobilised

to welcome spectators at the ParisLongchamp racecourse

2' 24" 49

is the record time it took the German filly Danedream to win the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in 2011. From the start, she averaged speeds of 60 km/h.

100 M€
wagered

in the world, in nearly 60 countries. A record for a race day.

450
kg

is the average weight of a race horse.

17
tons of
straw

Each horse has its own box filled with straw at the ParisLongchamp racecourse stable.

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DID YOU KNOW ?

Which nationality has a racehorse ?

In horse racing, the nationality of the winner is determined by the country where it is trained, regardless of where it was born or the nationality of its owners. Since the inauguration of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, France has won the race 69 times, which puts it into a very strong lead from its main rival Great Britain with 17 victories. Over the last 10 years, it has become a truly international event thanks to 4 victories for France, 4 for Great Britain, 1 for Ireland and 1 for Germany.



How much can you earn in the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe ?

The Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe has not only been rated the world's best horse race on 5 occasions, it is also the race with the highest prize-money in the French racing calendar. A record 5M€ can be won in the race. Prizemoney is distributed among the first five finishers.

Distributed among the first five finishers:

1st	2 857 000 €
2nd	1 143 000 €
3rd	571 500 €
4th	285 500 €
5th	143 000 €

In each case, prize-money for the first five finishers is distributed as follows :

76,75 %
to the owner or owners of the horse

14,75%
to the trainer
(of which 4% goes to his stable staff)

8,5%
to the jockey



HISTORY - Birth of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

The inaugural running of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe took place on 3 October 1920 at Longchamp racecourse. At the end of the First World War, the «Société d'Encouragement to improve the Breed of Racehorses», which was to become France Galop, decided to create a highly prestigious race that would showcase the English Thoroughbred in France and would carry significant prize-money. It chose a poignant name for the event: The Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe...

Its name commemorates soldiers who celebrated the end of the First World War by parading under the Parisian landmark that had become a symbol of the Allied victory.

From the start, the ambition was for the race to become one of the most important events in the world of horse racing. And so the legend of the Arc was underway! This year marks the 103rd renewal of this legendary race.

DESTINY OF THE 2023 QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE WINNER



ACE IMPACT, FROM THE RACECOURSE TO A LIFE AT STUD IN NORMANDY



Ace Impact, a fabulous English Thoroughbred, enjoyed an outstanding 2023 season. He completed a rare double when he landed the Qatar Prix du Jockey Club in June at Chantilly and then the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in October at ParisLongchamp.

Trained in Deauville by Jean-Claude Rouget, one of the greatest French trainers, and ridden by jockey Cristian Demuro, Ace Impact remained unbeaten throughout his career, which saw him go to the post six times!



Following his outstanding victory in a very competitive international field, Ace Impact had nothing left to prove. Rated the best horse in Europe according to the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings, he was also crowned «Cartier Horse of the Year» and «Cartier Champion Three-Year-Old» at the 33rd renewal of the Cartier Racing Awards.

Hence, following his victory in the Arc, his owners, the Chehboub family and Serge Stempniak, decided to retire him to stud in order to pursue life as a stallion. His outstanding record is the best advertisement for his future career in this role.

Today, the champion stands at the Chehboub family's Haras de Beaumont, in Normandy. One day, his descendants might follow in his hoof steps and also become Arc winners. This is what the Chehboub family, who own him and breed from him, dream about.

THE MYTHICAL BLOODLINES OF CHAMPIONS

Horse racing at the highest level – embracing races like the Prix de Diane Longines, the Qatar Prix du Jockey Club, and other Group 1 races (the highest level in racing) – are a showcase for excellence. These races govern the selection of the best horses destined for breeding in order to continue the English Thoroughbred's improvement by crossing the most successful bloodlines.

The history of the Arc is marked by bloodlines of champions. One of the most influential bloodline is that of the 1993 Arc winner, Urban Sea. She is the dam of champion Sea The Stars, winner of the Arc in 2009, and Galileo, who was one of the world's most important sires until his death in 2021. Galileo is the sire of Found, winner of the Arc in 2016. He is also the grandsire of dual Arc winner Enable, who won the race in 2017 and 2018!



