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World party

People in different countries celebrate Mardi Gras with live music, costumes, ﬁreworks, parades and lots of good food. The most famous celebrations are in New Orleans, Venice, Rio de Janeiro and Port-of-Spain.

**New Orleans, USA**

Small parties for Mardi Gras began in the 1700s. By the 1800s they were huge events with masks, costumes and jazz bands. Visitors also have to try ‘King Cake’ with its gold, purple and green decorations.

**Venice, Italy**

Mardi Gras is called *Carnevale* in this beautiful city. The ﬁrst celebrations were in the 11th century and you can still enjoy the costumes, candles and ﬁreworks at night from a gondola in Venice’s canals.

**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

The world famous parades started in the mid-1800s with decorated ﬂoats and thousands of people dancing to samba. There is also the famous meat and bean stew called Feijoda.

**Port-of-Spain, Trinidad**

The French landed here in the 18th century and brought Mardi Gras with them. Nowadays, everyone enjoys the parties and concerts with the famous steel drums from morning to midnight.

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