

2025 Latin America & Caribbean: Viral Holiday Trends, Pop Culture & Fiesta F

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1. Which South American city's Carnival, renowned for its samba school parades at the Sambadrome and vibrant street parties (blocos), is set to be the world's largest in 2025?

- A) Barranquilla, Colombia
- B) Cajamarca, Peru
- C) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**
- D) El Callao, Venezuela

2. During the Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) in 2024, which Mexican region is highlighted as the guest state for the Festival de Tradiciones de Vida y Muerte at Xcaret Park, showcasing its unique customs through music, gastronomy, and artistic expressions?

- A) Yucatán Peninsula
- B) Oaxaca
- C) Quintana Roo**
- D) Chiapas

3. In preparation for New Year's Eve 2025, which Latin American tradition involves people carrying an empty suitcase around the block at midnight to encourage travel in the upcoming year?

- A) Burning of 'Año Viejo' effigies
- B) Wearing specific colored underwear
- C) The suitcase ritual**
- D) Throwing a bucket of water out the window

4. For Carnival 2025, Venezuela's Afro-Caribbean Carnival of El Callao is recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage. What specific musical genre is central to this celebration, reflecting the legacy of West Indian migration?

- A) Cumbia
- B) Salsa
- C) Calypso**
- D) Merengue

5. In 2024, Medellín's Feria de las Flores (Flower Fair) celebrates its 67th anniversary. Which of the following is a core tradition that showcases the region's floral artistry and cultural heritage, featuring flower growers with intricate floral arrangements?

A) National Trova Festival

B) Silleteros Parade

C) Classic & Antique Cars Parade

D) Bicycle Rhythm Fair

6. Regarding New Year's Eve 2025 traditions in Latin America, wearing specific colored underwear is believed to influence the coming year. What color is associated with attracting love?

A) Yellow

B) White

C) Red

D) Black

7. In 2024, the Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) is increasingly acknowledged for its cultural intermixing. Which American popular culture holiday's influence is noted as transforming Día de Muertos into a hybrid tradition that simultaneously honors the dead and celebrates the macabre?

A) Thanksgiving

B) Independence Day

C) Halloween

D) St. Patrick's Day

8. The Rio Carnival 2025 is expected to generate significant economic impact. Which of the following is an example of a contemporary pop culture element integrated into the 'blocos' (street parties) during Carnival, reflecting a diverse and inclusive vibe?

A) Traditional samba and folklore

B) Funk and contemporary pop music

C) Classical music ensembles

D) Indigenous chanting and drumming