

# CARNAVAL DE TARRAGONA

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The Tarragona Carnival arrives in the city once again this year with a program full of tradition and fun. The people of Tarragona are the driving force behind this popular festival, with the participation of many people working almost all year round to organize it. Everyone is part of the Carnival, big and small, people who make the classic events possible, but also other more recent ones that have become essential for the citizens. A great job that we encourage you to experience in first person, either as participants or as the public.

Enjoy the events with the longest history, such as the *Disfressa d'Or* (Golden Costume) - one of the essential events of the Carnival, *Bastiment de la Bota* (barrel), the *coques de llardons* (pastry) and the egg sausage of *Dijous Gras* (the Thursday before Lent, one week before Ash Wednesday), the *Rua de l'Artesania* (the Craft Parade) and the *Rua de Lluïment* (the Shine Parade), the wake of the King and the Concubine or the Burial. And don't forget the craziest proposals, such as the *Farra dels Ninots*. *Bajada del Pajaritu* (Soap Box Derby), or the Drag Queens & Drag Kings Contest. Be that as it may, as Lent approaches, leave your sorrows at home, take to the streets as if it were the last time, and have a good Carnival! Long live the Carnival of Tarragona!

## Friday 2nd February

**19 h.** Centre cultural Antic Ajuntament. **Flamma amatoria.** Erotic scenes were recurring motifs in Roman carnivals from the beginning of the empire. We invite you to discover the *Ars Amandi* by making an erotic llàntia (light with a tank containing combustible liquid) with a pairing of local wines.

Duration: 2h 30 minutes

Activity by reservation and exclusively for people over 18 years old.

More information: [tarragonaturisme.cat](http://tarragonaturisme.cat)

## Saturday 3rd February

**12 h.** Parc Saavedra. **VII Barretina Freestyle. Frikism or death.** Nine years later, we are back with the big event for all audiences, this year together with the popular xarronada prepared by the Casal Popular Sageta de Foc.

**12 h.** Plaça 4a Promoció (Sant Pere i Sant Pau). **Carnival Vermouth.** Come and enjoy the first Carnival weekend with a performance by Sabor Latino Tarragona and P de Petardeig.

**15 h.** Parc Saavedra. **9<sup>th</sup> Xarronada Popular.** For the ninth year running, the Casal Popular Sageta de Foc is bringing back the "xarronada", the typical Tarragona *escudella* (stew) that used to be eaten at Carnival. Come and try it! There will be two menus to choose from, one omnivore and one vegetarian.

More information and tickets: <https://forms.gle/buNpeqYjY889QP4VA>.

Price: 15 €- 18 €

**17.30 h.** Totem Café, Rambla Vieja, 15. **Children's fancy dress competition.** If you want to spend a fun afternoon, as a preview of Carnival, come dressed in costume to Totem Café. There will be children's entertainment, mini-disco and coca with chocolate for all the children. A very special afternoon, focused on the kids.

Price: free entrance, limited to the capacity of the room.

**17 h.** Parc Saavedra. **VII Barretina Freestyle. Frikism or death.** Now that we have a full belly, we can continue the party with the Barretina Freestyle, frikism o death.

**19 h.** Centre cultural Antic Ajuntament. **Flamma amatoria.** Erotic scenes were recurring motifs in Roman skylights from the beginning of the empire. We invite you to discover the *Ars Amandi* by making an erotic llàntia with a pairing of local wines. Duration: 2h 30 minutes

Activity under reservation and exclusive for people over 18 years old.

## Sunday 4th February

**19.30 h.** Tarraco Arena, c. Mallorca, 18. **La Disfressa d'Or (Golden Costume)** The Golden Costume is consolidating its position as one of the main events of the Tarragona Carnival, and its starting signal. The fourteen participating troupes will be putting on their best costumes in a unique display. Undoubtedly, one of the events that has become one of the most popular in Tarragona Carnival, a contest to admire and enjoy the best individual costumes.

Price: 20 and 25 € (plus booking fee), on sale at [www.tarragonamusicfestival.com](http://www.tarragonamusicfestival.com)

Doors open: 18 h

## Tuesday 6th February

**10 h.** de la Font Square. **Bastiment de la Bota.** The Association for the Conservation of Festive Figures will install *la Bota* (barrel) with its satirical connotations for public display until its burning at the Burial of King Carnestoltes and his Concubine.

**12 h.** De la Font Square. **Presentation of the *Ninot* and the *Ninota*** by the *Asociació per a la Conservació de Figures Festives*, and the entourage of the King Carnestoltes and the Concubine Queen, by the *comparsas* (troupes).

