

Carnival of Nice
“King of Gastronomy”
Guest of honour, Germany
14th February – 4th March 2014

From 14th February to 4th March 2014, Nice will celebrate the **130th edition*** of its Carnival in the modern era in its current form: the floats and tribunes made their appearance in 1873, transforming it into a real show.

The Carnival **“King of Gastronomy”** will follow the re-launching of the “Nissarde Cooking” label while remaining loyal to its vocation of universality. What better way to discover a community than being invited to their table?

For the guest of honour, with the 60th anniversary of the twinning of Nice with Nuremberg, **Germany** was an obvious choice.

After the success of the **sports day** in 2013, a second edition will be held in 2014. The **Carnival Rock ‘n’ Roll 10 miles** will combine running, music and fancy-dress and will be followed by the first charity event, the **zumba** session the first week-end and the second charity event, the **Carnival dip** on February 23rd, 2014.

The Carnival is made up of two distinct events: the carnival parades, both by day and by night and the flower parades.

On the “Place Massena”, **18 allegorical or burlesque floats** parade with various entertainment elements, street performers and different international musical troupes. By night the play of lights gives the floats a magical aspect.

Along the sea-front, the elegance of the **flower parades** emphasize the power of flowers by enhancing the floral heritage of the region. The Carnival theme is expressed by the **unique costumes** worn by the models who throw thousands of flowers to the audience. This second, more poetic, aspect of Carnival is an integral part of the event.

The Carnival remains loyal to the spirit of this large popular event, particularly with the increasing number of local (neighbourhood) Carnivals while at the same time remaining a major modern event.

Alongside the festivities, the carnival season offers an **excellent opportunity to discover Nice in winter**: the gentle climate, the brightness of the sky and the French Riviera art of living. Natural sites, a rich cultural and artistic life, this gastronomic capital offers a wide range of emotions.

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