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Carnival of Cologne

It is the most exciting, crazy and funny carnival on Germany. Its one of the most traditional on Germany too. There are lots of them through the city, such as, Düsseldorf, Bonn, Mainz and so on.

It starts on february but the oficial date is on 11h11min , 11 November .

It usually involves public celebration of parades, costumes, and performances. Dress up in a traditional costume such as a *jecken* (clown).

This is a celebration of excess. Drink a warming glühwein and a kölsch (or ten) and eat a krapfen (doughnut). All the good stuff like red meat, alcohol, and sugar are consumed with glee before they are cut off during Lent.

Weiberfastnacht



On Germany, the first days of the event who charge are women.

Its called “thursthay for women” (Weiberfastnacht). This day born on 19 century as a form to protest against women’s exploitation. Despite of being an important subject , this is an healthy protest, because women do things that mens do on old days.



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🌀 *Rosenmontag* (Rose Monday)

Is a loud wake-up for those with a hangover from the weekend. Marching bands, dancers, and floats strut down the streets, with performers tossing out *kamelle* (sweets) and tulips to the boisterous crowds. In a show of pointed humor, floats often depict caricatures of politicians and famous German personalities.

🌀 *Veilchendienstag* (Violet Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday)

Is a bit quieter. The main event is the ceremonial burning of the *Nubbel* (life-size straw figure).

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Aschermittwoch (Ash Wednesday)

Marks the end of a near-week of partying for Carnival. The actually pious go to church where they receive an ash cross to wear throughout the day. A traditional fish dinner is the start of healthier living for the coming season.

Carnival is not a national holiday in Germany but in Carnival towns like **Cologne** many shops, schools and offices close for the festivities. The carnival festivities take place between February and March, but the specific dates vary from year to year.