



BEACH party

Mazatlán in Mexico is home to the third biggest carnival in the world, after Rio de Janeiro and New Orleans. The celebrations are held along the beachfront and are packed with fun stuff, including floats, fireworks and a carnival queen.

Crazy costumes

As with all carnivals, people love to dress up when they're celebrating in Mazatlán. With two large costume parades, crazy outfits are guaranteed and one thing you're sure to see is bright, feathered outfits!

Fab floats

Ouch! When the carnival first started, onlookers threw rocks and seashells at the floats in the Mazatlán parades. These days

Did you know...?
Other things that get thrown at carnivals include flour, tomatoes and eggs. Some people even throw egg shells filled with perfumed water!

A festival of colour - crazy floats

Watch out for the Mexican wave!

Venice's canal streets are full of mysterious masked characters



Amazing masks made with gems...

...and feathers are a must at this carnival

ALL change

Venice carnival lasts for 12 days, starting on January 25, and has a different theme each year. Past themes have included the Italian traveler, Marco Polo and the Orient. This year's theme is the five senses: sight, sound, taste, touch and smell!

Did you know...?
Venice is built on 117 small islands and is divided into six quarters. The city has 150 canals and 409 bridges!

Mad masks

This fun-packed festival is most famous for people wearing masks. The tradition dates back to 1268 when the masks were quite simple. Nowadays they're hand-painted and decorated with feathers and gems - the more outrageous they are the better!

Tasty treats

Another unmissable part of this Italian carnival is the fritole and crostoli. These fried sweets are delicious and are served in pastry shops all over the city. Yum!

Street party

There's an amazing carnival every summer in the British Isles, too. The Notting Hill carnival takes place in London and is Europe's biggest street party, attracting thousands of people who come to join in this colourful festival of fun.

Come join the carnival!