



Carnival - a cultural climax

Vibrant colors, explosive music and an all-around euphoric energy - it's Carnival season. Whether you're a seasoned Carnival-goer or just now dipping your toes in the water, here are our top guides to ensure that you don't miss this notorious festivity.



New Orleans - Mardi Gras

New Orleans celebrates Mardi Gras with due pomp: after all, it's not too far from here that the tradition first started in America. Expect two weeks of non-stop festivities with boisterous parades, masquerade balls, and night-long parties along Bourbon Street. [Find out more >](#)



The Rio de Janeiro Carnival

A five-day extravaganza of bright colors, energy and samba music. From Friday to Ash Wednesday, the town comes to life and becomes the scene of breathtaking shows, samba school exhibitions and parades of floats. It's an unforgettable experience that... [Read more >](#)



Carnival in Cologne

Carnival in Cologne begins with the traditional "Weiberfastnacht" (Women's Carnival Day) and proceeds with a series of parades and parties all over town. The most famous and biggest parade in Germany takes place on Rose Monday. [Read more about Cologne >](#)



Santa Cruz de Tenerife

The Santa Cruz de Tenerife Carnival lays claim to being the second most popular carnival after Rio. On top of this, Tenerife is the warmest destination to celebrate Carnival in Europe. Tenerife's capital of Santa Cruz turns wild and colorful and attracts around 250,000 visitors during this time. [Visit Tenerife >](#)



Nice Carnival

The theme of 2020's carnival is Nice is King of Fashion. Traditionally, the kickoff for the celebration is a flower parade, in which costumed models throw flowers from their floats into the crowd of onlookers. [Explore Nice >](#)

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