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**SATURDAY 05TH
& SUNDAY 06TH
OCTOBER
PARISLONGCHAMP
RACECOURSE**

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QATAR

IN PARTNER WITH
EQUIDIA

LE FIGARO



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THE BEST INTERNATIONAL JOCKEYS AT THE START OF THE QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE



CRISTIAN DEMURO: THE REIGNING CHAMPION! **Winner of the Arc in 2020 and 2023**

As the winner of the 2023 Arc, he deserves to be top of the list! He might have started his career in Italy, where he was born, but it is in France, where he is now based, that Cristian Demuro has posted most of his most important victories. This fine tactician has lifted two of the past four renewals of the Arc and has no intention of stopping! He shares his passion for horses with his brother Mirco, also a jockey, who is based in Japan.

CHRISTOPHE SOUMILLON: THE MOST EXPERIENCED **Winner of the Arc in 2003 and 2008**

Belgian-born Christophe Soumillon is one of the most decorated jockeys based in France. He has won nearly 4 000 races, including 73 Group 1 races, the highest level in horse racing, and has won the Arc on two occasions. When he isn't riding, he dedicates his time to the next generation of jockeys by teaching them how to ride in pony races.



MAXIME GUYON: THE CHAMPION FLAT JOCKEY

Maxime Guyon is an incredibly consistent jockey who has been among the top ten jockeys in France since 2009. He has been crowned French Champion Flat jockey three times, and has also been runner-up eight times and finished third four times. With more than 2 900 winners to his name, including about 30 Group 1 races, Guyon has become a firm fixture within the French racing scene. The prestigious Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, however, is still missing from his record.

ALEXIS POUCHIN: THE UP-AND-COMING JOCKEY

Born in Chantilly, which is known as the city of the horse, this young 24-year-old is rapidly establishing himself as a champion-elect. He was the revelation of the 2023 season and confirmed his great talent in major races in 2024. To win the Arc this early in his career would be a dream come true.



MICKAEL BARZALONA: THE SILENT STRENGTH

He is one of the top jockeys with about 1 600 victories to his name since he started his career in 2008. In 2012 he caught the attention of Godolphin, the biggest stable in the world (with its main training hubs in Newmarket and Dubai), who employed him as their number one jockey in France. He was crowned French Champion Flat jockey in 2021 after riding 192 winners that season.

THE BEST INTERNATIONAL JOCKEYS AT THE START OF THE QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE



TEAM GREAT BRITAIN



RYAN MOORE: THE WORLD'S BEST JOCKEY IN 2023 **Winner of the Arc in 2010 and 2016**

Born into a racing family, Ryan Moore is the retained jockey of the Coolmore breeding empire that is behind Ballydoyle and trainer Aidan O'Brien in Ireland. Ryan Moore was officially crowned the Longines World's Best Jockey in 2023. He has already received this accolade four times in his career. He has won the Arc twice.

TOM MARQUAND: THE SHOOTING STAR

Tom Marquand has been quick off the mark. He started his career in 2014 and was crowned champion apprentice in England in 2015. Since then, he has won some of the biggest races around the world and is a regular visitor to France. He is married to Hollie Doyle, the most successful female jockey in England. Having become a fixture among the top ten riders in Britain, Doyle was the first woman to win a classic race when she lifted the Prix de Diane Longines aboard Nashua in 2022.



WILLIAM BUICK: UNCONTESTED CHAMPION

Born in Norway to a Scottish father who was an eight-time champion jockey in Norway, William Buick made headlines from an early age. He won the champion apprentice title twice in England, where he started and continues to pursue his career to this day. He then emulated his father's success when he was crowned Champion jockey in England in both 2022 and 2023. He is the retained jockey in the UK for Godolphin, the Dubai powerhouse.

FRANKIE DETTORI: THE RECORD MAN

Winner of the Arc in 1995, 2001, 2002, 2015, 2017 and 2018

The Italian jockey enjoyed an exceptional career in the UK where he is commemorated by a bronze statue at the prestigious Ascot racecourse. He is also the most successful jockey in the Arc, thanks to six victories. Having won nearly every major race on the planet, he retired from racing in England to pursue his career in the US. He is currently based in California.





