

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

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

Wann feiert man Fasching? (When is Fasching celebrated?)

Carnival in Bavaria begins in early January and ends at Shrove Tuesday.

Fasching, also nicknamed *fünfte Jahreszeit* or *närrische Saison* by Germans, officially begins in most regions in Germany on the eleventh of November at 11:11 am or the day after [Dreikönigstag](#), so on January 7th. The big bash celebrations are however not on the same given date each year, instead the date varies depending on when Easter is held. *Fasching* culminates into *Fasching* week which begins the week before Ash Wednesday.

The four most celebrated days in the Fasching season are the Saturday through Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday. Fasching and Karneval both end on "Shrove Tuesday" which is always six weeks before Easter.

The **wildest days of Fasching** are the last ones, culminating in a climax on Faschingssonntag (the Sunday preceding Shrove Tuesday) as well as on **Faschingsdienstag** itself, of course. On these days **Fasching doughnuts** are sold by the dozen and Munich invites all and sundry to join in the masquerading, singing, dancing and general carnival revelry in the city centre.

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The Münchner, who usually favors the more relaxed rhythm of living, and who is not really fond of loud spectacles, during the weeks of Fasching lapses into an indestructible Bavarian joy of living, and invites everyone else to join him. The Fasching Sunday, with its parade, and the Fasching Tuesday, with its huge masquerading crowds in the city's streets, and the traditional dance of the market women at the Viktualienmarket, are normally the highlights of the great farewell every year. Munich, in these days, is a gigantic bowl of confetti and the black and yellow ribbon, symbolizing Munich's joy of living, enfolds all who for a short time want to forget their daily cares.