

QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE

THE WORLD'S BEST HORSES

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PARISLONGCHAMP



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QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE WEEKEND

**2 days of sport, celebrations,
and excitement at the
ParisLongchamp racecourse**

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS AT PARISLONGCHAMP

On Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October, France Galop will host the Festival of Nations at ParisLongchamp during the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend. With 35 000 spectators expected, the event promises a spectacular atmosphere, fuelled by the colours of the flags, cultural encounters, and the presence of supporters from the world's great racing nations.

During these two days of racing, each nation will come to life through its culture, atmosphere and racing stars. Dedicated areas for each nation will showcase its culture, cuisine, music and traditional crafts.

Around the ParisLongchamp racecourse, everyone can show their support by having their nation's flag painted on their face, waving flags, striking a pose at the photo booths and, of course, cheering loudly for their favourite runners on the track.



GREAT RACING NATIONS PARADE ON THE TRACK!

Sunday will get underway with a spectacular Parade of Nations, set to music from each of the countries represented in the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the World Cup of Thoroughbred Racing.

The atmosphere will build throughout the day at the racecourse, reaching its climax with the highlight of the weekend: the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe!

THE WORLD'S BEST HORSES AND JOCKEYS EXPECTED AT PARISLONGCHAMP



On Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October 2026, ParisLongchamp will become the centre of the racing world for the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend, the World Championship of Thoroughbred Racing.

For more than 100 years, every first weekend of October, the world's best **international horses and jockeys** meet in Paris in pursuit of one of the most prestigious victories in the world of horse racing.

The advertising campaign for the 2026 renewal puts the spotlight on the leading jockeys who will be in action this weekend: international stars such as Japan's Yutaka Take and England's Ryan Moore, alongside France based riders such as Christophe Soumillon, Maxime Guyon, Cristian Demuro and Mickaël Barzalona. All will be on board exceptional horses.

With 35,000 spectators cheering on the great racing nations, millions of television viewers and live coverage reaching more than 60 countries, ParisLongchamp will live to the rhythm of racing over two days, with cheers from around the world and the sound of hooves

thundering on the track. It is a spectacular celebration of racing and a thrilling atmosphere in the stands at the Parisian racecourse!

The weekend features 18 top-class races, including the rare combination of 10 Group 1 races, the highest level of competition. These races will be worth €10 million in prize-money!

Book your tickets for ParisLongchamp and experience the Arc at the heart of the action!

TICKETS: Book from just €10 on the France Galop website: [CLICK HERE](#)

The Arc Summit – an unforgettable experience!