TEAM JAPAN



YUTAKA TAKE: A LIVING RACING LEGEND

Yutaka Take is a star in his home land. The 18-times Champion jockey in Japan has won every major race in his country and other notable races around the world. He is without doubt the reason for Japan's ongoing fascination with the Arc.

«I started talking about the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in Japan more than twenty years ago," he explains. "I rode in my first Arc in 1994. Since then, all I have ever wanted was to win the Arc.» Today, it is the entire country of Japan that wants to win the Arc!

RYUSEI SAKAI: READY TO CONQUER EUROPE AT THE ARC

At 27, Ryusei Sakai, the son of a former jockey, has established himself as one of the rising stars of Japanese horse racing. Currently ranked 4th among the top jockeys in Japan, his career, which began in 2017, already boasts nearly 500 victories, including 28 in Group races. This impressive record has earned him the opportunity to ride Shin Emperor, a Japanese horse brought to Europe specifically to compete in the Arc.



WHY THE JAPANESE DREAM ABOUT THE QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE

The Japanese are massive fans of horse racing. They wager more than 25 billion Euros each year, which makes Japan the world leader in terms of betting revenues. They yearn for nothing more than a first victory in the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Every year Japanese punters wager more than 25 M€ on the Arc alone!

The first Japanese-trained runner in the Arc was Symboli Speed in 1969. Since the late 1990s, nearly every year, Japan has sent over their best horses to run in the Arc. However, following some twenty attempts, the race has so far eluded them.

Japanese horses often arrive in France several weeks before the race in order to acclimatise. They travel over with their work rider and one of the trainer's assistants.

Apart from staff, the horse also travels over with its own feed. In fact, at this level of competition, changing the horse's diet would be inadvisable. Hence, up to 600 kilos of hay and oats can be sent over for just one horse!

THE PREPARATION OF CHAMPIONS: BEHIND THE SCENES

Chantilly, Deauville and Maisons-Laffitte: Three training centres

Racehorses are exercised every day. They are looked after by different trainers and are ridden by specialised riders who follow a strict training programme. The aim is to bring the horse to the top of its form, physically and mentally, for the day of the race. On raceday the jockey will receive riding instructions from the trainer and then it is up to him or her to guide the horse to victory.

France Galop manages three training centres at Chantilly, Deauville and Maisons-Laffitte. These historic sites are dedicated exclusively to the training of racehorses and each training centre is home to horses that will go to the start of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.



**The biggest training centre
in Europe**

France Galop manages the Chantilly training centre, which is a historic site dating back to the 19th century. Dedicated exclusively to racehorses, Chantilly is the biggest training centre in Europe. Stretching out over 2 000 hectares in the heart of the Chantilly forest, it is home to some 2 500 horses throughout the year.

There are 120 kilometres of training tracks at Chantilly, which horses use in the early morning hours. They are trained by about 110 trainers that include some of the most famous names in France. Flat and Jump racing professionals can train their horses on 120 hectares of sand tracks, such as the Piste des Lions, in addition to grass tracks like the Plaine des Aigles.

Japanese horses arriving in France a few weeks before the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe finalise their preparations at this exceptional training centre.



Part of the seaside resort

This training centre, which was opened in 1983, sits in the centre of Deauville racecourse. There is a choice of different surfaces for training horses, from sand to grass and even an all-weather track that can be used when frost sets in on the other training surfaces.

More than 400 horses are trained at Deauville by 16 trainers, including Jean-Claude Rouget, one of France's most decorated trainers, who is known around the world. Rouget has won the world's most important events, including the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe twice, with Sottsass in 2020 and Ace Impact in 2023.



A fabulous training centre for Jump... and Flat racing

The Maisons-Laffitte training centre is renowned for producing Jump horses. However, it is also an excellent training centre for Flat horses. Trainer Yann Lerner, together with his father Carlos, became the training centre's most important ambassadors when they lifted the prestigious Qatar Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly in June with Look de Vega. The three-year-old's next target is the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, where he is expected to be partnered by Ronan Thomas.

