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## What is it really like to attend the Met Gala? From Karlie Kloss to Taylor Swift, Vogue releases behind-the-scenes images from the ball

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Vogue magazine is offering fans an inside look at the MET Gala – taking them behind-the-scenes of the celebrities and celebration involved in the big event.

The candid images, which will be published in [Vogue's](#) MET Gala 2014 Special Issue, give a bird's eye view of what it's like to attend the May 5 ball – which this year carried the theme of Charles James, after the British couturier and subject of the Costume Institute's new exhibit.

From Taylor Swift photobombing Karlie Kloss as they walk the red carpet to a portrait of Bradley Cooper in his white tie tux just before he is about to leave for the museum, the photos give a sense of the gala's grandeur – and how much fun it is to attend.

This year, to celebrate the theme of Charles James – a designer who was known for his feminine, architectural ballgowns – the gala's organizers decided to cover the MET's main lobby reception desk with a massive floral arrangement.

But rather than cover the round desk with a simple, cylindrical structure full of blooms as it has in the past, the MET took the concept of a flower arrangement to the next level.



Cleaning up: Actor Bradley Cooper is photographed just before he leaves **The Mark Hotel** for The MET

One of James's dressforms was recreated into a soaring structure made of white flowers, wearing a hoop skirt made of orange roses. It was the first thing MET guests saw upon their entry into the gala.

Another focal point of the event is its main dining room, which is often situated near the Temple of Dendur in the MET's Egyptian arts wing.

This year, as photos show, multiple crystal chandeliers were suspended from the ceiling to help light up the evening, with simple greenery adorning the white linen-covered tables.

Guests dined on a three-course meal that started with a lobster and caviar appetizer, followed by a Vol Au Vent with poached chicken, truffles and mushrooms. For dessert, the crowd was treated to Baked Alaska, served with a passion fruit and cassis sorbet.

Providing more insight into the event, the magazine has also published a photo of R&B singer Frank Ocean in action as he performed on the gala's stage just in front of the Temple of Dendur.

Vogue's MET Gala 2014 Special Issue hits newsstands nationwide today.