

The Grand Opening of the Venice Carnival

A personalized tour to discover **the most stylish Carnival of the world**, in the stunning location of the Venetian canals. You'll have the chance to attend the Grand Opening Water Show and the following water parade, to wander the "calli" lead by a Venetian guide in the thrilling Carnival atmosphere or to take part in some of the many events of its rich program. The tour may include special dinners and exclusive Gala, such as the **Grand Ball & Dinner** at the majestic Ca' Vendramin Calergi palace. Enjoy the magic!





TOUR SCHEDULE

Day 1

Arrival in Venice

Private transfer to the hotel by water taxi (from S. Lucia train station or from Venice airport)

Check-in at the hotel: 4* hotel in an exclusive location, right in front of the same canal where will be held the Grand Opening show.

Free time at disposal for an initial discovery of the city, wandering the "calli" (the narrow streets of Venice) in the thrilling pre-Carnival atmosphere

Overnight at the hotel

Day 2

Breakfast at the hotel

Full day city tour, lead by a professional tour leader. From S. Marco Square to the Rialto Bridge and Grand Canal, you'll have the chance to visit all the most impressive attractions of this unique city.

6:00pm: the show begins! The **Grand Opening** of the 2018 Carnival – the so-called Festa Veneziana - is an outstanding evening show, held directly on the water, that will bring music, rhythm, joy on the banks of Cannaregio Canal: a wonder not to be missed!

Overnight at the hotel

Day 3 DISCOVER THE CITY

Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast meet your tour leader that will help you navigate the city and make the most of this spectacular feast.

In the morning: the Festa Veneziana goes on with a water parade of various rowing associations followed by wine and food itineraries

In the afternoon: visit **Murano & Burano Islands**, the most famous of the Venetian islands, well known throughout the world for their picturesque scenery and handicrafts (such as Murano blown glass).

Overnight at the hotel

Day 4 MASK WORKSHOP

Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast visit an authentic artisan workshop where the famous Venetian masks are created. The craftsman, after an introduction to the history of Venetian masks and Carnival, will show you how they are made and will arrange a decorative course to guide you step by step in decorating your own mask.

Private transfer from the hotel by water taxi (to S. Lucia train station or to Venice airport)

Contact us for special requirements and dates availability.



GRAND BALL & EVENTS

On request and according to date, we can suggest and include tickets for special dinners and exclusive events that will be held in Venice during the Carnival, such as the famous **Grand Ball & Dinner** at the Casino or the extremely **exclusive masquerade parties**. These are once-in-a-lifetime events that include sumptuous dinners, artistic performances, mystery, luxury and enchanting precious costumes, all set in the most fascinating venues of Venice (please, enquiry for more details and prices).



VENEZIA CRAFTSMANSHIP

Venice is famous all over the world not only for its noble palaces and bridges, but also for its fine handicrafts: from classy masks, to precious costumes, from unique gondolas to gleaming Murano Glass.

You can visit the workshops where this refined crafts are created and admire artists/artisans at work: in addition to the mask laboratory we can arrange a visit to the most prestigious costume ateliers, the Murano glass factories and the rare "Squero" (the so-called workshop where the worldwide famous Venetian gondola are created, still hand made)



EXAMPLE OF TRIP EXTENSION

The Venice Carnival tour can be easily combined with a visit to Milan, Verona and Florence, on a 7 days tour (1 night in Milan, 3 nights in Venice, 2 nights in Florence).

