

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