

LONGINES EQUITA LYON

CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL

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EQUITA LYON, LE SALON DU CHEVAL DE LYON 2025 FIVE DAYS CELEBRATING ALL THE WONDERS AND BEAUTY OF HORSES

There is never a dull moment at Equita Lyon, *le Salon du Cheval de Lyon* (Lyon Horse Show). Riding competitions, fun activities, discovery workshops, initiations sessions, and more. There is so much to explore and enjoy in the aisles of the trade fair and in the eleven show arenas, with their non-stop events. Feel the excitement of the riding events, touch the horses, learn about riding, try out equipment, and experience the wonders of the equestrian world. From 29 October to 2 November, Equita Lyon, Europe's largest temporary stables, will be bringing together more than 3,500 horses from all over the world.

A five-day celebration of horses: sports competitions, shows, practical workshops, expert lectures, conferences and training sessions.

The Nikito event arena - The very heart of Equita Lyon

For many years now, the Nikito arena has been a central feature of the Lyon Horse Show. This lively area proposes non-stop events presenting every facet of the horse-riding world: breed parades, presentations, demonstrations, equestrian cabarets performed by renowned artists, and more. Here, each day is marked by the sound of hooves, laughter and applause. With every event, visitors will be captivated by the technical prowess and elegance of the riders and horses.

The Breed Parade is one of the highlights in the Nikita arena and never fails to amaze the spectators: from the majestic Shire horse or the tiny Shetland pony to the thoroughbred Arabian, all the breeds put on a magnificent show that pays tribute to the diversity and beauty of the equestrian world.

Welcome to the Children's Village! A world of its own, designed to cater for the youngest visitors, at the very heart of the show.

A place of discovery and wonder, where children can have their first experience of riding a pony. Around the arena, youngsters can discover many different ways of learning to ride.

With Equidrive Concept, children can discover a fun and intuitive way to ride, thanks to reins with handles, designed to give them a simple, smooth and fun first experience on horseback. They can also



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gently familiarise themselves with the equestrian environment in the free-roaming ponies area. Here, the children learn to observe and understand the ponies and let themselves be gently guided by the animal's movement and presence. This is a "natural experience", which builds the children's confidence through gradual discovery.

On top of this, the Children's Village has a rich daily programme of traditional entertainment and activities in a fun atmosphere. For example, children can learn how to groom ponies and look after them with the correct gestures. The Village also includes the Longines Kids Corner with its obstacle course (on foot), which gives youngsters the chance to test their agility, while the gymkhana pedal tractor gets the wheels turning and the laughter ringing out.

There is also a creative workshop, where little hands can trace, shape and decorate: everyone leaves with a medallion, a souvenir of their great time in the Children's Village.

Just a few steps from there, the French Equestrian Federation and the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Regional Riding Committee welcome children for their first ride around an arena. Supervised by professionals, children can learn the joys of riding and having direct contact with a pony.

New in 2025: the Children's Village will be hosting an elegant equestrian show lasting around twenty minutes, performed by Julien Hardorock at the end of each morning and afternoon.

Jump & Drive CWD - The most unusual sport event

Speed, skill, complicity: the CWD Jump & Drive is coming to Equita Lyon.

What is the principle? A two-person team – made up of a rider and a cyclist – must complete a course against the clock. The rider completes an obstacle course and then passes the baton to his/her team-mate on a bike, who must ride around a course with several specific difficulties, slaloms and gates.

The aim is to complete both courses as quickly as possible, without making any mistakes.

Combining fun and high-level performance, this event provides a moment of pure sporting pleasure in a thrilling atmosphere. Two of the twelve entrants will be drawn at random to share the arena with Mégane Moissonnier and Olivier Perreau, both Equita Riders and CWD riders.

So, save the date: Wednesday 29 October at 4:30pm in the Equita'Jump arena.

Health Area - Understanding, learning, sharing

Visit the Health Area, one of the most interesting areas at Equita Lyon. Here, science and the love of horses are intermingled.

You will be able to learn more about horses, understand how they live, breathe and recover. Visitors have the opportunity to talk to vets, researchers and teachers. They can also attend lectures, demonstrations and real-life presentations.



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Since 2007, this area has devoted its efforts to raising public awareness about the health and well-being of horses. The atmosphere is lively, accessible, and inquisitive. Visitors can learn about the latest advances in equine medicine. They discover the precision of veterinary operations and a detailed understanding of horses.