Since it was restructured in 2019, the Maisons-Laffitte training centre is set in more than 55 hectares with an increased number of horses in training. About 540 horses call it home and a number of new trainers are keen to base themselves at Maisons-Laffitte, which will likely boost the reputation of this exceptional training centre.



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FRANCE GALOP

France Galop is an association with a public service mission. It organises and regulates horse racing in France with the aim of improving the racehorse breed (both Flat and Jumping) by promoting the breeding industry and training of racehorses. It operates under the authority of the Ministry of Agriculture, Budget and Interior.

Its main mission is to: organise French racing's fixture list, ensure the smooth running of racing, lead the fight against doping, run the operations of the five most important racecourses (Auteuil, Chantilly, Deauville, ParisLongchamp and Saint-Cloud), and organise major events at these venues.

WHAT'S ON THE PROGRAMME

Four days of fantastic racing leading up to the Arc



Four days of racing culminate in the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The Qatar Arc Trials, which are run three weeks before the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, provide a final opportunity to evaluate the prospects of horses with designs on the ultimate prize. The show then moves on to Friday, 4 October at Saint-Cloud racecourse, followed by the Arc Weekend at ParisLongchamp racecourse on Saturday, 5 October, and the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday, 6 October.

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SUNDAY

15

SEPTEMBER

QATAR ARC TRIALS, the road that leads to the most important race in the world

 **PARISLONGCHAMP**

Three major races take place on Sunday, 15 September 2024 at ParisLongchamp racecourse, which are known as the Qatar Arc Trials. These races, run three weeks before the prestigious Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, give connections of potential runners the chance to fine-tune their horses. It is a great opportunity to see some of the world's best horses, ridden by the world's best jockeys, complete their final preparations ahead of the main event.

On that day of high-level sporting competition, families and friends can also enjoy many free attractions, since it falls under the «Family Day Out Events» banner.

Tickets start from 5€ and children under 12 go free. Book on francegalop-live.com

THE WEEKEND PRELUDE of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

 **SAINT-CLOUD RACECOURSE**

This day at Saint-Cloud racecourse is the prelude to the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend thanks to a card that carries two Group 1 races for Purebred Arabians and one Group 3 race for English Thoroughbreds.

FRIDAY

4

OCTOBER

QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE WEEKEND

SATURDAY

5

OCTOBER

DAY 1 OF THE ARC WEEKEND

 **PARISLONGCHAMP**

The first day at ParisLongchamp racecourse is already packed with highlights, thanks to two Group 1 races and 3 Group 2 races, as well as one Group 1 race for Purebred Arabians. The main event is the Group 1 **QATAR PRIX DU CADRAN**. It is one of the few races in the racing calendar that is run over 4 000 metres, the longest distance for a Flat race in France. A true marathon, it nevertheless frequently throws up very tight finishes.

DAY 2 OF THE ARC WEEKEND

Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

 **PARISLONGCHAMP**

The most anticipated races of the season feature on the card on Sunday, including an incredible concentration of six Group 1 events for English Thoroughbreds, with the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe as the undisputed highlight. There is also the Qatar Arabian World Cup, a Group 1 race for Purebred Arabians.

SUNDAY

6

OCTOBRE

Qatar Arabian World Cup, the “Arc” for Purebred Arabians

France has a long – and unbroken – tradition of breeding Purebred Arabians, especially for racing. In 2008, the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club (QREC) and France Galop decided to work together to find the best way of keeping alive this unwavering link that for many decades has united the two countries. And that's when a completely innovative idea was born: to take the magic recipe of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe – an international world championship for three-year-old and older horses, run over a distance that demands stamina and speed – and adapt it to Purebred Arabians. And so the Qatar Arabian World Cup was born!

From the very first year, the new race was a huge success. It benefited from the limelight cast by the prestigious Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, which takes place on the same day at ParisLongchamp and which gave it a new aura, attracting the world's leading Purebred Arabian owners from the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, France, Oman, the United States, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Poland, Russia, Turkey, Tunisia, England, Iraq, Switzerland, Morocco, Bulgaria, etc. Its prize money (currently €1 million) is the highest for a Purebred Arabian race in the Western hemisphere.