**21 h.** Casa Miret, Rambla Vella, 36. **Masquerade.**

Price: dinner & ball 60 €

Reservation: [www.balldemascarestgn.com](http://www.balldemascarestgn.com) or [info@balldemascarestgn.com](mailto:info@balldemascarestgn.com)

### Wednesday 7th February

**17.30 h.** Plaça Corsini. **Presentation of the Plaça de la Disbauxa** (Rampage). This year is a special year because, at last, the Tarragona Carnival has its own space for different activities. From the moment of the Entrance of King Carnestoltes and the Concubine until the Monday of his Judgement, the Disbauxa square will see different activities, some of which we are already familiar with and others that the groups and organisations have been preparing for many months. During these days, the square will be breathing in the noise, the excitement, the joy and many other sensations that we will experience not only with what happens on the stage, but also with the decoration that the Carnival people have prepared for us during these days. So, welcome to the Plaça de la Disbauxa!

**18 h.** Plaça de la Disbauxa. **Entrance of King Carnestoltes XLI, his Concubine XXVIII and the entourage.** The place chosen this year to see for the first time King Carnestoltes and his Concubine is the Plaza Corsini. Just after the *Amparito*, which is played every day in the square, you can see the protagonists coming out of the door of the Central Market.

**19.30 h.** Teatre Tarragona, Rambla Nova, 11. **Gala of King Carnestoltes, his Concubine and the entourage.** A gala at the Tarragona Theatre, where there will be dancing, satire and some unexpected surprises. And not forgetting the rod of command that the council will hand over to the Carnival King and the Concubine.

Price: 5 €

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### Thursday 8th February

**9 h.** Cañellas Street. Gastronomic carnival. **The *Coca de Llardons*.** The day has come to try one of the most typical products of the Carnival: the *coca de llardons* (pastry). Come and try it at the Colla La Bota stand.

Price: 1,20 €

**10 h.** Inside the Torreforta's Central Market. Gastronomic Carnival. ***Botifarra d'ou* (Egg sausage tasting).** Meat, eggs, tripe and pepper are the ingredients needed to make *botifarra d'ou* (egg sausage). Made in the market stalls, the stalls themselves invite us to taste this traditional Carnival food.

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**19 h.** Disbauxa Square. **Flashmob Platinum** Platinum invites you to its Flashmob this Carnival 2024. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Friday 9th February**

**13.30 h.** Central Market. **King Carnestoltes and his Concubine visit the Central Market to drink a vermouth and visit all the market stalls.**

**17.30 h.** Plaça de la Disbauxa. The **Children's Carnival: Atrapa la Festa!** by the **Atrapasomnis company.** Atrapasomnis bring all their adventures and songs with a band of 5 musicians ready to catch the party. With the characters that accompany them to all the shows, they will sing and dance to popular songs. A show, with movement and suitable for all ages. The snake Siseta, the Cowboys, the Sabata, the seal Filomena, the traditional potpourri, the Marieta disco and much more... will sound with a lot of rhythm. A very participative and dynamic show where families participate in many moments and which is adapted with a repertoire of special Carnival songs. A very dynamic and participative show with dances, games and songs...

**19 h.** Festive warehouse of the Barri del Port, c. Sant Miquel, 19. **Carnival 2024 costume contest and party in the Barri del Port.** Come once again this year to celebrate Carnival in the Port neighbourhood with the 2024 Carnival Costume Contest and Party, organised by the Associació de Veïns del Port de Tarragona. More details and registration: [www.tgnbarridelport.blogspot.com](http://www.tgnbarridelport.blogspot.com) / [jovesdelport@hotmail.com](mailto:jovesdelport@hotmail.com)

**19.30 h.** De la Font Square. **La Farra dels Ninots. Plantada.** The *Ninots* are planted in the square. Price 12 €.

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**20.15 h.** De la Font Square. **Farra dels Ninots.** The *Ninots* are ready for this festival. The Colla La Bota is in charge, together with all the people from Tarragona who want to join in, of showing a few ethno-gastronomic corners of the city to the King Carnestoltes and his Concubine, who are always in the mood for a party. All this accompanied by Charanga Pujats de to, from Tarragona.

**23 h.** Disbauxa Square. **Farra dels Ninots, the end.** If you still have some energy left after the tour, you can go to the Desmadre square to dance to the sound of the musical hits by PD Queen Mariona who comes to Tarragona to make you move your booty to the rhythm of her marixoxeig and PD Peting who will make us dance with their most irreverent show. We are waiting for you at FarraFest

**23 h.** Sedassos Square. **Matalassos at Sedassos.** Rave and hedonism to the rhythm of the legendary DJ Jarras, DJ D-Broma and PD Kalentas. There will be a very special fancy dress competition in different categories and prizes will be handed out all night while the different DJs will be livening up the night with the best selection of music.

### **Saturday 10th February.**

**9.30 h.** Del Rei Square. **Reception of the participants of Baixada del Pajaritu (Soap Box Derby).** Arrival of the participants, who will be able to show off their satirical and amusing works of art, and the spectators will be able to admire them before they move on to the action.