However, understanding horses also means taking an interest in the riders. What kind of rider are you? What are you like on horseback? In the Health Area, tests and training sessions allow visitors to explore their posture and balance. An original and sometimes surprising approach to better understanding the relationship between a rider and their horse.

Throughout the show, the Health Area will be hosting a number of conferences, offering a unique opportunity to talk to specialists, to learn and gather information.

Please note: on Friday 31 October, from 2:00 to 4:00pm, the Equi-Rencontres 2025, presented by Boehringer Ingelheim, will address the topic of: "Rethinking horse riding in the age of global warming." (Repenser l'équitation à l'ère du réchauffement)

New in 2025: virtual reality immersion in an equine operating surgery.

Visitors put on a VR helmet and follow the horse through the operation, from the preparation to recovery room, guided step by step by a vet. A unique sensory and educational experience that takes you behind the scenes of modern equine medicine.

In line with the philosophy of the Health Area, Equita Lyon is also organising the Equine Well-being Day.

Equine Well-Being Day – Improving understanding in order to act more effectively

As a pioneer in the field of equine well-being, notably with the creation of the Health Area at Equita Lyon, GL events Equestrian Sport is involved in numerous awareness-raising initiatives and has made the Equine Well-Being Day one of the highlights of the show. Every year, this key event brings together players from every area of the equestrian world, including teachers, enthusiasts and the general public. The objective is always the same: to exchange ideas and improve understanding in order to act more effectively. Organised in partnership with the French Equestrian Federation, the 2025 Equine Well-being day is scheduled for Thursday 30 October at 2:00pm in the VIP Village. This year, it will address the topic of:

"Equine well-being in riding centres: from theory to practice!"

The programme includes discussions, feedback and ideas on how to effectively take the horse's needs into consideration in the day-to-day running of equestrian facilities.



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Hosted by Kamel Boudra, this session is open to all visitors that have a ticket to the show. It will provide a forum for dialogue and ideas to help change practices and strengthen the harmonious relationship between humans and horses.

Employment and career guidance Square (Place des Métiers et de l'Orientation) - What if you turned your passion into a job?

What if riding became more than just a hobby for you? What if it became a profession?

Because horses are more than just a passion, they are also part of a dynamic economic sector, particularly in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes. Equita Lyon, *le Salon du Cheval de Lyon* (Lyon Horse Show) has always nurtured budding vocations. The Employment and career guidance Square (*Place des Métiers et de l'Orientation*) – organised with the support of the Eperon fund and Equi-ressources (the employment and guidance service for the equestrian sector, managed by the IFCE, the French Horse and Equestrianism Institute) – presents the many different jobs and training opportunities in the sector. More than 50 professions are represented: instructors, saddle-makers, grooms, rider-stud hand, etc. In 2024, Equi-Ressources advertised a total of 2,992 jobs and work experience internships, enabling more than 2,000 people to find a job - bearing witness to the dynamism of this sector, which employs a particularly large number of people in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region.

For anyone interested in working in the equestrian sector, the *Place des Métiers* is the perfect place to talk about your ideas and get advice, so that today's vocations become tomorrow's career paths.

The prestige of French breeding

Equita Lyon, *le Salon du Cheval de Lyon* (Lyon Horse Show) has always been committed to acknowledging the work of the men and women who devote their lives to breeding horses and sport horses.

Every year, the Equita Sport arena hosts auctions and presentations in order to pay tribute to French breeders' know-how, high standards and passion for their work.

With over 3,000 stud farms and 115,000 horses, the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region is a centre of excellence for sport horses, where the quality of the production reflects the vitality of a thriving sector. With this in mind, Equita Lyon is proud to be hosting the final of the French Championships for three-year old Selle Français horses, one of the highlights of the show, where visitors will be able to discover the next generation of French sport horses.

A Saturday evening with an American flavour

The spotlights start to glow, the dust rises into the air and the audience holds its breath. On Saturday evening, the Oklahoma arena will be hosting the most prestigious western riding events in Europe.

The continent's best Reining riders will be performing a thrilling display of slides and pirouettes during one of the flagship events of the Equita Lyon Western Horse Show: the final of the NRHA European Derby, a qualifying event for The Run For A Million 2026, the reining competition with the biggest purse in history!



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The stakes are high! The riders have the opportunity to earn their ticket to the event in Las Vegas and, perhaps, follow in the footsteps of France's Arnaud Girinon, from Saint-Étienne, who qualified for The Run For A Million at Equita Lyon in 2024 before going on to win the coveted top prize in the American grand final. An American dream, born in Lyon.

