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- 1 FESTA VENEZIANA ON THE WATER**
16 Feb 2019 @ 18:00 – 22:00, Rio di Cannaregio
The Rio di Cannaregio turns into a real water stage with a show that delights thousands of visitors each year. Floating structures move along water, conveying the theme of the carnival. This is an astounding evening, providing music, rhythm, and incredible spectacles along the Cannaregio shores. For some, this is the best evening of the entire carnival.
- 2 BEST MASK CONTEST**
24 Feb 2019 @ 15:30 to 13:00, Saint Mark's Square
The Best Mask Contest begins on the 24th of Feb but it continues each day until March the 3rd. Don a Venetian mask and take part in the carnival! Take to the streets with your most impressive mask. A winner is chosen each day. It's free to enter, but you need to do it in advance.
- 3 MASCHERANDA GRAND BALL**
3 Mar 2019 @ 18:00 to 23:30, Palazzo Pisani Moretta
Have you ever wanted to attend a grand ball? This is so much more than dinner and a show. The elegant menu, the thrilling performances, and the charming views onto the Grand Canal all ensure you'll have an unforgettable time. This is your chance to wear your best Venetian costume & take part in your very own masquerade ball!
- 4 FESTA DELLE MARIE & PARADE**
Begins 23 Feb 2019 @ 14:30 to 16:00, Saint Mark's Sq.
The traditional 'Festa delle Marie' is essentially a historic beauty contest. It starts on Feb 23 but occurs on several days. It begins at San Pietro di Castello and parades along Garibaldi and Riva degli Schiavoni, reaching the San Marco stage at 4.00 pm. There, the twelve 'Marias' will be introduced to the crowd.
- 5 WAITING FOR THE CARNIVAL ANGEL**
24 Feb 2019 @ 11:00 to 12:00, Saint Mark's Square
Waiting for the Carnival Angel to 'fly down' from the bell tower, the San Marco stage will be crowded with colourful decorations and excited crowds of people. A lot of traditional groups will parade on stage, bringing colors, wonderful costumes, beauty and history.

6) BALLAD OF THE MASKS WITH THE 'BEHEADING OF THE BULL'

TBC 2019 @ 14:00, Saint Mark's Square

The cultural association "L'Arte dei Mascareri" organizes and promotes the fourth edition of the Ballad of the Masks. The bull is a symbol for the Patriarch and the pigs for the lords. They are shown to the people in the square, mocked and then the bull is beheaded.

7) THE BEST MASK CONTEST WINNER CEREMONY

3 Mar 2019 @ 15:30 to 17:00, Saint Mark's Square

Watch on as a jury composed by mask-costume experts proclaims the two winners of the two categories: Best Masked Costume and Best Masked Costume (according to the festival's theme).

8) THE FESTA DELLE MARIE 2019 – AWARD CEREMONY

TBC Mar 2019 @ 16:00 to 16:30, Saint Mark's Square

The award ceremony for the 2019 winning 'Maria' will be staged in San Marco Square, where the 12 Maries will arrive by boat, leaving from Campo San Giacomo dell'Orio.

9) THE 'SVOLO DEL LEON'

5 Mar 2019 @ 17:00 to 18:00, Saint Mark's Square

This event celebrates and pays tribute to the Leone di San Marco — the symbol of Venice. A lion painted on a large canvas will fly up to the bell tower over the audience in the Square. To welcome him, on stage of San Marco, there will be twelve young ladies from Venice, the "Maries". They will all greet the flag. This ceremony marks the end of the Venice Carnival 2019.