**11 h.** From the Rambla de Sant Pere i Sant Pau. **Sant Pere and Sant Pau Carnival Parade,** with the participation of different groups and groups from the neighbourhood. At the end of the parade, popular hot chocolate. Itinerary: lower section of the Rambla, church, Sardana sq. and the Pont del Diable path until reaching the Civic Centre.

**10.30 h.** Sant Salvador and Sant Ramon, Sant Salvador Avenue, at the CAP. **Sant Salvador and Sant Ramon Carnival Parade.** With the participation of Disc 45, Col·lectiu de Dones de Sant Salvador, ADC Grup Aerodance, AMPA Escola and Centre Obert.

**11 h.** Del Rei Square. **Start of the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Baixada del Pajaritu (Soap Box Derby)*.** We will be able to see all the participants in action, with their thrilling descents. We are ready!

Itinerary: Baixada Pescateria, c/ Cós del Bou, Baixada Misericordia, c/ de la Nau and Del Rei Square.

**11.30 h.** Torreforta. **Torreforta Carnival Parade.** With the participation of the following groups: Todos en Azul, La Ballaruga, Sinhus Sport, Colours Fantasy, AV L'Albada - Carpe Diem, Fotem-li Canya, Spectrum, Platinum, Màgic Dansa, Pandora, Artífex & Golden Time.

Itinerary: Riu Fluvià Street, passing through Menorca, Gran Canaria, Islas Baleares and Gaià streets, corner with Montblanc.

**12 h.** Cós del Bou Street. **JoVermut Carnavalero with electrònic DJ.** Festive and Carnival music.

**12 h.** 1 Moll de Costa. **Carnival's great party** by Xiquets del Serrallo. The big Carnival party is finally here! Don't stay at home and come and enjoy these activities. You will find a children's entertainment group that will make everyone dance and vibrate, especially the little ones, a costume contest, the best music compilation of the season and bar service throughout the morning. A party open to young and old; we are waiting for you!

**13 h.** Social club of the Colla Jove Xiquets de Tarragona, Cós del Bou Street, 23. **Carnaval Lilac.** Fancy dress competition for children from all over the city, children's entertainment, and confetti shower. Show off your fancy dress!

**17 h.** Passeig de les Palmeres. **SenSoria Group.** Tarragona. We start 2024 with more energy than ever. The SenSoria team is back to make the people of Tarragona enjoy an epic Carnival with a unique electronic music event. Bar service at popular prices.

**17.30 h.** Ramón y Cajal Avenue, in front of the Parc Central and the Necropolis. **Arrival of the floats participating in the Parade.** You will be able to see all the floats taking part in the Parade on display before their departure.

**18 h.** From Ramón y Cajal Avenue and towards Catalunya Avenue. **La Rua de l'Artesania (craft parade),** with troupes, floats, *senyeras* (Catalan flag) and the entourage of the King and the Concubine.

Itinerary with approximate time of arrival of the first troupe: Ramón y Cajal Avenue, Rambla Nova (18.30 h), Rovira i Virgili Street, Anselm Clavé Square (19.15 h) and Catalunya Avenue at the URV Campus (19.45 h).

**23 h.** Plaça de la Disbauxa. **Carnival open-air dance.** We are sure that after watching the spectacular Craft Parade we will still have enough energy left to enjoy a night of good music and a good atmosphere. And what better way to do it than with the company of DJ Chus and DJ Christian, from the Totem Discotheque. We will enjoy hits from the 80s and 90s, but also the music that has been accompanying us these days through the streets of the city and, who knows, maybe some other surprises. We are waiting for you!

**24 h.** Cós del Bou Street. **Carnaval, a la Jove!** We close the best day of Carnival at Cós en el Bou. As every year we enjoy the traditional carnival night, accompanied by good music with DJ's that will make us dance until the early hours of the morning!

**24 h.** Totem Cafè, Rambla Vella, 15. **Opening Carnival Party.** Fancy dress party enlivened by the Amics de la Part Alta troupe with a selection of the best carnival music. At 2 a.m., individual and group fancy dress competition. Costumes Party enlivened by the comparsa dels Amics de la Part Alta, with a review of the best carnival music. At 2 h, individual and group costume contest

## Sunday 11th February

**11 h.** Plaça de la Disbauxa. **Have your photo taken with your favourite characters from the Super Mario Bros.** video game: Mario, Luigi, Bowser and Princess Peach, among others, are waiting to introduce you to a magical world and make you live an unforgettable experience.

**12 h.** Plaça de la Disbauxa. **Holi party before going on trial.** The flour war (ancient fights between butchers and fishmongers) is modernised and returns thirty years later, transformed into the party with coloured powder that you are all waiting for at vermouth time on Carnival Sunday. We are waiting for you to wear your best costume for the last time and fill it with colours in the great bacchanal of holi powder.

