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# Palm Beach Polo season bringing the world's best players to South Florida

This winter, the world's top polo players will gather in Wellington for the Palm Beach International Polo Season. From Dec. 29 to April 27, 2025, the season unfolds at the National Polo Center (NPC), offering weekly and daily events that highlight the precision and tradition of the sport.

The centerpiece is the Gauntlet of Polo, a

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tournament that draws elite players and international fans. Beyond the matches, Wellington's charm includes its equestrian culture, nearby beaches, upscale dining, and shopping, all within an hour of Miami.

#### Equestrian excellence in Wellington

The NPC stands out with five championship fields, a grandstand and top-tier facilities, including a clubhouse, gym and restaurants, making it a hub for players and spectators

Wellington, known as the Equestrian Capital of the World, is home to one horse for every three residents, underscoring

its deep equestrian roots. Its equestrian sector contributes \$280 million annually to Palm Beach County, reflecting its pivotal role in the region's economy.

# More than polo

The Winter Equestrian Festival, held at the Wellington International Equestrian Center, complements the polo season. Spanning 13 weeks, it attracts riders from 52 countries and more than 250,000 spectators, featuring events for Olympians and amateurs alike.

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