In response to the enthusiasm generated by the Qatar Arabian World Cup and to build on it, the QREC and France Galop also created three other major races, all Group 1 PA races (the highest level in the competition) that take place over the same Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend: the Qatar Arabian Trophy for colts, the Qatar Arabian Trophy for fillies (Friday at Saint-Cloud) and the Qatar Arabian Trophy for mares (Saturday at ParisLongchamp). Hence, over the course of three major race days on Arc weekend, the Purebred Arabian breed will be showcasing the very best it has to offer from around the world.

Finally, as the icing on the cake of the Purebred Arabian program, the QREC invented the Triple Crown for Purebred Arabians. To be crowned a Triple Crown winner, the same horse must lift the three major events in the challenge, which takes place in three different countries, at three different times of the year and over three different distances! It doesn't get any more challenging than that! The first leg of the Triple Crown takes place in July at Goodwood (England) with the Qatar International Stakes over 1,600 metres; it continues at ParisLongchamp in October with the Qatar Arabian World Cup over 2,000 metres; and finishes in Doha (Qatar) in February of the following year with the HH The Amir Sword over 2,400 metres.



This last event is not only the grand finale of the Triple Crown... it is also the jewel in the crown of the most prestigious race meeting of the year in Qatar: three major race days in February where horses can earn more than US\$10 Million in prize money.

In France, four horse breeds have their very own racing program: the English Thoroughbred, the Purebred Arabian, the Anglo-Arabian and the AQPS (also known as the French Chaser or Other Than Thoroughbred, which is mainly used in jump racing).



QREC, THE OFFICIAL PARTNER OF THE QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE

The QREC was established in the early 1960s before achieving official recognition in 1975. It is mandated with representing, promoting and advancing equine and equestrian initiatives, from grassroots programmes to the international arena. Focused on equestrian sport and horse welfare, the QREC is dedicated to promoting Qatar as a world class hub for horse racing and a leader in the Pure Arabian breed.

The QREC works in collaboration with local bodies dedicated to achieving excellence in planning, regulation and the development of Qatar's racing industry to reflect the world's best practices. The QREC has been partner of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe since 2008, and from 2022, it also became the title partner of the Qatar Prix du Jockey Club, one of the most important races for the selection of the breed.

PARISLONGCHAMP,

A JEWEL DESIGNED TO WELCOME
THE QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE



ParisLongchamp racecourse is renowned throughout the world for its level of difficulty. The tracks are very technical and unique in their design, as they rise and drop before rising again. Throughout the season, these famous tracks host some of the most prestigious races in the calendar. Only the best horses and the most talented jockeys are able to add their names into the record books.

Since its last refurbishment in 2018, ParisLongchamp, as it has since been known, provides an exceptional setting for the most important event of the year. The new grandstand, 160 metres in length, is a modern and audacious architectural marvel. It was designed by well-known architect Dominique Perrault, who was inspired by the movement of a galloping horse. The bold colour of the stand reflects the warm tones of autumnal leaves that fall in the Bois de Boulogne in the autumn, when the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe is run.

ParisLongchamp is a fabulous sporting and events arena that is also open on days when there is no racing.



**Inaugurated in
1857**

**Entirely refurbished in
2018**

**Site area:
55,5 hectares
including 17 hectares of
racetracks**



THE COURSE OF THE QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE: THE MOST CHALLENGING 2,400 METRES IN THE WORLD

The 2,400-metre course at ParisLongchamp is very technical by nature! When horses leave the stalls they will accelerate over the first 400 metres to gain a position before meeting their first challenge: a 600-metre rise before the first bend. It is important that horses relax here while remaining within the field.

Then the track begins a long descent where horses are tempted to accelerate, and where jockeys have to pace themselves – this is only the halfway point of the race.

Then comes the long «false» straight, where jockeys manoeuvre for the best possible position from which to launch their attack as they negotiate the final bend. The run for victory commences in earnest once they reach the open stretch (which widens out across the track). In the home straight, which is more than 500 metres in length, horses and jockeys engage in a fierce battle for victory until they reach the winning post.



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