



Ever Tried the Magic of Carnival?

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The Magic of Carnival

Imagine waking up one late spring morning, looking out the window and witness the streets filled with images and sounds rarely found in the real world. Smiling princesses wearing the finest of dresses and pearls making curtsy to ancient fur clad cavemen, while flirting with a group of handsome young Scotsmen in kilts. A troll chasing after giggling little mermaids, with only seashells to cover their bodies, while a purple and green creature, only found in fairytales, walk hand in hand with a caricature of the king above them all; Elvis. The drums are playing enchanting rhythms, encouraging this mass of fantasy creatures to move and dance their way through the streets. Its Carnival in Aalborg.

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Join the party

Carnival in Aalborg is the largest carnival in Northern Europe - 25.000 people participate in the Grand Parade every year and more than 70.000 spectators are taking their places along the route gazing at the magnificent wave of colours, fantasy and people for one weekend in May.

The people come together to welcome the spring in a grand celebration filled with life and festivities. Each year the participants create their costumes according to a different theme, which for 2010 is "Mars & Venus", and by this the contradictions and duality found in a contrast-filled and globalized world, is in focus.

Carnival in Aalborg is different from most other carnivals, because it is the carnival of the people. Everyone is invited to set their own mark on the carnival as the city of Aalborg transforms into a gigantic theatre with the people as dancing sculptures. You do not have to sign up anywhere.

Just join the grandparade at one of the tree starting-points in the city.



Grand parade

Experience different carnival traditions and be impressed by great costumes and rhythms from different corners of the world!

The Grand Parade starts at 10.30 am at Østerågade and is opened by various international carnival groups, followed by thousands of dressed up carnivalists who participate in the Grand Parade. Several music wagons provide the appropriate party music in the parade.

The Grand Parade proceeds through the centre of Aalborg to the city park, Kildeparken, where the carnival celebration "*Party in Kildeparken*" continues until midnight.





Party in Kildeparken

The grand parade peaks in the city park, Kildeparken, in a large party with more than 20.000 happy carnivalists. Kildeparken has everything one's heart could ever desire of music experiences; salsa, disco, pop, rock, afro, reggae and samba will fill Kildeparken on this exceptional Saturday in May.

Besides the music, Kildeparken also offers a range of thematised bar areas, where you can let yourself loose in company with bunnies, mafia bosses, princes and princesses. At the "Speedwedding" ceremony marquee in Kildeparken you can get married to your chosen one - or maybe the person who stands behind you.

The party in Kildeparken starts at 11.30 am and ends with a spectacular firework at 11.30 pm.

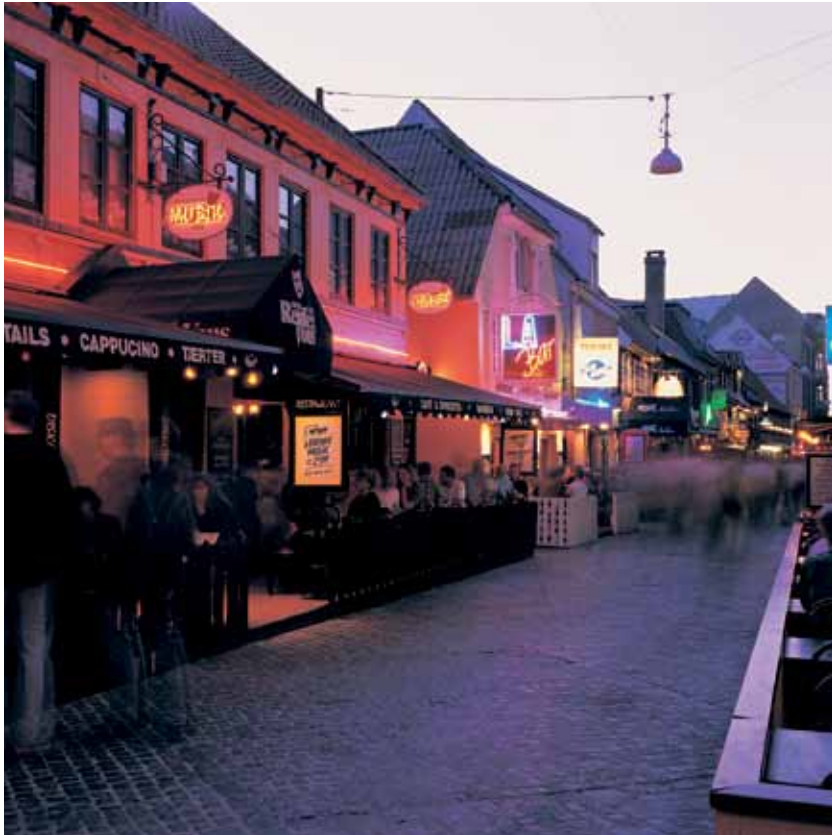




An International Touch

Carnival in Aalborg honours the diversity of carnival traditions throughout the world by inviting a number of carnival groups from all over the world to participate in the carnival. These groups participate in “Battle of Carnival Bands” as they compete for the title Best Carnival Group.

Tall costumes, feathers, drums and rhythms create a real carnival atmosphere. At Carnival in Aalborg, you are likely to see outrageously large costumes from the Caribbean, humorous Mid-European characters, colourful gypsy dancers, samba and many more. The groups also participate in the Grand Parade, and enhance the experience of being at the carnival.



Aalborg City

Aalborg city is a multi-faceted city full of contrasts. It is a city with a lust for life and all of its pleasures.

Aalborg owns Denmark's longest bar-street, "Jomfru Ane Gade", and is 150 meters long, and consist only of restaurants and clubs. Jomfru Ane Gade is placed in the centre of Aalborg, and has a rich nightlife. In the daytime Jomfru Ane Gade frames a pleasant restaurant environment. Every club on Jomfru Ane Gade is known for a certain type of music and it is possible to hear music from the 70's until today's electronic music.

Aalborg City has also many other facilities. Experience fine art and architecture on one of Aalborg's museums or for instance on Aalborg's waterfront, or enjoy the beautiful Danish nature at Lille Vildmose, which means 'little wild bog on the heath'. Or simply take a day with shopping in Aalborg's new city mall "Friis" or one of the many other shops.



Aalborg Carnival 2010

On the occasion of Carnival in Aalborg's upcoming 28th anniversary in 2010, the carnival will be even more colourful and spectacular than ever! The carnival will be full of surprises and magic woven in the anniversary carnival theme, Mars and Venus.

Children's Carnival: May 24th 2010

Battle of Carnival Bands: May 28th 2010

The Grand Parade: May 29th 2010

Full programme can be found on www.karnevaliaalborg.dk

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