

CARNIVAL

The carnival in Galicia is called "entroido". It is "the entrance", the beginning of spring or Lent. The origin of this festival has some similarities with pagan festivals but it received a Christian influence. It means the time of pleasure, lust, food, 40 days before Easter. The carnival features are these: mask dressing, disguising, eating pig tail, "filloas" (which are crêpes) ...





This tradition has a great audience participation, as well as the "comparsas" parade organized by the town hall.

Disguised people parade in the streets and there are prizes

for the best disguises. In Galicia the most beautiful Carnival parades are celebrated in Laza, Verín, Xinzo, Salcedo...

At Carnival people do things that are not allowed the rest of the year. The masks have their rights. There are neighbours obliged to receive them at home and give them gifts. There are a lot of people disguised as animals, famous people...who want to have a good time playing jokes and laughing at other people.

