

Karnival ta' Malta 2026

* Programme of Events *

21 Jan - 22 Feb

Carnival Exhibition

Location

Atrium, Spazju Kreattiv, St James Cavalier, Valletta

Tue - Fri (9AM - 9PM), Sat - Sun (10AM - 9PM)

Price: Free Ages: All

Sat, 7 Feb

Carnival by Night: Hamrun u Santa Venera

Location

St Joseph High Street, Santa Venera and Hamrun

6pm onwards

Price: Free Ages: All

Sun, 8 Feb

Band Parade and Costume Parade in Hamrun

A band parade along St Joseph High Street, featuring traditional Maltese bands, grotesque masks, carnival floats and merriment groups.

Location

St Joseph High Street, Hamrun (From the Parish Church of St Cajetan of Thiene to Fra Diegu Square)

10.00hrs onwards

Price: Free Ages: All

Carnival in Valletta & Floriana

Malta's carnival traditions burst with colour and history, stretching back hundreds of years, even before the Knights of St John! Over time, Carnival has exploded into a vibrant, uniquely Maltese celebration, blending old customs with bold creativity to create one of the island's most iconic festivities.

The programme below is the national carnival programme. General access to Carnival is free, although select areas/activities such as the arena in St George's Square in Valletta, is against payment.

Have a look and
explore the programme
for Malta's 2026 Carnival.

N.B Everything in this document
is correct at time of design.
Tickets for St George's Square
will be available at a later date.

Fri, 13 Feb

Afternoon Programme

A programme featuring competitive dances by Dance Companies from Sections D, B and A, and a parade with the participation of King Carnival and Company Floats Section A and Triumphal Floats Section C.

Location

St. George's Square & Republic Street, Valletta

Time: 5:00pm – 8.30pm

Price: Standard General Admission EUR8, Concessions General Admission EUR5 and Gold Area EUR17.

Sat, 14 Feb

Afternoon Programme

A programme at St George's Square, featuring competitive dance companies Section B, together with Dance Company with Floats Section A. Also participating throughout the event will feature a number of Triumphal Floats competing in Sections A and B. The programme will also see the participation of a Traditional Carnival local band together with the Band float and Grotesque Masks.

Location

St. George's Square & Republic Street, Valletta

Time: 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Price: Standard General Admission EUR12, Concessions General Admission EUR7 and Gold Area EUR20.

Sat, 14 Feb

Morning Programme

Saturday Morning Special Carnival Event at St George's Square, featuring the participation of Dancing Companies Section C and including a float parade with the participation of the King Carnival float and Triumphal Floats Sections C.

Location

St. George's Square & Republic Street, Valletta

Time: 9:30am – 11:55 am

Price: Standard General Admission EUR5, Concessions General Admission Free and Gold Area EUR15.

Il-Qarçilla

A live theatrical performance of Il-Qarçilla, the traditional farce synonymous with Carnival, penned by Michael Spagnol.

Location

Ordinance Street, Valletta (adjacent to Pjazza Teatru Rjal)

Time: 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm

Price: Free

Sun, 15 Feb

Morning Programme

Dance competitions at St. George's Square, with the participation of Competitive Dance Companies from Sections C and B. Also including the participation of a Traditional Carnival local band together with the Band float and Grotesque Masks.

Location

St. George's Square & Republic Street, Valletta

Time: 10:30am – 12:15pm

Price: Standard General Admission EUR12, Concessions General Admission EUR7 and Gold Area EUR17.

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A live theatrical performance of Il-Qarçilla, the traditional farce synonymous with Carnival, penned by Michael Spagnol.

Location

Ordinance Street, Valletta (adjacent to Pjazza Teatru Rjal)

Time: 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm

Price: Free

Sun, 15 Feb

Afternoon Programme

A programme at St George's Square, featuring competitive dancing companies from Sections A and D. Event includes the defile with the participation of King Carnival, Section A Company Floats together with Triumphal Floats from Sections A, B and C.

Location

St. George's Square & Republic Street, Valletta

Time: 2:30pm – 6:30pm

Price: Standard General Admission EUR17, Concessions General Admission EUR10 and Gold Area EUR20.

Tue, 17 Feb

Afternoon Programme

A full competitive dancing programme featuring dancing companies Section A, B, C, and D.

Location

St. George's Square, Valletta

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Price: Standard General Admission EUR12, Concessions General Admission EUR7 and Gold Area EUR17.

Mon, 16 Feb

Morning Programme

A dance show at St George's Square featuring a number of local dance schools, shows by competitive dancing companies from Section C and D and special guests from Gozo.

Location

St. George's Square, Valletta

Time: 10:00am – 12:30pm

Price: Admission EUR5

Carnival Gran Finale

A grand exhibition of carnival floats, together with various carnivalesque items, along St. Anne's Street, Floriana.

Location

St Anne Street, Floriana

Time: 6:00pm- 10:30 pm

Price: Free

Afternoon Programme

Carnival floats Parade with the participation of all triumphal and company floats participating in Malta Carnival 2026.

Location

St. George's Square & Main Roads Around Valletta

Time: 5:00pm – 8:30pm

Price: Standard General Admission EUR12, Concessions General Admission EUR7 and Gold Area EUR17.

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