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## **ARC RACES QUISISANA JOINS THE LIST OF ENTRANTS IN THE QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE**



After Gezora, who won the Prix de Diane Longines, it is time for another Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hopeful to be issued a wildcard for the race, within the framework of the new Arc Races circuit: Quisisana, winner of the Sumbe Prix Jean Romanet.

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in Deauville, Quisisana took the laurels in the Sumbe Prix Jean Romanet, one of the eight Arc Races. The 5-year-old mare, who is owned and bred by the Haras de la Perelle – the Normandy-based stud farm established by Juergen Winter in 1995 – also won an Arc Races wildcard, which means her entry fees are waived for the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (Group 1, run on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025) and also grants her priority starter status. Quisisana's entourage had 15 days in which to use this wildcard, as the mare had not been entered in the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe when entries closed on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025. But now she is! The champion's entourage accepted the invitation and Quisisana joined the list of entrants in the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Quisisana is the second horse not originally entered in the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe to benefit from this opportunity to enter the Group 1 race free of charge, after 3-year-old filly Gezora, who won the Prix de Diane Longines back in June. Both horses are trained by Francis-Henri Graffard, who is based at the Chantilly training centre.

## A new and improved Sumbe Prix Jean Romanet

The Arc Races circuit helped support the transformation of the Sumbe Prix Jean Romanet. This Group 1 race, which was traditionally reserved for mares aged 4 and over, was opened up to 3-year-old fillies in 2025, when it was merged with the Prix de la Nonette (Group 2, 3-year-old fillies).

The aim of this move was to make the Sumbe Prix Jean Romanet both more competitive and more attractive, and took the race's total purse from €250,000 to €400,000. In its first year in this new format, and under the Arc Races umbrella, the race has unveiled a pretender to the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe throne.

## The forthcoming Arc Races



Come along to ParisLongchamp on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 for the last few races in the Arc Series and the Qatar Arc Trials race meeting, the dress rehearsal for the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe:

- Qatar Prix Vermeille (Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September, ParisLongchamp)
- Qatar Prix Niel (Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September, ParisLongchamp)
- Qatar Prix Foy (Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September, ParisLongchamp)



**8 COURSES D'EXCEPTION**

**8 WILD CARDS POUR L'ARC**

**ARC RACES 2025**

**EN ROUTE VERS LE QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE**

**DIMANCHE 5 OCTOBRE 2025 - PARISLONGCHAMP**

Race	Date	Location
QATAR PRIX DU JOCKEY CLUB	1 <sup>ER</sup> JUIN	CHANTILLY
PRIX DE DIANE LONGINES	15 JUIN	CHANTILLY
GRAND PRIX DE SAINT-CLOUD	29 JUIN	SAINT-CLOUD
CYGAMES GRAND PRIX DE PARIS	13 JUILLET	PARISLONGCHAMP
SUMBE PRIX JEAN ROMANET	24 AOÛT	DEAUVILLE
QATAR PRIX VERMEILLE	7 SEPTEMBRE	PARISLONGCHAMP
QATAR PRIX NIEL	7 SEPTEMBRE	PARISLONGCHAMP
QATAR PRIX FOY	7 SEPTEMBRE	PARISLONGCHAMP

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