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FERRARA RENAISSANCE REVIVAL CARNIVAL



The exclusive *Carnevale degli Este* (Carnival of the D'Este dukes) takes off between the **20th - 23rd February 2020** with a magnificent historic re-enactment procession centred round the medieval fortress that dominates the town centre.

Inspired by the **Carnival celebrations of the Renaissance**, this year's edition is dedicated to the brothers **Alfonso and Ippolito D'Este**, who defeated the Venetian forces at the Battle of Polisella in 1509. With more than 250 costumed participants, the procession will include Alfonso's wife, **Lucrezia Borgia**, in an itinerary starting at the castle and winding its way to the Stairway of Honour at the Piazza Municipale.

Outside Ferrara, the D'Este family are best known for their connection with the many-fountained **Villa D'Este at Tivoli**, created by Cardinal Ippolito D'Este, the second son of Alfonso I, grandson of the Borgia Pope Alexander VI.

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