

# CARNIVAL IN GERMANY

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- In Germany, the Carnival can be called *Karneval* or *Fastnacht*, it depends on the region.
- In Germany, the Carnival officially begins at 11:11 on November 11, opening Carnival Season, but from January 6 starts to hold parties that last until Ash Wednesday.
- Carnival begins with the *Weiberfastnacht* or Women's Carnival which was born in the 19th century as a form of protest against the exploitation of women. On this day the women go out to the street with scissors in hand and walk the streets to cut the men's ties.

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- On Sundays there are children's parades (*Kinderkarnevalszug*), these are prepared by the schools.
- The party reaches its height on Monday (*Rosenmontag*), with the large parade of 6.5km with allegorical cars, bands and knights. From the allegorical cars are thrown sweets and flowers to the revelers.
- The party ends on Ash Wednesday (*Aschermittwoch*), when it is traditionally served a fish meal.

# Carnival in Cologne

- It is in the city of Cologne that the most famous Carnival in Germany takes place.
- In Colonia each neighborhood, despite being 86 neighborhoods, all have their own schedule of events and parades. For six days madness reigns in the streets, carnival nights are animated with people in disguise, going to theaters to watch shows, dance demonstrations or humorous sketches, all about the theme of Cologne and the carnival.

# Web sites

- <http://simplesmenteberlim.com/carnaval-na-alemanha/>