

Carnival

Carnival is Haiti's biggest celebration. Celebrations usually begin at the end of January and end with "Fat Tuesday," or Mardi Gras. Carnival is marked by colorful parades where locals wear outrageous costumes and parade the streets. There is lively music, traditional art and dances.

The largest Carnival in Haiti is celebrated in Port-au-Prince, with many more smaller scale festivities occurring in all parts of the island. Port-au-Prince's annual carnival is one of the largest Mardi Gras carnivals in the Caribbean and North America.

CELEBRATIONS

THE HAITIAN PEOPLE NEVER MISS A CHANCE TO CELEBRATE. THEIR AFRO-CARIBBEAN CULTURE OF SONG AND DANCE CREATE COLORFUL FESTIVALS FOR EVERY OCCASION. NEW YEAR'S DAY, ANCESTOR'S DAY, AND THEIR STORYTELLING FESTIVAL, CALLED "KRIK? KRAK!" ARE JUST A FEW. CUT A PIECE OF LETTER-SIZED CARD STOCK IN HALF THE LONG WAY. STAPLE PIECES TOGETHER TO FIT AROUND YOUR HEAD. GATHER SUPPLIES FROM YOUR CRAFT BOX SUCH AS FLOWERS. FEATHERS. AND RIBBON DECORATE ANY WAY YOU WANT. WEAR YOUR HAT & HAVE A PARADE.