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CARNEVALE DI VENEZIA - VENICE'S CARNIVAL

31ST JANUARY - 17TH FEBRUARY 2026

'Olympus – At the Origins of the Games'

This year's Carnival pays tribute to the universal power of challenge, sport and history as Italy prepares for the 2026 Milan – Cortina Winter Olympics.

www.carnevale.venezia.it

Carnival Street Show

Saturday 31st January – Tuesday 17th February
10 am – 7 pm
Piazza San Marco and Piazza Ferretto - 31st January & 1st February
Around the streets 7th & 8th and from 12th – 17th February

Venice's canals, tiny piazzas and winding streets become an open-air theatre as international circus performers, street artists and musicians bring to you Venice's Carnival Street Show, performing every day around the city and on the islands of the lagoon.

Il Corteo acqueo del Carnevale – Carnival Water Parade

Sunday 1st February, 11 am – 12.30 pm

Watch this spectacular boat parade which sets off from Punta della Dogana and travels along the Canal Grande all the way to Rialto Bridge. It is a truly spectacular sight!

Carnival Official Dinner Show – 'Il Canto di Ambrosia'

At Ca' Vendramin Calergi

7th – 8th & 12th – 17th February, 9 pm – 1.30 am

https://carnevale.venezia.it/carnival-official-dinner-show/

If you are looking for a true Venetian Carnival experience then this is the event for you. The evening promises a spectacular setting on the Grand Canal, a delicious dining experience, imaginative and unforgettable entertainment.

N.B. Guests must be 18 years old + and full Carnival costume is compulsory (Black tie or evening dresses are NOT allowed).

Look online for costume rental. Here are some ideas:

·Atelier Le Boudoir – **www.atelier-leboudoir.it**

·Atelier La Bauta – **www.labauta.com**

To book tickets for this event go to the official website above but hurry and book now as tickets sell out quickly! For further information you can also write an email to: **ticketing@velaspa.com**

To reach Ca' Venrdamin Calergi:

·From Piazzale Roma it take 15 minutes on foot

·From the station it takes 10 minutes on foot

·Take the free bus ('navetta acquea') from Piazzale Roma

·By water bus ('vaporetta') take the 'Actv Fermata San Marcuola' from Piazzale Roma or from the station 'Vaporetta Linea 1'.

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‘La Festa delle Marie’ - The Festival of the Venetian Marie

Following a special Venetian tradition, twelve of the most beautiful Venetian women will travel along the Grand Canal from Santa Sofia until Piazza San Marco for everyone to admire. During the week, these ladies will take part in various pageant events.

On **Tuesday 17th February** a jury will elect the most beautiful Maria of Venice for the year 2026 and she will be presented in **Piazza San Marco.**

The Magnificent Arsenale Water Show – ‘Echoes of Olympia’

From Friday 6th – Sunday 8th & Thursday 12th -Tuesday 17th February 2026
Performances are at 6.45 pm and 9 pm and last 30 minutes
Campo de la Tana 2169, 30122 Venezia

A 30 minute spectacular water show along the Venetian Arsenal – the historical shipyards of Venice involving music, dance and light.

Tickets can be bought online: **https://carnevale.venezia.it/arsenale-water-show/**
These can be printed out or shown at the entrance on your phone
(This is a seated show which takes place outdoors so spectators are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather)

Carnevale Internazionale dei Ragazzi

7th – 15th February
Ca’ Giustinian

You may be interested in finding out more about a series of free workshops for everyone (schools, families & citizens) held by Olympic and Paralympic athletes from the official C.I.O. Olympic Museum who aim to raise awareness among young people about the themes and values of Olympic and Paralympic sports. The programme should be out soon so visit **www.carnevale.venezia.it**