

Portuguese Carnival

Carnival has been celebrated throughout the country for centuries.

Streets are filled with parade floats, lively music, dances, colourful costumes and people wearing masks.



Carnival is celebrated in three different styles: the Portuguese style



Floats with political satire



"Gigantones"



"Cabeçudos"

the Brazilian style



Competing groups of musicians and dancers, parade down the main avenue introducing their allegoric floats.

the rural country style

Carnival of Lazarim



In the village of Lazarim, Carnival is celebrated by men and women who wear hand carved masks called "caretos", allowing people to scorn others without revealing their true identity.

Carnival of Podence



Single men dress up as "Caretos," make lots of noise, and run after single women in the village.

Carnival of Lindoso



People decorate an oxen cart with colourful flowers and ribbons, which will then tour the village from the castle to the main square carrying a man-like doll, called "Pai Velho" which will burn in a bonfire because he is responsible for all the bad events of the previous year.

Happy Carnival



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