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## Mardi Gras Around the World

Mardi Gras, often known as the "Carnival," is a lively and colorful celebration that takes place in different parts of the world, each with its own unique customs and traditions. Let's explore how various cultures celebrate this festive occasion.

In Brazil, the streets of Rio de Janeiro come alive with the vibrant rhythms of samba during Carnival. People wear elaborate costumes, dance in massive parades, and enjoy music and delicious street food. The highlight is the samba competition where samba schools showcase their spectacular floats and dance performances.

In Venice, Italy, Mardi Gras, known as "Carnevale," is famous for its elegant masks and elaborate costumes. The city's canals and historic squares become stages for masquerade balls, processions, and street performances. People wear beautiful masks and costumes, creating an enchanting atmosphere.

In Trinidad and Tobago, Carnival is a fusion of African, Indian, and European influences. It's a celebration of diversity with colorful costumes, lively music, and energetic dance forms like calypso and soca. The "King and Queen of Carnival" competition features individuals in majestic costumes competing for the title.

In Germany, the city of Cologne hosts a festive Carnival called "Karneval" or "Fasching." People wear costumes and colorful wigs, and there are parades featuring traditional characters like jesters and clowns. The "Rosenmontag" (Rose Monday) parade is a highlight with elaborate floats and marching bands.

In New Orleans, USA, Mardi Gras is a unique blend of French, Spanish, and Creole traditions. It features colorful parades with extravagant floats, masked revelers, and vibrant street celebrations. The city is known for its "Krewes," each organizing its own parade with themed floats and throws like beads and doubloons.

