**Malta Carnival 2018 organised by Festivals Malta**

**Sunday 4 February 2018**

**Cottonera Carnival**

**Senglea, Cospicua, Vittoriosa**

**9.30am – 1pm**

A Carnival defilé will take place in the Three Cities. Organised in collaboration with the Cottonera local councils and local organisations, the defilé sees the participation of various dancing groups and small floats. It will start from near Senglea Parish Church and will continue to Cospicua Waterfront to Pjazza Paolino Vassallo, where a spectacle by local dancing companies will take place. The defilé culminated in Victory Square, Vittoriosa,where participants will create a carnivalesque atmsphere for everyone to enjoy.

**Thursday 8 February 2018**

**St George’s Square**

**6pm – 7.40pm**

**€5**

The programme starts in St George’s Square with the opening ceremony, followed by competitive dancing by Companies C and D and a Costume Parade.

**Friday 9 February 2018**

**St George’s Square**

**6pm – 8.45pm**

**€5**

The programme starts in St George’s Square with competitive dancing by Companies A and B, followed by a small defilé featuring the King Carnival Float, grotesque masks, satirical floats and Category A floats.

**Saturday 10 February 2018**

**St George’s Square**

**9.30am – 11.30am**

**€5**

The Children’s Carnival programme starts in St George’s Square with the participation of dancing companies from private schools, Companies C, followed by a small defilé with the participation of the King Carnival Float, individual grotesque masks and satirical floats along Republic Street.

**Saturday 10 February 2018**

**St George’s Square**

**5pm onwards**

**€10**

Another programme starts in St George’s Square with the participation of competitive dancing Companies A, B and D, and Triumphal Floats from Categories A, B and C. Following this, a parade will proceed up Republic Street.

**Saturday 10 February 2018**

**St John’s Square**

**5pm, 6pm, 7pm**

**Free**

A theatrical production produced by Teatru Malta. ‘L-Għarusa Karfusa’ is the classical tale of banned love – between a fruit and a vegetable.

**Saturday 10 February 2018**

**Triton Square**

**8pm till late**

**Free**

Triton 18 Carnival Ball will take place around the fountain outside the city entrance. All Carnival companies and the public are invited. The event will feature local DJs and a live performance by the Big Band Brothers. The event will carry on till late.

**Sunday 11 February 2018**

**Carnival Band Parade**

**10am, St Joseph High Road, Ħamrun**

A carnival parade featuring the Ħamrun bands, organised by the Ħamrun Local Council in collaboration with Festivals Malta, will take place in the main street of Ħamrun.

**Sunday 11 February 2018**

**Main Streets around Valletta**

**12.30pm**

**Free**

Carnival Floats Parade at Castille Place, Valletta. The defilé will proceed via the Granaries, Great Siege Road, Floriana, Glormu Cassar Avenue, Castille Place, Merchants Street, Archbishop Street, St John’s Street, Republic Street, City Gate, the Triton Fountain Area, Sarria Road and St Publius Road, Floriana.

**Sunday 11 February 2018**

**St George’s Square – Republic Street**

**2.00pm – 8pm**

**€12**

The programme starts in St George’s Square and sees the participation of Category C Companies followed by a defilé featuring the King Carnival Float, grotesque masks, Companies D, satirical floats, Triumphal Floats A, B and C and Company Floats Category A. Following this activity a defilé will proceed up Republic Street.

**Monday 12 February 2018**

**St George’s Square**

**10am – 1pm**

**Free**

A Children’s Parade with the participation of private dancing schools from Malta and Gozo as well as Category C companies. Starting at St George’s Square and parading through Valletta, the event will culminate with a performance by all companies back in St George’s Square.

**Monday 12 February 2018**

**Castille Place, Merchants Street, St George’s Square, Republic Street**

**3.30pm – 9pm**

**€7**

The programme opens with a show by dancing Companies A, B and C in front of Castille. It is followed by a defilé with the King Carnival Float, grotesque masks, satirical floats, Triumphal Floats A, B and C and Companies on Floats Category A and closes with a defilé which will proceed up Republic Street.

