

Carnival Season: Fastnachtszeit oder Fastenzeit

Where is the Carnival season celebrated?

1. Cities in Germany and Names:

- Munich / München and Würzburg-----Fasching
- Cologne / Köln und Bonn-----Karneval
- Düsseldorf, Duisburg, Frankfurt am Main, Wuppertal, Koblenz-----Fastnacht
- Mainz-----Fassenacht, Fastnacht
- Aachen-----Fastelovend
- Monchengladbach-----Veilchen

2. Regions in Germany and Names:

- Franconian region of northern Bavaria / Franken in Bayern-----Fosnat
- Berlin, Brandenburg, and Saxony / Sachsen-----Fasching
- Rhine River area / Rheinland-----Karneval
- Swabia / Schwaben-----Fasnet
- Lake Constance / Bodensee-----Fasnet
- Black Forest / Schwarzwald-----Fasnet

3. Cities and regions in Austria / Österreich:

- Austria / Österreich (central and eastern)-----Fasching
- Arlberg region in western Austria / Österreich-----Fastnacht
- Salzburg-----Fasching
- Vienna / Wien-----Fasching

4. Cities in Switzerland / Schweiz:

- Basel-----Fastnacht, „Basler Fasnacht“, Morgestraich
- Bern-----Berner Fasnacht
- Lucerne / Luzern-----Fasnacht
- Zurich-----ZüriCarneval, Fasnacht

Germany

In German-speaking countries, there are essentially 2 distinct variations of **Carnivals**: the Rhenish Carnival in the west of Germany, centred on the cities of Düsseldorf, Cologne and Mainz, and the Alemannic or Swabian-Alemannic Fastnacht in Swabia (Southwestern Germany), Switzerland, Alsace and Vorarlberg (Western Austria).

The Rhenish Carnival (Rheinischer Karneval), mainly in the states of (North Rhine-Westphalia and Rhineland-Palatinate) is famous for celebrations such as parades and costume balls. Cologne carnival is the largest and most famous. Cologne, Düsseldorf and Mainz are held in the public media to be Germany's three carnival "strongholds," but carnival celebrations are also widespread elsewhere in the Rhineland, in places such as Wattenscheid, Hagen, Krefeld, Aachen, Mönchengladbach, Duisburg, Bonn, Eschweiler, Bocholt and Kleve.