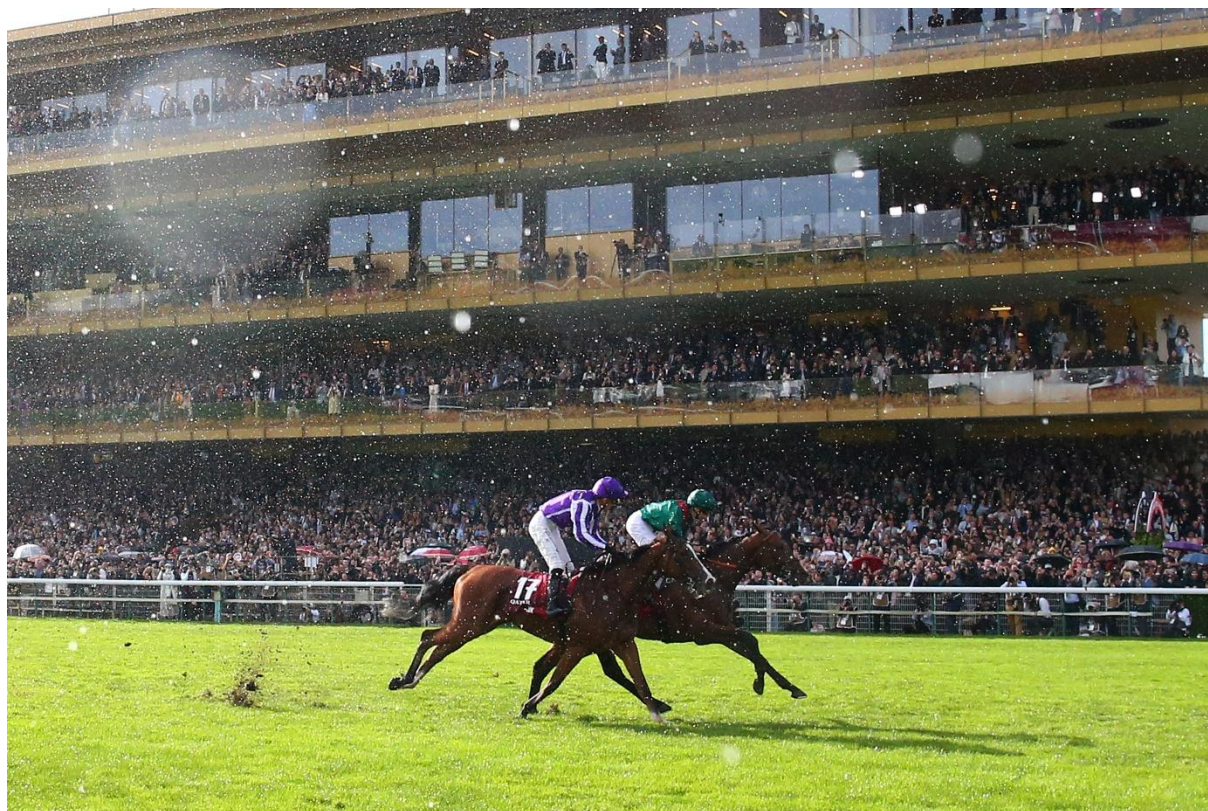
France Galop offers a spectacular experience: **the Arc Summit!** Comfortably seated several metres above the track, spectators will enjoy an unrivalled view of the horses in action and ParisLongchamp buzzing with excitement, while enjoying a refreshing drink and a macaron.

The Arc Summit is the most breathtaking experience of the weekend: a unique, exclusive and spectacular way to experience racing like never before.

Limited availability. Book on the France Galop ticketing website [Billetterie](#), with prices starting from €80 per person.

SPORT – The stars to watch in the 2026 Arc:

FRANCE - Daryz chasing the rarest of achievements: retaining his Arc title



As the winner of the 2025 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Daryz could have bowed out at the height of his career and retired to stud at the Aga Khan Studs. However, his owners and breeders showed tremendous sporting spirit by choosing to keep him in training with Francis-Henri Graffard at Chantilly to take on one of the most prestigious challenges in racing: winning the Arc twice.

On the first Sunday in October, Daryz will attempt to retrain his Arc title in a race where back-to-back victories are exceptionally rare. In the race's more than 100-year history, only eight horses have achieved this feat. Should he succeed, the French champion would write himself into the history books of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe as one of the all-time greats.

JAPAN - Japan's dream of winning the Arc dates back to 1969

Once again this year, the Japanese runners will carry the hopes of a nation feverishly passionate about horse racing. Japanese fans will happily stay up late on Sunday 4 October to watch the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe live, and bet on their national stars! Many fans will also travel to ParisLongchamp especially for the occasion.

The Japanese are very passionate about the Arc, a legendary challenge that has eluded them ever since their first runner in 1969.

This year again, horses travelling from Japan for the race will arrive several weeks before the event at the Chantilly training centre to acclimatise to their new surroundings and prepare for the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

IRELAND – The Qatar Prix du Jockey Club and Prix de Diane Longines winners eye Arc glory!

Ireland, and its most famous trainer Aidan O'Brien, made headlines with his three-year-olds at Chantilly last June by winning two of the major French Classic races, the Qatar Prix du Jockey Club and the Prix de Diane Longines. These stars are now eying further glory for Ireland in the Arc.

Constitution River, the winner of the Qatar Prix du Jockey Club, is testament to the success of French breeding. Gérard Laboureau (LG Bloodstock) bred the colt at the Haras du Cadran (Pierre Talvard), in the Orne region in Normandy.

Likewise, Diamond Necklace, the winner of the Prix de Diane Longines, will represent Ireland, but her story too began in Normandy at Ecurie des Monceaux, headed by Henri Bozo, one of the leading figures in the global Thoroughbred breeding industry.

These runners will also serve to showcase the excellence of the French Thoroughbred breeding industry.

