

New Orleans Mardi Gras Carnival 2015: Watch Live Online; Parade Cam, Video Streaming Options; Major Events, Parade Schedules

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One of the most sought after Mardi Gras events, the New Orleans carnival 2015, is here.

Translated directly as 'Fat Tuesday', Mardi Gras is the practice of the eating fatty and rich foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season followed by 'Ash Wednesday' on the next day.

Also referred to as the 'largest party on Earth', the massive extravaganza in New Orleans in Louisiana will include frenzied scenes of masks and costumes, dancing, sports, competitions, parades and more.

While such an exciting event is underway, it is only natural for the rest of the world to wonder if they could get a glimpse of the event via online live streaming or street cameras.

Where to Watch Live

As far as being able to catch up with the event live is concerned, there are a few options available. The local NOLA.com has been offering a Mardi Gras Parade Cam, running for a few weeks now and will be showing the events of the big day on Tuesday morning.

There are good changes however, that the Krewe of Rex will be the only parade shown via this cam although the Krewe of Elk Orleans and Krewe of Crescent City immediately follow the Rex and the cam might just continue rolling, according to some reports.

The popular, Krewe of Zulu will start at 8am before Rex in New Orleans and there is another version of the parade cam without sound if one feels more comfortable to watch without the background noise.

Audience can also watch other French Quarter festivities via EarthCam. There is one [live cam focus at the corner of Bourbon Street and St. Peter](#), which will broadcast the goings-on in the street there live. It has to be noted however, that the pictures coming from the cam are uncensored and it cannot be said with certainty what you might end up seeing.

Major Events

There will be quite a few exciting events going on in the area, so it might be difficult to attend all of them. If you are interested in live musical performance there will be quite a few music clubs staging live music. To see the list of best options, visit the NOLA website.

Parade Schedules:

The Krewe of Zulu will begin at 8am and the Krewe of Rex will begin at 10 am on Tuesday morning, 17 February 2015. The Krewe of Elks Orleans and Krewe of Crescent City will follow next. For further details on the parades, routes and other details, check The Mardi Gras New Orleans Website.

Mardi Gras Floats: Ever since parades began in New Orleans over 100 years ago, parade floats have been one of the most sought after things. Some floats are beautiful and elaborate while many others are funny and satirical. So don't miss a glimpse on them if you are there.

King Cakes: The Feast of the Epiphany or the Little Christmas is not complete without King Cakes. If you are present in the area, remember to enjoy a slice of king cake, the traditional rich French pastry, which contains spiced apple compote, cream cheese, strawberries and often other delicious fillings. And yes, remember to just watch out for the baby and be the king! (According to the tradition, the person who receives the slice of cake with the plastic baby will have the privilege of hosting the next King Cake party).

