

“Bei uns ist immer was los!” Feste in Rheinland

„FASCHING IN MÜNCHEN“ / „CARNIVAL SEASON IN MUNICH“

Beschreibung (description)

- 1. Carnival is celebrated in spring in Germany, especially in the cities of the southern regions, lasts almost a week, and is a lot of fun.**
 - **At Carnival time, people wear costumes and masks in the streets, and at night everybody goes dancing.**
 - **People celebrate Carnival at home but also in the streets and at restaurants.**
 - **Even children walk in the streets wearing masks and watching the big parades go by.**
 - **In Germany, everybody goes to Fasching, young and old, big and little.**
- 2. Fasching is described as Oktoberfest in winter with costumes**
 - **It has evolved into a cross between American Halloween and Mardi Gras.**
 - **It's nothing more than a last outburst of fun and enjoyment of life before Lent begins, and it is a pagan festival in modern form.**
 - **It's the German way of brightening up the back end of winter between New Years and Ash Wednesday.**
 - **In Germany from one end of the country to another, parades, costumes, drinking, dancing and celebrating is a way of life for the few weeks before Ash Wednesday, which are celebrations of hedonistic joys of life.**
 - **It finds its true home in Germany, because Germans, who drink great amounts of beer during normal times, view Fasching as an excuse to drink abnormal amounts.**
- 3. It reaches its highpoint in Munich.**
 - **Although much of the country enjoys the rites of Fasching, nowhere is the festival more joyous than in Munich.**
 - **Celebrators fill the streets, filling gutters with confetti and themselves with Löwenbräu.**
 - **Costumed revelers strut up and down the streets of downtown Munich, pausing to listen and watch rock bands, little German omm-pah-pah bands, jazz bands, and one-man bands performing in small groups every 100 feet.**
 - **Crowds are massive, 10's of thousands pack together, and they seem bent on self-destruction. Despite the jostling and the drunken condition of the crowd, it's rare to see tempers flare---a smile is the badge of Fasching.**
 - **Fasching consists of parades, singing, dancing, and drinking in some 3,000 masked balls in fantastically decorated ballrooms from dawn to dark.**
 - **As the last day winds down, after all the parties, beer, food, and dancing, Fasching is declared dead and the Fasching prince is carried to his grave as Ash Wednesday begins.**
- 4. After all the activities of Fasching, you will probably feel like death warmed over yourself.**