Did you know ?

FUN FACTS AND FIGURES OF THE QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE

105th edition of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe first run in 1920 (some editions did not take place during wartime).

35,000 spectators and 50 nationalities represented in the racecourse stands

2,600 people work at ParisLongchamp to welcome spectators and horses, in almost 200 different roles

300 accredited journalists representing 26 nationalities

€100 million wagered worldwide, across around 60 countries – a record.

Broadcast in nearly **60 countries**.



A UNIQUE CONCENTRATION OF TOP-CLASS RACING OVER TWO DAYS:

18 races over the weekend :

- Including **10 Group 1 races**, the highest level of competition.
- Including **2 international Championships**: the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe for English Thoroughbreds and the Qatar Arabian World Cup for Purebred Arabians.

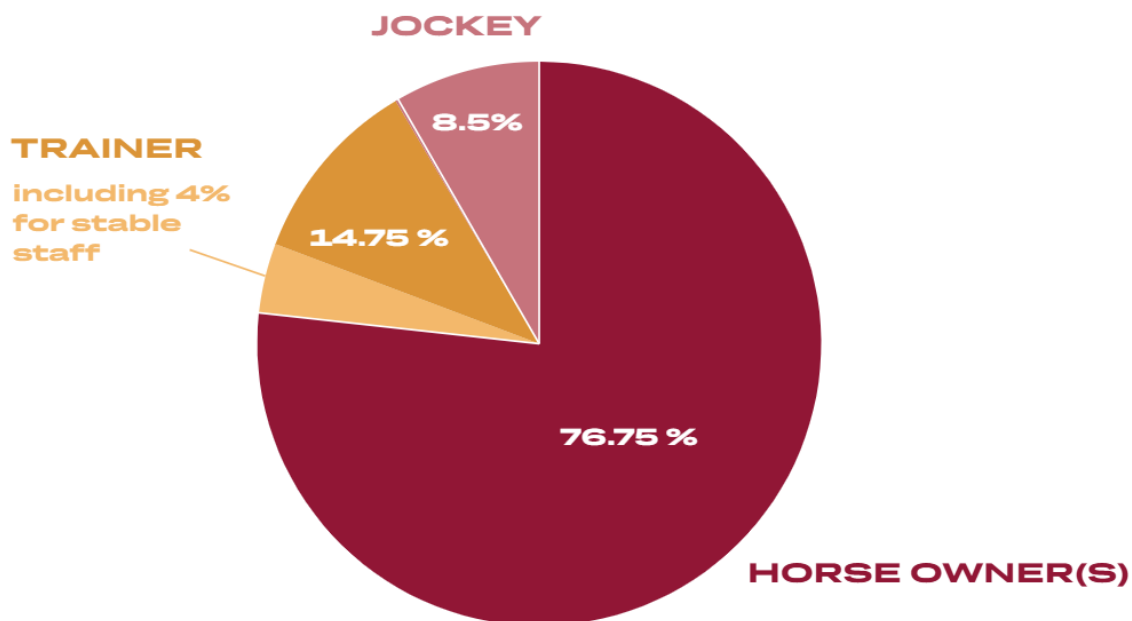
€10 million in prize money distributed by France Galop and the Qatar Equestrian Racing Club.

HOW MUCH DOES THE ARC WINNER TAKE HOME?

The Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe offers a record **€5 million in prize money**, the highest in Europe, shared among the first five home:

1st	€2 857 000	57.14 %
2nd	€1 143 000	22.86 %
3rd	€571 500	11.43 %
4th	€285 500	5.71 %
5th	€143 000	2.86 %

For each placed horse, the prize-money is distributed as follows:



INTERNATIONAL ROLL OF HONOUR: 67 Arc wins for France

French trained horses (the winner's nationality is determined by the country in which it is trained, regardless of its country of birth or the owner's nationality) have played a major role in the history of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe:

Number of wins by country (most recent win for each country: winning horse and year):

-  **FRANCE: 67 wins** (Daryz in 2025)
-  **UNITED KINGDOM: 19 wins** (Bluestocking in 2024)
-  **IRELAND: 8 wins** (Found in 2016)
-  **ITALY: 7 wins** (Tony Bin in 1988)
-  **GERMANY: 3 wins** (Torquator Tasso in 2021)

FASTEST TIME: The German filly Danedream has held the 2,400 metres Arc record since 2011, when she won in 2:24.49.