Equita Lyon - A living, vibrant and truly unique world

Shows, thrills, excitement, new discoveries and encounters...

At Equita Lyon, there is never a dull moment. Whether in the aisles of the trade fair or in the arenas, the world of horses is everywhere you look: alive, inspiring, universal.

This exciting event brings together families, riders and enthusiasts to share a unique experience. Equita Lyon: a true celebration of horses and horse riding

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THE MAIN SPORTS EVENTS OF THE LONGINES EQUITA LYON, CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL

Thursday 30 October

. 8:00am: FEI Dressage World Cup - Grand Prix presented by CRE-ARA

Friday 31 October

. 8:00am: FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy - Prix CWD

. 1:15pm: FEI World Cup Dressage - Grand Prix Freestyle presented by FFE

. 7:30pm: Longines Grand Prix CSI 5*-W followed by the equestrian show Une Nuit à Equita

Saturday 1 November

. 8:00am: FEI Driving World Cup presented by Laiterie de Montaigu, first leg

. 1:00pm: FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Grand Prix CWD

. 8:00pm: Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier (CSI5*), followed by the original equestrian show Une Nuit à Equita

Sunday 2 November

. 10:30am: Amateur Gold Tour FFE Final - Vicomte A.

. 12:30pm: FEI Driving World Cup presented by Laiterie de Montaigu, second leg

. 3:00pm: Longines FEI World Cup Jumping Grand Prix

PLEASE NOTE:

The FEI World Cup dressage and driving events and the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy are open free of charge to all visitors with an entrance ticket to the Show. The Longines FEI Jumping World Cup includes many events with free access, as well as three flagship events that all the best riders in the world dream of winning: the Longines Grand Prix, the Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, and the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup stage (specific tickets are required for these three events)



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About GL events Equestrian Sport

GL events Equestrian Sport is the GL events Group's department specialising in horse-riding events. The department is internationally acknowledged for its unique expertise. The GL events Group has been involved in all the equestrian events at the Olympic and Paralympic Games since 1992.

Since its creation, GL events Equestrian Sport has played an active role in supporting equestrian sports, while placing constant emphasis on the well-being of horses. The team is involved in the long-term international development of equestrian disciplines, as an organiser and overlay-provider to tier-1 events.

- Organiser of Equita Lyon and the Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International
- Creator and organiser of the Printemps des Sports Équestres in Fontainebleau,
- Provider and partner of the Saut Hermès at the Grand Palais, on behalf of the Maison Hermès,
- Partner to the French Equestrian Federation for the FFE Masters Pro Jumping,

And partner to the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) for the World Cup Finals in 2014 and 2018. GL events Equestrian Sport and its expert teams also contributed to the success of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, notably working on the equestrian and para-dressage events organised in the magical setting of the Gardens of the Château de Versailles.

In 2026, GL events Equestrian Sport will be organising the Official French Dressage CDI O5* at the Grand Parquet in Fontainebleau, as part of the Printemps des Sports Équestres.



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

OPENING TIMES OF THE TRADE FAIR*

From Wednesday 29 to Friday 31 October from 8:00am to 8:30pm
Saturday 1 November from 8:00am to 10:30pm (evening session),
Sunday 2 November from 8:30am to 7:00pm

TICKETING

Free for children under 6 years of age and disabled persons^{1,3}

Full price: €25

Reduced rates: FFE licence holders, students, Regional pass holders, groups of 15 people or more, €21¹

Children between 6 and 12 years old: €16

5-day pass: €75

Family pass (2 adults and 2 children under 16 years of age): €65 (sale on site only)

TICKETING FOR RIDING COMPETITIONS AND "SPORT AND SHOW" EVENINGS

Friday 31 October, 7:30pm*, show-jumping: from €40²

Longines Grand Prix followed by the equestrian show Une Nuit à Equita

Saturday 1 November, 8:00pm*, show jumping: from €40²

Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, followed by the equestrian show Une Nuit à Equita

Sunday 2 November, 3:00pm*, Longines FEI Jumping World Cup stage:

Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™: from €40²

TICKETING FOR INTERNATIONAL REINING

Saturday 1 November, 5pm*, Final of the NRHA European Derby Open Sec.2: €50

* Times may be modified

1 Group rate only on reservation: no group rate will be granted at the entrance to the show. Licence holders, students and disabled persons: must show their card at the entrance to the show.

2 Subject to availability.

3 To facilitate access to the venue for persons with disabilities, numbered seats can be reserved in the stands by sending a request to the following email address btoblive@fnac.com



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