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Carnaval en la calle – English Translation

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Street Festival

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If anything distinguishes the Carnival in Cádiz, other than the competition of the musical groups, it is the large number of people who participate in the event.



The opening salvo takes place well before the Carnival commences officially. Approximately one month earlier, the various musical groups that will perform in the Falla (theater) hold their general auditions. The [food tastings](#), organized by the carnival workers, are excellent places to enjoy and get into the rhythm of the party.

During the official dates for the Carnival, [costumes](#) are the order of the day. Whether in individual disguises, or outfitted as a couple or as a group, a costume is almost mandatory, especially on the first Saturday.

The highlight of dressing in costume is when the so-called "[family](#)" groups, "[street musicians](#)," or "[illegals](#)," that is, informal groups of friends or families, cause everyone listening to burst out laughing at their revelry. It is also the time when the greatest number of people take to the streets.

No one should miss the [choral processions](#) around the plaza on Sunday and Monday. Thousands of people gather there for several hours to listen live to all of the competing [choral groups](#) who present their repertoires in a fierce battle of voices.

On Sunday also, the great [Cavalcade](#) takes place. For several hours, a multicolored parade travels along the city's thoroughfare, which is lined with tens of thousands of people waiting to enjoy the costumes, the songs, and the beauty of the floats.