



CARNAVAL

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WHAT IS CARNAVAL ?

- Celebrated in late February or early March, 40 days before Lent, a period of prayer and penance before Easter.
- A holiday known for its spirited and passionate costumes and masks.
- Festivals involving music and dancing.
- Fasting of meats begin after the first day and many sweets are eaten.



HISTORY OF CARNIVAL

- Carnival began in the 1830s as a continuation of the Portuguese tradition of celebrating and indulging on the day before Lent begins.
- Lent is the 40-day period observed primarily by Roman Catholics as a means of sacrifice and abstinence in preparation for Easter.
- During the late 1800s music and dancing were introduced to the celebration and eventually costumes, masks and many cultural foods.
- The original Carnival took place in Rio.

CARNAVAL TRADITIONS

- In Ecuador - Diablicos will be wait to throw balloons filled with flour and water at the parades or parties.
- Catalonia - Stuffed donkeys are hung from the towers because of an old legend that said a donkey once went up the stairs to eat grass and after it was finished eating was brought hauled down by a rope around it's neck.
- New Orleans - Beads are a big part of Mardi Gras, this tradition goes back to the 1880's when women would have their cleavage out during the parade and men would throw beads at them because of it.

ATTIRE



- Masks and costumes are a symbol of beauty, mystery, and glittering spectacle of the festival.

CARNAVAL FLOATS

- A large part of Carnival are the magnificent floats, the costumed people ride through the streets and people toss them beads. Carnival floats are the most iconic part of the celebration.



5 WORDS

Enmascarar- mask

diablito - little devil

globo- balloon

flotador- float

perlas- beads

VIDEO LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bHA74jMv7w>