

CARNIVAL TRADITIONS in our countries

Carnival music

- With the passage of time, serenades and carnival songs would come to dominate most such festivities.
- In particular, the serenade (kantada in Greek), was a Greek musical genre of Italian and western influences, which originated in the Ionian islands in the 19th century. A serenade is usually in three or four voices, with a simple melody, and accompanied by guitar and mandolin. The serenade, be it from the Ionian islands or from Athens, began spreading to Cyprus as far back as the mid-19th century.





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Carnival in the West of Germany

Carnival is declared open at 11 minutes past 11 on the 11th of the 11th month November. Why the number 11? It is said that the devil is outside the religious norms during carnival time.



It's the last Thursday before Ash Wednesday. On this day women cut men's hair, enter city yards and force the maids to hand over the keys to them and they have crazy parties in the streets.



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It is 40 days before Easter. Carnival officially ends on Ash Wednesday. In Cologne the burning of "Nihil" (or Heesbittel in other places) which is a rag doll, symbolizes the end of the Carnival season.

11.11.
11h11min11sec

6.1.

Altweiber – Old women

Rosenmontag
Rose Monday

Aschermittwoch
Ash Wednesday



After 6 January the main season of Carnival starts. It begins on Three Kings' Day in memory of a group of distinguished theologians who visited Jesus after his birth, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



It's the last Monday before Ash Wednesday. It is the most important day of the carnival season. Many villages and towns have carnival parades on Rose Monday.



He comes back to life on 11th November



More snacks..

- ▶ The most popular snacks during the carnival are cakes – faworki or ‘angel wings’