**13 h.** Streets of the old town. **Parade with troupe Amics de la Part Alta.** This year, to celebrate its 30th birthday even more, the Amics de la Part Alta troupe will fill the streets of its beloved neighbourhood with music and colours. The comparsa Amics de la Part Alta, with the fantasy *El regne dels ruscs* (The kingdom of the beehives) wants to thank the neighbourhood for their involvement and support throughout all these years...

**18 h.** Ramón y Cajal Avenue, in front of the Parc Central and the Necropolis. **La Rua de Lluïment (shine parade).** The parade of the most spectacular troupes, as well as the entourage of King Carnestoltes and the Concubine. Itinerary with approximate time of arrival of the first troupe: Ramón y Cajal Avenue, Rambla Nova (18.30 h), Rovira i Virgili Street, Anselm Clavé Square (19 h) and Catalunya Avenue at the URV Campus (19.30 h).

## Monday 12th February

**20 h.** Disbauxa Square. **The Trial of King Carnestoltes.** The Trial will be held in Disbauxa Square. The King Carnestoltes reign is coming to an end, and who will be in charge of judging King Carnestoltes this year? Will the King manage to free himself from the tragic end of his predecessors? Come and see the verdict first-hand.

**21.30 h.** Tarragona Theatre, Rambla Nova, 11. **18<sup>th</sup> Drag Queens and Drag Kings Contest.** The 18th edition of the Tarragona Drag Contest welcomes the best drag artists of the national and local scene. Drag queens, kings and many more come year after year to Tarragona to show that with a good make-up, wigs, heels and a little bit of nerve, everything is better! And even more so this year, which is the 20th anniversary of the contest. Presented by Titania Lennox

Entries and rules: [www.tarragonadrag.com](http://www.tarragonadrag.com)

Tickets: [entrades.tarragona.cat](http://entrades.tarragona.cat) and at the Tarragona Theatre box office at its usual time (from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, at 11 am)

Price: 12 & 14 €

**24 h.** Totem Cafè, Rambla Vella, 15. **Fantabulosa.** Have you left the Tarragona Drag gala wanting more? Don't miss the big party of the Amics de la Part Alta at Totem Cafè. Fantabulosa is a new LGBTIQ+ party in the city of Tarragona, which premieres this February, where we will enjoy good music, company and a safe space. What better way to close the Carnival than a good party with the winning artist of Tarragona Drag and many surprises!

## Tuesday 13th February

**10 h.** From the Old Town Hall, 39 Major Street, towards De la Font Square. **The obituaries: Mascarada del Dol (mourning masquerade) by Colla La Bota and Ministrers del Camp i del Llamp.**

**11.30 h.** Central Market. **Arrival of the Mascarada del Dol (mourning masquerade) and the Ministrers del Camp i del Llamp** to share this sad moment with everyone.

**18 h.** Old Town Hall, 39 Mayor Street. **Opening of the mortuary and wake for the King Carnestoltes coffin.** To say a last farewell to King and the Concubine. There will be shows every 20 minutes, access to each show is free until full capacity is reached.

**20.45 h.** Santiago Rusiñol Square, mortuary house, Old Town Hall, 39 Major Street. **Gathering of the mourning troupes**, mourners, Ball de Diables, Drac, Bou, Víbria, Griu, Colla Diables Voramar del Serrallo, various drummers, Mourning Masquerade, the Cremallers of Teia and the entourages of King Carnestoltes and his Concubine, and the *Cobla de Lladons del Tecler*.

**20.50 h.** Santiago Rusiñol Square. **Delivery of the Testament to Lucifer**, royal notary, by the mourners of *Colla La Bota* and *Cobla de Lladons del Tecler*. Afterwards, the groups will go with firecrackers to the De la Font Square. Itinerary: Santiago Rusiñol Square, Major Street, de la Nau Street, Baixada de Pescateria, Cós del Bou Street and De la Font Square.

**21.45 h,** De la Font Square. **Reading of the Carnestoltes Testament by Lucifer.** Royal Notary.

**22 h.** Plaça de la Font. **Burial of King Carnestoltes with the Burial of the Ninot, the Ninota and the Bota encesa pels Cremallers.** The burial will be attended by the mourning groups, mourners with artichokes and candles. Ball de Diables, Drac, Bou, Víbria, Griu and Colla Diables Voramar del Serrallo, Mourning Masquerade, Cremallers and entourages of the Carnival King Carnestoltes and his Concubine.

**23.30 h.** Totem Cafè, 15 Rambla Vella. **End of the Carnival party 2024.**

**23.50 h,** approximately. Belfry of the Cathedral. **Toc de Queda (bells chime)** or entrance to Lent.