

2025-26 EUROPEAN/MIDDLE EAST ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY SCHEDULE: 10 RACES

Date	Race	Racetrack	Group	Purse (USD)	Distance	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Sept. 27, 2025	Tattersalls Online Royal Lodge	Newmarket (GB)	2	\$176,332	1 M (T)	10	5	3	2	1
Sept. 27, 2025	Qatar Racing & Equestrian Beresford	Curragh (IRE)	2	\$137,600	1 M (T)	10	5	3	2	1
Oct. 5, 2025	Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardère	Paris Longchamp (FR)	1	*\$432,977	7 F (T)	10	5	3	2	1
Oct. 25, 2025	Futurity Trophy	Doncaster (GB)	1	*\$275,259	1 M (T)	10	5	3	2	1
14 WEEKS										
Jan. 23, 2026	UAE 2000 Guineas	Meydan (UAE)	3	*\$190,610	1 M	20	10	6	4	2
11 WEEKS										
Feb. 14, 2026	Saudi Derby	King Abdulaziz (KSA)	3	*\$1,500,000	1 M	30	15	9	6	3
10 WEEKS										
Feb. 20, 2026	Dubai Road to the Kentucky Derby Stakes (formerly Al Bastakiya)	Meydan (UAE)		*\$217,840	1 3/16 M	20	10	6	4	2
9 WEEKS										
*Feb. 25, 2026	Road to the Kentucky Derby Condition Stakes	Kempton (GB)		*\$74,760	1 M (AW)	20	10	6	4	2
8 WEEKS										
*March 6, 2026	Patton	Dundalk (IRE)		*\$40,122	1 M (AW)	20	10	6	4	2
5 WEEKS										
March 28, 2026	UAE Derby	Meydan (UAE)	2	*\$1,000,000	1 3/16 M	100	60	30	15	10

* = Race dates and distances to be announced by host track; date based on recent historical placement.
 Schedule subject to change. (T) = Turf (AW) = Synthetic.