

Notting Hill Carnival

1 Leggi il testo.



The Notting Hill Carnival takes place in the streets of London and it is a great tourist attraction. Its name comes from an area in West London. This event is celebrated every year on the last weekend of August and it lasts two days (Sunday and Monday). It attracts more than two million people from all over the world. For this reason it is the biggest street festival in Europe and the second biggest carnival in the world (after the carnival in Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil).

This festivity is organised by the Trinidad and Tobago population and is an old tradition from the Caribbean islands. The carnival celebrations start on Sunday. Two different parades are organised. The first parade is for children, who wear beautiful costumes and dance. The adult parade is on Monday and is longer. There are decorated floats and live music, such as reggae, calypso, soul, hip hop, salsa and soca – traditional music from Jamaica, Cuba, Trinidad and Puerto Rico. The parade is almost seven kilometres long and at the end there is a special prize for the best float.

Today it is a multicultural festivity where everybody has fun. People can dance, listen to music, look at wonderful costumes and floats and have delicious Caribbean food and drinks. Families of Caribbean origin prepare for this event weeks in advance. They create wonderful costumes and floats and practise playing the drums and other musical instruments.



2 ES Rileggi il testo e rispondi alle domande.

Where does the Notting Hill Carnival take place?

It takes place in the streets of London.

- 1 When is it celebrated?
- 2 When do the celebrations start?
- 3 Can you describe the two parades?
- 4 What can people do during this festivity?
- 5 What do families of Caribbean origin do?

3 ES Completa il riassunto.

The Notting Hill Carnival takes *place* in ¹ _____ and is celebrated every year on the ² _____ weekend of ³ _____.

This festivity is organised by the ⁴ _____ and ⁵ _____ population.

During the celebrations you can dance, listen ⁶ _____ music, look at wonderful costumes and ⁷ _____ and have delicious ⁸ _____ food and drinks.