



Carnival Programme 2013

Pre-Carnival

Saturday, February 2 | Carnival Market

12.00 noon – 11.00 pm: Carnival market with carnival music and party sounds taking place “Unter der Egg”.

Carnival

Thursday, February 7 | Dirty Thursday

- 5.00 am: When the Fritschi father and his escorts come to town and wave to the crowd assembled outside, a loud boom marks the beginning of Carnival.
- From 8.30 am: Walk with brother Fritschi and his escorts through the old town.
- 11.30 am: Carnival bands march through the old town.
Route: Franziskanerplatz – Rössligasse – Hirschenplatz – Weggisgasse – Grendel – Schwanenplatz – Kapellplatz – Kapellgasse – Weinmarkt.
- 1.45 pm: Carnival parade** featuring big bands, costumed groups and decorated floats. Route: Schweizerhofquai – Schwanenplatz – Kapellplatz – Fritschibrunnen – Seebrücke – Bahnhofplatz – Pilatusstrasse – Viktoriaplatz – Hirschmattstrasse – Waldstätterstrasse.
- 3.00 – 12.00 pm: After the parade all the bands wander through the city or in the restaurants playing their hearts out! Special concerts take place in the Passage Buobenmatt and music concerts of the “Vereinigte” at the Jesuit Church and on the Mühleplatz (Stage).
- 6.30 pm: Carnival bands march through the old town.
Route: Burgerstrasse – Schnyderbrücke – Weinmarkt.

Saturday, February 9 | “Rüüdig” Saturday

Masked revellers and bands meet in bars and restaurants to play music.

- 1.30 pm – 11.00 pm: Fidelitas (Mask-lovers Society) Carnival Party, “Unter der Egg”.
7.00 pm – 5.00 am: Masked ball. Hotel Schweizerhof Lucerne. Advanced booking recommended.
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Monday, February 11 | Fat Monday

- 5.00 am: The Carnival starts again.
6.00 am: Carnival musicians and bands play their instruments at the Kapellplatz.
1.45 pm: **Carnival parade** featuring big bands, costumed groups and decorated floats: Same route as on Dirty Thursday (without Kapellplatz and Fritschibrunnen).
3.00 pm – 12.00 pm: The Carnival continues at the Buobenmatt with concerts and party sounds.
6.30 pm: Carnival bands march through the old town.
Route: Burgerstrasse – Schnyderbrücke – Weinmarkt.
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Tuesday, February 12 | Fat Tuesday

- 2.30 pm: Children’s parade through the old town.
Route: Mühlenplatz – Rössligasse – Weggisgasse – Theilinggasse – Kapellplatz – Kapellgasse – Kornmarkt – Weinmarkt – Jesuitenplatz.
5.00 pm – 7.30 pm /
10.00 pm – 1.00 am: Carnival music concert at the Jesuit Church and Mühlenplatz (stage).
6.00 pm – 11.00 pm: Carnival music and party sounds in the “Passage Buobenmatt”.
6.30 pm: Carnival bands march through the old town.
Route: Burgerstrasse – Schnyderbrücke – Weinmarkt.
7.30 pm: **The crowning finish to Lucerne’s Carnival:** the big parade of the carnival music bands.
Route: Bahnhofstrasse in front of the main post office – Seebrücke – Schweizerhofquai – Töpferstrasse – Hertensteinstrasse – Grabenstrasse – Löwengraben. The Fritschi family leaves at 11.00 pm by boat from Jesuitenplatz.
Ca. 4.00 am: Carnival ends on Ash Wednesday.
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Carnival Art in the gabled roof of the Chapel and Spreuer Bridge

During carnival the original paintings on both bridges will be covered with colourful carnival pictures.
