

KARNEVALSBRÄUCHE

Wie feiert man Karneval? heutige Bräuche
(How is Carnival celebrated? / customs of today)

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Carnival, as celebrated in Cologne, Germany, and Basel, Switzerland, before the fasts of the Lenten Season, offers the traditional new beginnings as well as much revelry for all to enjoy.

**Karneval Kraziness: Rhineland Goes Off the Rails in Prefasting Frenzy**

Like Mardi Gras in New Orleans and Carnival in Rio de Janero, Germany's *Fasching* has a language and customs all its own. If the sudden transformation of seemingly normal Rhinelanders into Kölsch-swilling, tie-snipping, crazy-hat-wearing party animals leaves you scratching your head, this primer is for you. Read on, and you too could become a *Fasching* Fool: