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Italy: Costume and traditional ball included in Carnival party tour

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Two masked revelers in Saint Mark's Square during the Carnival celebrations in Venice, Italy. (Andrea Merola / EPA)

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'Downton Abbey' costume exhibit to open at Delaware's Winterthur



By Mary Forgiione, Los Angeles Times Daily Deal and Travel Blogger
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What's Carnival time in Venice without a fabulous costume? Don't bother cramming one into your rollerbag because you won't need it. ItalyVacations offers a four-day trip in February that starts with a traditional costume fitting, ends with a grand gala and squeezes in sightseeing too.



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The **trip** begins with a costume fitting at an atelier so you'll be ready for an event that's been a tradition in the Italian port city since the 13th century. The second day includes a walking tour of the city and a boat tour along the Grand Canal.

Expect to see plenty of masks (and mask stores) as well as daily parades throughout the city. Then it's off to party at a grand gala at the five-star **Luna Hotel Baglioni**, not far from San Marco Square, which includes cocktails, dinner, opera skits and dance music.

When: Feb. 27-March 2

Price: \$1,995 per person, double occupancy. It includes hotel, tours, costume rental and gala, and daily breakfast. International airfare is extra.

Info: [ItalyVacations](http://ItalyVacations.com), (800) 482-5925

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