

kölner karnevalsmuseum[®]



(Cologne Carnival Museum)

Tradition, fascination, diversity

The Cologne Carnival Museum, the largest and most modern museum of its kind in the German-speaking world, opened in June 2005 and presents the history of carnival from its beginnings to the present day. On a journey through the ages, starting with Classical Antiquity, the exhibition highlights topics such as “the Fool”, “Lent and Shrovetide”, “Commedia dell’Arte”, “Carnival in Crisis” and “Carnival during Germany’s Economic Miracle”.

The exhibition offers a comprehensive insight into the different facets of carnival in the Rhineland, ranging from carnival “Sitzungen” (sessions) and the “Triumvirate” to Cologne’s “Schull- und Veedelszöch”-parades. It also looks at stage entertainers, carnival music and alternative forms of carnival and thus reflects the different aspects of carnival culture in Cologne.

This unique collection goes back to the archives of the “Festkomitee des Kölner Karnevals von 1823 e.V.” which has been managed by carnival enthusiasts and continuously enlarged since the 1960s. Just one year after its opening, the museum received the award “Ort der Ideen und Innovation 2006” (place of ideas and innovation).

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Opening times

Thursday 10 am to 8 pm,
Friday 10 am to 5 pm,
Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 5 pm,
Tuesday and Wednesday for groups on request.

Closed during Carnival from Weiberfastnacht (Thursday – first day of Carnival) up to and including Aschermittwoch (Ash Wednesday), Easter and Whitsuntide (Pentecost)

Admission

Adults	4.00 Euro
Concession	2.50 Euro
Family ticket	9.00 Euro
Children over 6-18 years	1.00 Euro
Groups of 15 persons or more	3.50 Euro

Guided Tours

Bookings on KölnTourismus Booking Office +49 (0)221 221-23332

Tram, No. 1, Maarweg, 9 minutes' walk
Bus, Nos. 141 and 143, Widdersdorfer Str./Maarweg, 2 minutes' walk