

South American Festivals & Holidays: From Rio Carnival to Inti Raymi 2026

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1. Which South American city hosts the world-renowned "Carnival" celebration in February 2026?

- A) Buenos Aires, Argentina
- B) Santiago, Chile
- C) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**
- D) Bogotá, Colombia

2. The "Feria de las Flores" (Festival of Flowers) is a major event in which Colombian city, typically held in late July and early August?

- A) Cartagena
- B) Medellín**
- C) Cali
- D) Barranquilla

3. In what month does Argentina celebrate its Independence Day, commemorating its declaration of independence from Spain?

- A) May
- B) July**
- C) September
- D) December

4. "Semana Santa" (Holy Week) is a significant observance across South America. In which country is the "Señor de los Temblores" procession a central event in Cusco during Holy Week 2026?

- A) Brazil
- B) Colombia
- C) Peru**
- D) Ecuador

5. The "Carnaval de Oruro" is a major festival in Bolivia, known for its blend of indigenous rituals and Catholic traditions. In which month does it typically take place?

- A) January
- B) February**
- C) March
- D) April

6. Which festival, celebrated in late October and early November, honors deceased loved ones with altars, marigolds, and special foods, primarily in Mexico and parts of Central America?

A) Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos)

- B) Festival of San Juan
- C) Carnaval
- D) Day of the Virgin

7. Argentina's "Vendimia" (Grape Harvest Festival) celebrates the wine region's bounty. In which month does this typically occur?

- A) January
- B) February
- C) March**
- D) April

8. Which event, held in Cusco, Peru, in June, revives ancient Inca ceremonies and is known as the "Festival of the Sun"?

A) Inti Raymi

- B) Cusco Music Festival
- C) Andean Harvest Festival
- D) Virgen del Carmen Festival

9. The "Carnaval de Barranquilla" in Colombia is recognized by UNESCO for its cultural importance. What is a key characteristic of this carnival?

- A) Focus on Olympic sports
- B) Emphasis on cumbia music and traditional dances**
- C) A silent retreat for reflection
- D) A competition for historical reenactments

10. In Argentina, which city is famous for its annual "World Tango Championship" held in August?

- A) Mendoza
- B) Bariloche
- C) Buenos Aires**
- D) Cordoba

11. During "Semana Santa" in Guatemala's Antigua, what unique tradition decorates the streets for the processions?

- A) Ice sculptures
- B) Carpets made of colored sawdust, flowers, and fruit**
- C) Sandcastles
- D) Lanterns made of paper

12. Which South American country celebrates "Pan American Day" on April 14th, as part of a broader observance across Central and South America?

- A) Brazil
- B) Chile
- C) Colombia
- D) All of the above**

13. The "Festival de la Virgen de la Candelaria" is celebrated in early February in which two countries?

- A) Argentina and Chile
- B) Bolivia and Peru**
- C) Ecuador and Colombia
- D) Paraguay and Uruguay

14. In which Peruvian city is the "Feast of 12 Dishes" a significant culinary tradition observed during "Semana Santa"?

- A) Lima
- B) Arequipa
- C) Cusco**
- D) Iquitos

15. The "Day of the Dead" is a significant holiday in Mexico. In which month is it observed?

- A) September
- B) October
- C) November**
- D) December

16. Which of the following is NOT a major South American carnival celebration mentioned in the search results for February/March 2026?

- A) Carnival of Oruro, Bolivia
- B) Carnival of Barranquilla, Colombia
- C) Rio Carnival, Brazil
- D) Carnival of Buenos Aires, Argentina**

17. The "Oruro Carnival" in Bolivia is known for its "Devil Dancers" and the blending of Catholicism with pre-Columbus beliefs. What is "El Tio" believed to be in this context?

- A) The patron saint of miners
- B) The owner of the minerals the community mines**
- C) A symbol of fertility
- D) The spirit of the Earth Mother