

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

ANFANG FASCHING UND KARNEVAL (um 11.11 Uhr am 11. November)

How Cologne is preparing for the start of Carnival on Friday (2022)

Dressing up, singing, and drinking: On Friday, countless Jecken (revelers) in Cologne will once again celebrate the start of the Carnival session.



Jecken celebrate the start of Carnival in Cologne on November 11th, 2021.

Dubbed Germany’s “fifth season” by locals, the event starts every year on November 11th at 11:11 am, and typically stretches into February or March, when colorful parades spill into the streets.

Carnival stronghold Cologne, in particular, is preparing for the onslaught of tens of thousands of people who will flock to its *Altstadt* (old town), and especially to the student quarter, starting early Friday morning.

“Far too many people want to celebrate in far too small a space,” city director Andrea Blome told DPA. “We can’t stop anyone from coming to Cologne now.”