



## Venetian Carnival

### EVENT EXPERIENCE

Carnivale can be traced back to the late 1100s and has had many different meanings, rules, and signification since. The celebration of Carnival officially starts Dec. 26 and last until 40 days before Easter.

This celebration is one of the most beautiful examples of costuming, pageantry and color. Theming your event with a Carnival theme will give you and your guests many options to express yourselves and your creativity.

This theme can go as elaborate as you wish to go and can encompass elegant costumes, outstandingly beautiful masks, and some of the most amazing art and music ever to be available to mankind.

Called “il Carnevale” in Italian and known as the most beautiful carnival in the world, this theme is an upscale version of Mardi Gras with added elegance, mystery and allure. This theme is ideal for those who desire an element of mystery, inspiring colors and an evening they won't soon forget!

Let your imagination roam free and think romance, beautiful pageantry, strolling musicians, and the celebration of arts.

Your guests will be transported to the center of the City of Romance during their most celebrated time of the year, Carnival. Your guests are encouraged to don their most elaborate mask and join the pageantry for an evening of decadence.

From the gondolier singing in an operatic voice near your registration table to the strolling musicians in their mid-century costumes, this night is about romance, creativity, and celebration.



# SETTING THE MOOD



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## COLORS & TEXTURES

Rich greens, golds, purples, and reds will be the color combination for this event. Velvet and feather accents will serve as textures that will help bring the theme together.

## INVITATIONS

Choose from a variety of artsy and creative invitations:

- An accordion invitation with several pop-up venetian masks
- A venetian mask on front that splits in half to reveal the details inside
- Sketched eyes with a 3D mask overlay
- Or just simply decorate with a photo of a beautiful mask or person in Venetian attire

## ENTRYWAY

As guests arrive, they will be greeted with a living statue fountain placed harmoniously in the center of the walkway as well as vines flanking the building that come alive. Along the walkway, silk flame lamps light the way for an exhilarating night filled with mystery.

## PRE-FUNCTION AREA

Once inside, beautiful models in ornate mask and costumes will be showing luxurious vehicles with brands such as Mercedes, Porsche, Lamborghini and Bentley, to name a few. Guests will be offered champagne by models dressed in costumes that harmonize with Carnival.



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Guests may spend time socializing at cocktail tables adorned with Venetian masks or among white furniture groupings around the room.

## MAIN ROOM

The main room will have lighting elements that reflect on the ceiling to help create a more intimate, elegant space.

Male servers dressed as Gondoliers will serve Italian wine in reds and whites. Hors d'oeuvres, consisting of three passed and one stationary display of antipasti will start the night off right. Suggested hors d'oeuvres might be crispy lobster medallions, caprese salad skewers, goat cheese and caviar topped with spicy mango chutney with a table water cracker.

Banners of gold, purple and red will hang in the ceiling and on the balconies to accentuate a Venetian impression. Masked models will greet the guests to heighten the experience.

## STAGE AREA

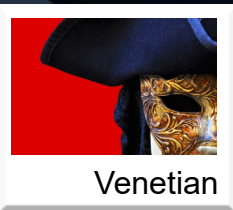
On center stage, violinists will be performing upon guests' arrival. For stage decor a Venetian backdrop will be hung; Venetian statues along with greenery will fill the remaining space.

## DÉCOR

Upon entrance into the main room, guests will find two living alabaster statues and accents of feather arrangements placed on high pillars. Street lamps will allow guests to feel as if they are among the streets of Venice.



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Within the room a backdrop of a large mask or the Rialto bridge will be displayed. Hanging gold chandeliers and feather towers will exhibit the decadence of the evening. Displaying the event logo on a white dance floor is an added option to consider.

## FURNITURE ACCENTS

This event will feature cocktail tables, white lounge furniture, and unique S-shaped couches in the center of the room.

## CENTERPIECES

There are a several elegant centerpiece ideas that can be used for this event.

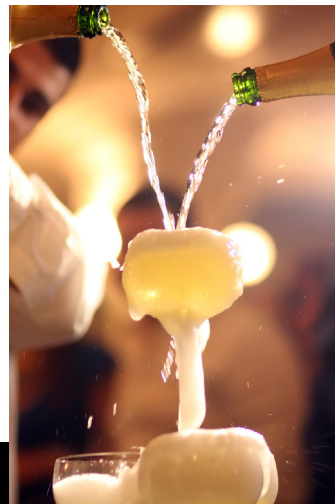
- Venetian masks and feathers
- Tall lighted feather columns

- Beads and bobbles
- Floral arrangements on tall clear vases

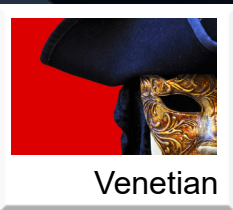
## DINNER SET UP

Tables, round and square, will be dressed in gold damask linen garnished with striking Venetian masks and feathers as center pieces. Chiavari chairs will don ties that reflect the elegance of Venice.

The main reception area will be set for a full dinner or cocktails with food stations around the room. Gold chargers will be placed for a sit down dinner of dry aged Porterhouse or a Filet Mignon Oscar with two sides. Food stations may be prime rib or beef tenderloin. A heavy chocolate dessert bar will be set up for guests to indulge in after dinner.



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## BAR AND CUSTOM DRINK

The room will have an ice bar with a martini luge along with the feature drink, Bombay Sapphire, Cognac, or various wines.

Ask your bartender to wear a white wig and a shirt with the big ruffles down the front. Make sure you let them roll up their sleeves to make those amazing drinks for your guests.

## ICE SCULPTURES

Rather than the traditional ice sculpture for this event, a living fountain or champagne fountain flowing with rich

gold sparkling champagne will take its place. The fountain will be surrounded with purple flowers, Venetian masks, and elegant glassware.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Roving musicians and Cirque performers will wander the building interacting with guests. At the end of the evening all entertainers will line up to hold a parade throughout the building. This will be the final Hoorah for the evening and will leave your guests with a fond memory of this elegant event.





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## PHOTO OPS

An area will be set aside for guests to take pictures with the costumed characters and roaming musicians. People always love having pictures to take home or that they can see on social media to look back on what a fun time they had at the event.

The photographer will be on hand to snap photos and have them ready for your guests as they leave for the evening. A background that reflects the theme or a step-and-repeat will be set up for photos to be taken in front of, leaving guests with a vivid memory of their unforgettable evening at your event.

