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CARNEVALE TRADITIONS IN VENICE

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On the front cover: *Carnevale ladies*, photo by Gloria De Luca. Above: The Grand Canal.

EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF THE PRE-LENTEN FESTIVAL OF CARNEVALE, CELEBRATED SINCE AT LEAST THE 15TH CENTURY, DURING THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THE REVELRY. LEARN ABOUT THE ART AND TRADITIONS OF costume making at a famous local atelier and on a specially arranged visit to the Palazzo Mocenigo textile museum. Take a private walking tour in the company of a *Codega* (traditional costumed guide) and decorate your own *papier-mâché* mask before attending the official *Carnevale* opening ceremony. Visits to the iconic sights of Venice—including Basilica San Marco, La Fenice Theater, the Museo Correr, Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana and the Accademia—will further enhance your stay. Travelers will also have the option to attend a traditional masked ball and an opera performance at La Fenice. Your Harvard study leader will provide a lecture series on such topics as the culture of *Carnavale*, Casanova the Venetian, and Shakespeare's Venice.

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HARVARD STUDY LEADER

As this brochure goes to print, we have not yet confirmed the faculty study leader for this program. We intend, however, that you will be joined by a Harvard lecturer who will enhance your travel experience. You will discover that our lecturers are not only first-rate scholars and teachers but also friendly traveling companions, eager to share their insights through conversation as well as in scheduled presentations.

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Doges Palace detail (top) and Gondolas and Santa Maria della Salute (above).

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enrichment lectures by an expert Harvard faculty and study leader
- Specially arranged visit to the costume and textile collection at the 17th-century Palazzo Mocenigo
- Workshop on the history of *Carnevale* masks, with the chance to decorate your own *papier-mâché* mask
- Private walking tour guided by a *Codega*, a traditional costumed character dating from the 15th century
- Visit to the celebrated La Fenice Theater, now gloriously restored, with the option of attending an evening opera performance
- Attendance at the official "Flight of the Dove" ceremony that opens *Carnevale*
- Optional evening at an elegant masked ball

FOR DETAILED ITINERARIES, VISIT ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/HAA/TRAVEL

SCHEDULE BY DAY



TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 DEPART USA

Depart on an overnight flight to Venice, Italy.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 VENICE

Arrive in Venice this morning and transfer to the Hotel Bonvecchiati near Piazza San Marco. Lunch is at leisure. In the afternoon, a walking tour includes a visit to Basilica San Marco, with its magnificent mosaic ceilings. Then continue to one of the famous Venetian costume ateliers to learn about the art and traditions of making costumes, for not only *Carnevale* but also for movies, theater, and important cultural events. Rental arrangements can be made for those planning to attend a *Carnevale* ball later in the week. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner at the Hotel Monaco. The hotel was once the famous Ridotto gambling house where Casanova, hiding himself behind a disguise, used to spend many hours gambling in company of Venetian noblemen.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 VENICE

Begin the day at the Museo Correr, the museum of the city, whose displays vary from first-rate paintings to *objets* and costumes. Then see Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana, the Republic's state library, featuring ceilings by Veronese and changing exhibitions of books and images from their vast collection. Following lunch, enjoy a private walking tour guided by a *Codega*, a costumed character whose history dates from the 15th century, who will introduce us to more of *La Serenissima's* storied past. In the early evening, depart for the famed La Fenice ("the Phoenix") Theater. Aptly named, this opera house burned to the ground in 1998 — not for the first time — and has now returned to its former glory after years of reconstruction. Tickets can be arranged for the evening performance (*pending ticket availability and at an additional cost*).



Basilica San Marco (top left), photo © Lorenzo Puricelli. Boxes at La Fenice (center), photo by Gloria De Luca.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29
VENICE**

Explore the treasures of Venice's greatest museum, the Accademia, housed in the original Scuola della Carità. Continue to the remarkable Peggy Guggenheim Collection in her former home on the Grand Canal. After lunch, discover the Palazzo Ducale, seat of the government of Venice for centuries. The palace embodies the splendor of the Venetian state and is richly adorned with artistic masterpieces by Titian, Veronese, and Tintoretto. Conclude the afternoon learning the history of the *Carnevale* masks, with an opportunity to decorate your own *papier-mâché* mask, one of the most important traditions of *Carnevale* costumes. The evening is at leisure.



Carnevale mask (top left), photo by Gloria De Luca. Torre dell' Orologio (above left) and The Lion of Venice (above).



Gondolas and the Palazzo Ducale.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30
VENICE**

Begin the day with a stroll through Piazza San Marco to admire the elaborate *Carnevale* costumes and masks worn by local Venetians and visitors from all over the world. Visit Ca' Rezzonico, which houses the city's museum of 18th-century decorative arts. View the collection of furnishings and art treasures, showcasing the patrician splendor of Venetian family palaces. Then see the Scuola Grande dei Carmini, an 18th-century gem with ceilings by Tiepolo. At the Renaissance Chiesa di San Sebastiano, marvel at the wall and ceiling paintings by Veronese. The remainder of the day is at leisure to independently join in the festivities. Arrangements can also be made (*at an additional cost*) for those who wish to attend a masked ball this evening.



Carnevale reveler, photo by Ellen Renstrom.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 VENICE

Depart this morning for a private visit to the impressive costume and textile collection at the Palazzo Mocenigo. In 1945, this 17th-century *palazzo* became a museum, gathering together the textiles from the Correr, Guggenheim, and Cini collections. Conclude at Palazzo Querini Stampalia for a guided tour of this beautiful and interesting cultural complex, focusing on the artwork depicting the colors and atmosphere of the *Carnevale*. At noon, the "Flight of the Dove" ceremony officially opens *Carnevale*. Those who wish may pre-arrange reserved seats for better viewing. The afternoon is at leisure. Gather in the evening for our farewell dinner.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 VENICE / USA

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to the USA.

PROGRAM RATE PER PERSON \$4,995 Per Person; \$990 Single Supplement. Tour cost includes: Five nights accommodations at Hotel Bonvecchiati, Venice; buffet breakfast daily, two lunches, and two dinners. Local wine with lunches and dinners; bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; \$200,000 emergency evacuation insurance; enrichment program of lectures; escorted sightseeing and entrance fees for visits; airport/hotel group transfers and portage; taxes and service; gratuities to local guides and drivers.

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