

# VENICE CARNIVAL ROUTE

Venice dresses up in February. Or rather, it puts on a disguise. And it does it in a big way. For 17 days, the city is filled with the magic of the world's most famous Carnival, with activities and events for the whole family.

The offerings are innumerable, but we've created a special route to help you experience this carnival like an authentic Venetian

## VENICE

### (1) An obligatory stop at Café Florian

Right on St Mark's Square, this café has an authentic eighteenth-century atmosphere and truly immerses us in the Venice of the time, where Lord Byron, Goethe or Proust, among others, sat and conversed. Its founder, Floriano Francesconi, wanted to create a meeting place for the bourgeois social gatherings that lasted long into the night. During the days of Carnival, people usually organize to meet for refreshments in costume. Don't forget your mask!

**Address:** St. Mark's Square

### (2) Get your makeup done by artists

You don't have a mask? No worries. Students of the Faculty of Arts of Venice will take care of everything by painting a unique design for you. You'll find them at the exit of the Santa Lucia train station.

**Address:** Santa Lucia Train station

### (3) A costume to match

It's not mandatory, but we would recommend it. To truly experience Carnival in the Venetian tradition, you need a good outfit that will transport you directly to eighteenth-century Venice. Come to the Tiepolo workshop and choose from over 300 costumes, hats, caps, and all kinds of accessories that are designed to make you dazzle at any masquerade ball.

**Address:** It's located in San Polo at 2870/b 3015, but during the days of Carnival they move to the hall of Hotel Danieli Castello 4196 · Venice, 30122 · Italy

### (4) Experience the excitement and elegance of an authentic masquerade ball

It's true that all of Venice becomes a huge masquerade party, but you won't want to miss the festivals that are organized in locations throughout the city, the most elite of which are in luxurious settings that are certainly reminiscent of those once organized by the eighteenth-century court. One of our favorites is the Grand Ball "The Barber of Seville." A gala dinner with live classical music under the light of the candelabras is followed by a masquerade ball in the stunning Palazzo Ca'Pesaro Papafava. The price is high, but the experience will be unforgettable.

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**Address:** 3764 Rachedta - Cannaregio, Venice



### (1) Official opening parade of the Carnival of Venice

This year, the theme of the Carnival is "La festa più golosa del mondo!" ("The most gluttonous party in the world!") and it throws a spotlight on international cuisine from its most festive and colorful side. With this excuse, a series of activities has been organized, between which it will be impossible to ignore the fantastic inaugural parade that takes place every year at St. Mark's Square. Get ready for the large-scale Carnival.

**Address:** St. Mark's Square



### (3) Eating typical carnival fritters (pastries)

Every celebration has its typical sweet, and the Venice Carnival is no different. If you ask any local citizen, he or she will respond with illuminated eyes that frittelle and galani are the most coveted dessert during this time. Although the traditional recipe calls for raisins and pine nuts, today you'll also find flavors like Nutella or apple. We recommend you to try them at Pasticceria Tonolo:

[www.facebook.com/PasticceriaTonolo](http://www.facebook.com/PasticceriaTonolo)

**Address:** Dorsoduro, 3764



### (5) Create your own Venetian mask

If you prefer to have a typical Venetian souvenir, you should definitely visit Ca'Macana ([www.camacana.com](http://www.camacana.com)). Their workshop is famous for their specially handmade masks and unique style. Due to their professional techniques and respect for Venetian tradition is so valued that Stanley Kubrick even chose to have them design the masks that appear in the film Eyes Wide Shut. Best of all is that their workshop is open to the public and they also organize workshops to teach you to paint your own mask. A highly recommendable experience!

**Address:** Dorsoduro 3172, 30123 Venice



### (7) A walk through the mercatino dei miracoli

This "market of miracles" is celebrated every year from March to September and is a must-see for the nostalgics and collectors among you who want to find treasures at great prices. It's an entertaining way to immerse oneself in the history of the city through its objects.

**Address:** Cannaregio, Campo Santa Maria Nova, 30121 Venice