**Tuesday 13 February 2018**

**St George’s Square, Republic Street, Pjazza Teatru Rjal**

**10am – 2pm**

**Free**

At 10am there will be a Children’s Parade with the participation of private dancing schools and groups from St George’s Square through Republic Street. It will end with a show at Pjazza Teatru Rjal, which will also include a performance from Zhejiang Wu Opera Troupe from China.

**Tuesday 13 February 2018**

**The GRAN FINALE, Floriana**

**6pm – 11pm**

**Free**

The King Carnival Float and his retinue of floats, and dancing companies in costume celebrate around Floriana, culminating in St Anne’s Street, Floriana, for the final defilé. Zhejiang Wu Opera Troupe will also be performing.

**CARNIVAL IN THE VILLAGES 2018**

**Friday 9 February 2018**

**Marsa Carnival Activity**

**6.30pm onwards, Pjazza Ġ.F. Abela, Marsa**

Organised by the Marsa Local Council, with the participation of the two local bands, including singing and dancing by various schools, including school children from Marsa Primary.

**Saturday 10 February 2018**

**Carnival Event**

**2.30pm onwards, St Julian’s Square (Spinola)**

Organised by the St Julian’s Local Council, the spectacle includes singing and dancing by various organisations. Competitions will also be held.

**Saturday 10 February 2018**

**Birżebbuġa** **Carnival Activities**

**4.30pm onwards, starting from Triq Żarenu Dalli, ending at the Greek Theatre in Pretty Bay**

Organised by the Birżebbuġa Local Council, with a parade featuring the two local bands, including various organisations and clubs, as well as dance and music spectacles by carnival companies.

**Saturday 10 February 2018**

**Qarċilla: L-Għarusa Karfusa**

**9.30am, Triq Dun Nerik Cordina Perez (Broad Street), Ħamrun**A theatrical production by Teatru Malta, ‘L-Għarusa Karfusa’ is the classical tale of banned love – between a fruit and a vegetable.

**Sunday 11 February 2018**

**Dingli Carnival Event**

**9am onwards, Frenċ Abela Square (in case of bad weather to be held at Dingli School)**

Organised by the Dingli Local Council, with the participation of dancing companies and singers, this event will also see a costumes parade, a masks exhibition by children, and will feature a number of games.

**Sunday 11 February 2018**

**Naxxar Carnival Activity**

**9am – 1pm, Labour Avenue**

Organised by the Naxxar Local Council, this activity includes parades, costume shows, and dances from various local Carnival companies.

**Sunday 11 February 2018**

**Żabbar Carnival Activity**

**4.30pm, Ex-Bus Terminus**

Organised by the Żabbar Local Council, with dance parades and singing.

**Sunday 11 February 2018**

**Għaxaq Carnival Event**

**7pm onwards, Għaxaq Square**

Organised by the Ħal Għaxaq Local Council, with the participation of dancing groups, singers and bands.

**Monday 12 February 2018**

**Għargħur Carnival**

**6pm onwards, Għargħur Square, Għargħur**

Organised by the Għargħur Local Council, with the participation of dancing companies and singers, this event will feature music played by Big Friends Guggen Musik Malta. Audiences are encouraged to wear costumes for the evening.

**Monday 12 February 2018**

**Ta’ Xbiex Carnival Activity**

**6pm, Ta’ Xbiex Marina Parking Lot**

Organised by the Ta’ Xbiex Local Council, this activity will create an entertaining atmosphere for children.

**Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 February 2018**

**Ħal Għaxaq Spontaneous Carnival**

**7.30pm, streets of Għaxaq**

Organised by the Għaxaq Local Council, with the participation of floats and masquerades, including those in grotesque masks. During this event various competitions for the best masquerade, group of masquerades, and floats will be held. On Monday, there will also be Il-Qarċilla: L-Għarusa Karfusa at 7.30pm.