



All about Brazilian Carnivals

Carnival Art

Facts about Brazil

Brazil is in South America. The capital city of Brazil is Brasilia.
The most common language in Brazil is Portuguese.



This is the flag of Brazil.

Brazilian Carnivals

(Carnaval do Brasil)

A carnival is a big festival where there is a lot of music, dancing and people dressing in colourful costumes.

The carnivals in Brazil are famous for the amazing costumes.

The carnival takes place during Lent and begins on the Friday before Ash Wednesday. It can last for four days. Thousands of people go to see the carnivals.



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Music

Brazilian carnivals are fun and an experience of the culture. Samba music is played. Samba originally came from Rio de Janeiro, a city in Brazil.



This is the Samba Parade in Rio de Janeiro.

The Sambódromo

The Sambódromo is a special avenue which was built just for the Carnival de Rio. This is where the Samba Parade takes place.



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The Parade

The parade involves people and floats. A float is a huge platform on the back of a truck. It is decorated. Sometimes there is a theme or they are in the style of an animal or character.



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Costumes

The costumes are bold and brightly coloured. They often have fancy masks. People spend a long time getting everything just right.



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Costumes

What do think about these costumes?



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Other Carnivals

Many countries hold carnivals. Some are a celebration, others are to get people to support different causes. In the UK there are many carnivals.



Leeds Carnival



Notting Hill
Carnival, London



Carnival in
Tenerife, Spain

Art Activity

Design your own carnival costume, mask or hat.

You may want to draw, paint or make a collage. You may even want to dress up using materials and clothes you have at home and take a photo. I have put some templates on the timetable that you might want to use but here are some other ideas to help you get thinking.

Be creative and have fun!

