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Carnival calendar 2027

Europe, all year round | Confirmed dates in our reviewed guides

Carnival / destination	Country	Confirmed dates in 2027
Patras Carnival	Greece	17 January-14 March
Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Carnival	Spain	22 January-28 February; Grand Parade 20 February
Santa Cruz de Tenerife Carnival	Spain	22 January-28 February; main street carnival 19-28 February
Venice Carnival	Italy	23 January-9 February
Viareggio Carnival	Italy	Parades on 30 January and 4, 7, 9, 14 and 20 February
Kurentovanje, Ptuj	Slovenia	3-9 February; main international parade Sunday 7 February
Madeira Carnival	Portugal	3-14 February
Busójárás, Mohács	Hungary	4-9 February
Cologne Carnival	Germany	4-9 February; Rose Monday 8 February
Cádiz Carnival	Spain	4-14 February
Düsseldorf Carnival	Germany	Main street days 4-9 February; season closes on Ash Wednesday, 10 February
Lucerne Fasnacht	Switzerland	4-9 February
Mainz Carnival / Mainzer Fastnacht	Germany	Street-fair core 4-9 February; Rose Monday 8 February
Sitges Carnival	Spain	4-10 February
Torres Vedras Carnival	Portugal	4-10 February
Malta Carnival	Malta	5-9 February
Battle of the Oranges, Ivrea	Italy	Battle days 7-9 February; wider carnival ceremonies extend beyond these dates
Binche Carnival	Belgium	7-9 February
Maastricht Carnival / Vastelaovend	Netherlands	7-9 February; preparatory festivities occur before the core
Rijeka Carnival	Croatia	International Parade 7 February; Children's Parade 30 January; full season dates to be confirmed
Nice Carnival	France	9-28 February
Menton Lemon Festival	France	13-28 February
Basel Fasnacht	Switzerland	15-17 February; the traditional finale continues until 4am on Thursday 18 February
Notting Hill Carnival	UK	29-30 August
Leeds West Indian Carnival	UK	30 August
Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival	UK	6 November
North Petherton Carnival	UK	13 November

Dates retain each event's published scope: a festival window is not a promise of daily parades. Unknown 2027 editions and all 2026 dates are omitted. Basel's finale ends at 04:00 on 18 February.

Source snapshot: reviewed guide data and official organiser/tourism sources, checked 27-31 October 2026. Recheck the live guide before booking; programmes and access arrangements can change.

Sources and date-checking method: https://offtothecarnival.com/how-we-check-dates/