Smiling International School
An Extra Smile

CARNIVALS NEAR FERRARA

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2026

Comacchio: Carnevale sull'Acqua – Water Parade

Sunday 8th & Sunday 15th February

www.carnevalecomacchio.it

Sunday 8th February

Piazzetta Trepponti at 10.30 am

Watch the local nursery schools parade around the town in their fun Carnival costumes

Historical City Centre at 11 am

Via XX Settembre

Award ceremony for the nursery schools' best costumes

Piazzetta Trepponti at 1.15 pm

Presentation of the Carnival boats taking part in the water parade

At 2 pm

The main Carnival parade on water starts. You can also watch groups on foot in costume and dancers parading alongside the canals

The Pirates' Bay

A special Carnival dedicated to children:

Programme:

Via Cavour from 2.30 pm

Trips on a pirate's boat along the canals

Games, face painting & balloons

A snack fit for a pirate!

Show: 'Il Sognatore di Bolle' & 'Bolle d'Atmosfera' performed by Alekos, the Bubbles Poet

Via Zappata 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

'Bambabambin Puppet Theatre' perform 'Arlecchinate'

Historical city centre

Funfair rides, market, street entertainment & refreshments

Sunday 15th February

Piazzetta Trepponti at 10.30 am

A colourful and lively costume parade with participants from the local Primary schools

Historical City Centre at 11 am, Via XX Settembre

An award ceremony for the Primary school children who have the best costumes

Piazzetta Trepponti at 1.15 pm

Presentation of the Carnival boats taking part in the water parade.

At 2 pm

The main Carnival parade on water starts. Groups in costume and dance schools parade along the canals.

Piazzetta Trepponti at 4.30 pm

A bright and lively dance show with various dance schools from the local area taking part.

Piazzetta Trepponti at 5.30 pm

Comacchio's best float will be declared

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Games, face painting & balloons

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Show: 'Bolle d'Atmosfera' performed by Alekos, the Bubbles Poet

Via Zappata 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Massimo Venturi's Puppet Theatre perform 'Sganapino a Carnevale, ogni scherzo'

In the historical city centre

Funfair rides, market, street entertainment & refreshments

PLEASE NOTE:

Comacchio's Carnival website suggests checking in case of any updates or changes to the programme nearer the time. Visit the official website above or email info@carnevalecomacchio.it

In case of bad weather, the Carnival will be postponed until 22nd February & 1st March. Check out the website for any updates.

Carnevale in Cento

Sunday 1st February, Sunday 8th February, Sunday 15th, Sunday 22nd & Sunday 1st March

Parade starts at 2 pm

www.carnevalecento.com

'This is an exciting Carnival and one of the most important in Italy and in Europe. It is twinned with Rio de Janeiro. Its impressive floats move slowly around the main streets of the city and prizes and sweets are thrown to the crowds below. There is music and dancing, colourful and imaginative costumes and displays.

On the last Sunday of the Carnival the winning float is announced in the main piazza and there is a spectacular firework display to bring celebrations to an end.

You can buy tickets at the various entrances to the Carnival on the day which cost €19. Children from 1m 21cm tall, up to the age of 14 = €15. Children who are 1m 20cm tall or less are free.
If you prefer, you can book tickets online with a small charge at:
https://www.ticketnation.it/scrivi-servizio-clienti

For further information about Cento's Carnival and weekend events, visit the official website above.

Ferrara's Carnival - 'Il Carnevale degli Este 2026'

14th & 15th Feburary

Historical city centre

www.paliodiferrara.it

Ferrara's own Carnival is taking place on 14th & 15th February. As tradition, it focuses on one of its historical members of the Estense court and this year it is dedicated to Beatrice d'Este, who was born in Ferrara and married off to Ludovico Sforza from Milan. A lady of culture, leader in fashion and important patron of the arts, Beatrice helped make Milan one of the leading capitals in Renaissance Europe.
During Ferrara's Carnival weekend their will be re-enactments and historical parades in costume. Read February's newsletter for further news about Carnival events in Ferrara and check out the official website above for the full programme when it is published.