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White Turf St. Moritz 2024 - 117 years of international horse racing on snow

Over 45 horses and an extended Family Day programme on the first White Turf weekend

St. Moritz, 2nd of February 2024 - **The excitement is almost palpable: The 117th edition of the International Horse Races starts this weekend. Over 45 horses from four countries will compete in the three disciplines of galloping, trotting and skikjöring on the frozen Lake St. Moritz on the first race Sunday. In addition to exciting races, visitors can look forward to numerous new features and hands-on activities for young and old on the Saturday Family Days.**

There will be six official horse races on the first Sunday, one each thanks to main sponsors UBS, Genesis and new main sponsor DC Aviation Group. The fields in the gallop races are filled with two times six and two times seven starters. In the trotting races on Sunday, eight and twelve horses respectively will compete for the coveted winners' laurels. All races are endowed with at least 10,000 Swiss francs; the main event, the GP Casino St. Moritz and Friends of the Racing Club, even carries a purse of 20,000 Swiss francs. "Due to the lack of precipitation and warm temperatures throughout the previous week, the racecourse has also been covered with artificial snow. As this snow is more compact than natural snow, a fast track is expected on Sunday," says race director Dennis Schiergen.

Six candidates for the most important race on the final Sunday

All six starters in the GP Casino St. Moritz and Friends of the Racing Club also have an entry for the 84th Evangelos Pistiolis Foundation Grand Prix of St. Moritz on the third Sunday. It is a high-quality field with four horses from Swiss training centres and one each from England and Germany.

Mr and Mrs Kräuliger's Queroyal has only competed in one race in Switzerland; he finished second behind the superior Power and Grace in the Grand Prix Jockey Club at the end of September. Ispahan, owned by the Engadine stable ForzAgricola, competed in St. Moritz last year, where he placed twice and finished eighth in the final Grand Prix. Singledon also made a promising snow debut last year and finished last year's season with a victory in Maienfeld.

The Swiss debutant Zandjan was in action last year at distances up to 1,500 metres - on Sunday he will take part in the race over 1,800 metres. Dolomit, who is travelling from Germany, already gave a guest performance in Switzerland in last year's Grand Prix Jockey Club, but did not make an appearance against the local elite. Also worth mentioning is that the English guest Postmark has stayer qualities.

Skikjöring under the patronage of UBS

For the first year, the skikjöring discipline is under the patronage of UBS. There are also some top-class horses competing in the sporting exclusivity of St. Moritz. First and foremost Ulster, who won three of the biggest flat races in Switzerland in 2021. He had to miss almost all of the 2023 season and is now being looked after by champion trainer Claudia Erni in Avenches. He will be ridden by Valeria Schiergen, one of the most successful skikjöring riders of recent years.

In the big trotting race, the dominators of last year's races, Fourteenth of July (Jean-Bernard Matthey) and Kiss Forever H.C. (Stephanie Theiler), will meet.

Further expansion of the White Turf Family Days

Once again this year, the White Turf Family Days will take place on the Saturdays before the races - 3, 10 and 17 February - to celebrate young racing talent. The programme includes pony, trotting and flat races as well as mounted UBS Kids Skikjöring and duathlon competitions. As a result of its great popularity with young and old alike, the programme has also been expanded to include numerous hands-on activities and involves various local sports clubs and associations. New features include the White Turf Kids Games by Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz, pony rides with the River Ranch and the "UBS slide". Visitors can also look forward to the ice princess show on the ice rink, organised by SIC St. Moritz. The starting signal for the first race will sound at 11.00 am, while the area and catering facilities open at 10.30 am. Admission is free for everyone.

Tickets for White Turf St. Moritz 2024 are available online at www.whiteturf.ch/tickets The VIP packages are almost sold out.

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High-resolution images of the upcoming race weekends will be available at [this link](#). Please use the photo credits according to the captions.

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About the White Turf

The White Turf, which has been held annually since 1907, is a top-class event: it combines exciting horse racing, fine catering, attractive music and art performances set against a unique mountain backdrop on the frozen Lake St. Moritz. White Turf 2024 will take place on 4, 11 and 18 February and is expected to attract 30,000 visitors from all over the world. The St. Moritz Racing Club is behind the organisation, while the main sponsors are UBS, Genesis and DC Aviation Group. www.whiteturf.ch



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UBS - main sponsor of the White Turf

UBS is a leading global wealth manager from Switzerland with over 160 years of history. The White Turf is not only a highlight for St. Moritz and the whole of Switzerland - guests from all over the world also celebrate this unique winter sports event year after year. UBS continues this traditional commitment of its long-standing White Turf partner Credit Suisse. UBS is now the new main sponsor and title sponsor of the UBS Skikjöring Trophy. With its support of the White Turf Family Days, UBS is also enabling families with children to enjoy a very special White Turf experience. ubs.com/wie-die-schweiz

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