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NEW IN 2026

QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE AND QATAR ARABIAN WORLD CUP

THE ARC OPENING CEREMONY

PRESENTED BY CYGAMES

**A NEW PRESTIGIOUS EVENT IN 2026: THE DRAW
FOR THE STARTING GATE POSITIONS TAKES
CENTRE STAGE**



To enhance the appeal and international profile of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend, France Galop is introducing a special evening for « The Arc Opening Ceremony presented by Cygames », where the draw for the starting gate positions for the 2026 editions of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and the Qatar Arabian World Cup will take centre stage.

On Thursday 1 October 2026, the official launch ceremony for the Arc weekend will take place in the prestigious Salle Wagram in Paris. By invitation only, the evening will bring together the connections of horses entered in the two major races, key figures from the racing industry, event partners, VIPs, and French and international media.

A highly anticipated moment for racing professionals and enthusiasts alike, the unveiling of the starting gate positions will be one of the highlights of the evening.

As announced last May, the draws for the starting gate positions for the Qatar Arabian World Cup and the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe will take place on the morning of

Thursday 1 October, conducted electronically and under the supervision of a judicial officer, ensuring the process is carried out with complete integrity. However, the results will not be made public until the ceremony in the evening, again under the supervision of the judicial officer. The unveiling of the numbers will be a highly anticipated moment for the connections of the runners, marking the official launch of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend.

Operational Information

To facilitate the introduction of the new format, several changes have been made. These are set out in the special conditions for both races:

- For the Qatar Arabian World Cup, the various forfeit stages have been brought forward by one day, allowing the final declarations to be published as early as Thursday 1 October;
- For both races, the final declarations of jockeys and equipment will remain open until 10.30pm on Thursday 1 October 2026.

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France Galop: The Excellence of Racing, For Everyone



The main missions of the **France Galop** association are: produce the French racing fixture list, ensure the smooth running of racing, lead an exemplary fight against doping, help to ensure the well-being of racehorses, operate the five most important racecourses (Auteuil, Chantilly, Deauville, ParisLongchamp and Saint-Cloud) and three training centres (Chantilly, Deauville and Maisons-Laffitte), promote the breeding and training of racehorses, safeguard the integrity of racing, support racing stakeholders and showcase French racing on the international stage.

France Galop also has unrivalled expertise in « sportainment », the unique combination of elite sport and an immersive spectator experience. With flagship events like the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the Prix de Diane Longines, the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris, as well as festive occasions such as the JeuXdi by ParisLongchamp evenings and the Family Days Out events, France Galop turns every race day into an opportunity to come together, discover and share unforgettable moments.

PARTNERS OF THE WEEKEND OF THE QATAR PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE

QREC, the official partner of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend



The Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club (QREC) was established in the early 1960s before achieving official recognition in 1975. It is mandated with representing, promoting and advancing equine and equestrian activities, 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 Purebred Arabian breed.

The QREC works in collaboration with local bodies dedicated to achieving excellence in planning, regulation and development of Qatar's racing industry to reflect the world's best practices. The QREC has been the partner of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe since 2008 and the title partner of the Qatar Prix du Jockey Club, one of the most important races for the selection of the breed, since 2021.

Cygames, new Premium Partner of the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend



Cygames was founded in May 2011, with their first title, Rage of Bahamut, releasing in September of that year. Since then, they have released a number of hit mobile and console game titles, including Shadowverse: Worlds Beyond and Granblue Fantasy: Relink – Endless Ragnarok. In 2015 and 2016, they expanded beyond the gaming industry with the creation of their Animation Department and Comics Department respectively, and in 2017, they established their first overseas branch.

Among their many game titles is Umamusume: Pretty Derby, first released in Japan in February 2021 with the English version releasing in June 2025. This franchise takes inspiration from the stories of real-life racehorses and, as such, has contributed in spreading horse-racing culture to a wide range of audiences throughout the globe. Having served as the title sponsor of the Grand Prix de Paris since 2025, Cygames has become a Premium Partner of this year's Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, bringing new energy to this storied race.

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