

Major Horse Racing Events:

Welcome to your essential guide to the biggest and most exciting horse racing events around the globe! Whether you're planning a trip to the track, organizing a viewing party, or just want to keep up with the sport's highlights, this schedule provides key dates and venues for the major races.

Horse racing offers thrilling spectacles throughout the year, from the iconic Triple Crown series in the U.S. to prestigious international festivals. Mark your calendars and get ready to experience the excitement!

Understanding the Racing Calendar

The horse racing calendar is structured around various "seasons" and major events. While the exact dates can shift slightly year to year, the general timing and prestige of these races remain consistent. Always check official track websites for the most up-to-date information, as dates and venues can be subject to change.

U.S. Triple Crown Series

The Triple Crown is the pinnacle of American Thoroughbred racing, featuring three races for three-year-old horses. Winning all three is one of the rarest feats in sports.

Race Name	Date (Approx.)	Venue	Location
Kentucky Derby	First Saturday in May	Churchill Downs	Louisville, KY
Preakness Stakes	Two weeks later	Pimlico Race Course	Baltimore, MD
Belmont Stakes	Three weeks after Preakness	Belmont Park	Elmont, NY

Other Key U.S. Races

Beyond the Triple Crown, the U.S. hosts several other significant races that draw top talent and large crowds.

Race Name	Date (Approx.)	Venue	Location
Pegasus World Cup	Jan 25	Gulfstream Park	Hallandale Beach, FL
Arkansas Derby	Mar 29	Oaklawn Park	Hot Springs, AR
Santa Anita Derby	Apr 5	Santa Anita Park	Arcadia, CA
Travers Stakes	Aug 23	Saratoga Race Course	Saratoga Springs, NY
Breeders' Cup World Championships	Oct 31 – Nov 1	Del Mar Thoroughbred Club	Del Mar, CA

Major International Races

Horse racing is a global sport, with prestigious events held across continents, showcasing the best of international

competition and local traditions.

Race Name	Date (Approx.)	Venue	Country
Dubai World Cup	Mar 29	Meydan Racecourse	UAE
Grand National	Apr 5	Aintree Racecourse	UK
Royal Ascot	June 17-21	Ascot Racecourse	UK
Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe	Oct 5	Longchamp Racecourse	France
Melbourne Cup	Nov 4	Flemington Racecourse	Australia
Japan Cup	Nov 30	Tokyo Racecourse	Japan

Planning Your Race Day Experience

- **Confirm Dates:** Always double-check official track and event websites closer to the date for any schedule changes.
- **Tickets & Accommodations:** For major events, book well in advance, as tickets and nearby lodging sell out quickly.
- **Dress Code:** Be aware that many prestigious events have specific dress codes.
- **Enjoy the Atmosphere:** Even if you're not betting, the energy of a live race day is unforgettable.

We hope this race schedule helps you plan your year of horse racing excitement!

(This document is designed to be downloaded and printed as a PDF. Dates are approximate and subject to change by official event organizers.)