

TRIP SUMMARY

Base Cost		Total	Monthly
Land Only		\$2150.00	\$300 Deposit + 4 Payments of \$462.50
W/ Roundtrip Airfare from JFK		\$3250.00	\$300 Deposit + 4 Payments of \$747.50
Trip Dates			
February 9 th – 14 th 2018			
Included in Cost			
Round Trip Airfare		Breakfast and WiFi	
6 Day Double Occupancy Hotel Stay		The Highly-Coveted Carnival Connexion T-Shirt	
Day trip to Maracas Beach(2/11)		Ongoing Support of the CC staff	
All transfers		Onsite Photographer + Low-Def Photos	
2 Fete Tickets			
Add-ons and Upgrades		Total	Monthly
Paparazzi Costume Backline*		\$600 +	TBD
Paparazzi Costume Frontline*		\$900 +	TBD
Paparazzi Costume Men*		\$500 +	TBD
Coco Devils J'ouvert Package		\$100	\$16.67
*Includes Costume Management Service			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your \$300 deposit is due by July 31st. • You can save \$50 on your deposit if it is made before EOD on July 15th by entering the code 'CarnivalConnexion' during checkout. • Your monthly payments will be *automatically* collected on the 15th of every month from August – January. 			
Refund Policy			
<p>The policy is simple and one I'm sure you will find quite agreeable!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your deposit is fully refundable up until the day before the first monthly payment is due, which would be August 15th. • 33% of the value of your trip plus your deposit becomes non-refundable on/after September 15th • 66% of the value of your trip plus your deposit becomes non-refundable on/after November 15th • The trip becomes 100% non-refundable on/after January 15th • Your trip must be paid in full by January 15th. Failure to do so will result in your trip being cancelled and money being refunded as per refund policy • Any traveler that falls more than 2 payments behind will be removed from the trip and funds will be returned per the above refund policy. 			

CULTURE OF CARNIVAL

Carnival is just a celebration, but rather a part of a much larger culture in which months of planning and preparation goes into only after months of lamenting about the carnival that just past. If you are new to the culture, you are likely to be taken aback by the practices and language that come along with it. For that reason, we've created a list of terms and concepts that you may want to know before partaking. If you aren't new to this, don't laugh and go on ahead to the next section!



The March Itself – There are 2 marches (plus J'ouvert), the **Monday March** and **Tuesday March**. The Monday march is one in which you can pretty much wear whatever you want. While most bands hand out Monday wear, it's customary for those that partake to have their own outfits designed or even wear body paint. The **Tuesday march** is where you will down your actual costume and join all those in your section so you can ultimately walk across the stage.

Play Mas – A term used to indicate that you are participating in the march with a band.

Fete – This is the term used to referred to parties, and there are certainly a lot of them! Seasoned Carnival Participants will literally party morning, noon and night. There are multiple, day parties, night parties and breakfast parties taking place during this time.

J'ouvert – This is the march before the march, and may very well be the most intense march of all. You will start early in the morning, hopefully with our J'ouvert Band Coco Devils, and march while being doused in paint, powder and water all while dancing to your hearts content! It's highly suggested that you not wear anything on this day that you plan to wear again anytime in the future. In fact, it might be a good idea to cover yourself in baby oil so the paint will easily wash off.



Soca – The type of music that you will hear throughout your time in Trinidad. It is very upbeat and high energy! If you are not familiar checkout Machel Montano or Bunji Garlin to get an idea.

Band – While this almost seems self-explanatory, it's important that you understand that there are dozens of mas bands that participate in Carnival! Each band consists of 5 or more sections each with its own theme of costume and each section has a front line and a backline, the frontline being the more extravagant of costume.



The Costume – In designing their costumes bands usually create a theme, this year our band's theme is "Nomadik Nation". But having one theme, doesn't mean there just being one style of costume. Bands normally consists of several sections each with their own style of costume related to the overarching theme. Each section then has a front end, the most extravagant, and a back-end costume, smaller and slightly less extravagant but stunning none the less. The men also have costumes to select from in each section.

Wine – The type of dance often done at a fete or during the parade. While it is very seductive in its movements, it is NOT twerking! Ladies you can expect many men to walk up from behind to "catch a wine" and fellas you can expect the same as well, but the women will approach you from the front. If at any point you're not interested in partaking simply say no, and you will be left alone.

OTHER THINGS TO KNOW

Playing Mas W/ Paparazzi

While you are more than welcome to join our trip, and play mas with a different band, we highly recommend that you do so w/ Paparazzi. Doing so will ensure that you have a seamless and effortless carnival experience where your only responsibility is to show up, and have an amazing time! Your costume will be waiting for you in the hotel upon your arrival and all transfers to the march are covered!

Selecting Your Costume

Paparazzi will launch their 2018 line of costumes on July 8th. Beginning July 9th you can see all of their costumes displayed on their website. On July 14th, they will begin taking online orders for their costumes.

If you decide to go with one of their costumes, fill out the registration form on their site before July 30th, ensuring to indicate that you are with Carnival Connexion. Paparazzi will then forward us the cost of your costume which will then be divided amongst your 6 monthly payments.

Your costume will be handed to you upon checking into the Radisson hotel.

What About the Fetes?

By all means, we intend to participate in the best fetes that Trinidad has to offer. Once we've identified the best fetes and tickets have become available we will make those tickets available to you. The cost of the fete will be rolled into your monthly payment plan at the time of purchase and will include round trip transportation.

Single Room Upgrade Is Not An Option!

Due to the scarcity of rooms available in Trinidad during carnival, allowing anyone to upgrade to a single room would likely result in someone not being able to partake in the festivities. Which means we won't be offering it as an option. If you are someone that is traveling solo, see below.

Traveling Alone? No Worries

As with our AAT trips, we extend each traveler the option of being paired up with a suitable roommate at no additional cost. Roommates are paired based upon the answers to their personality questions on their registration form, as well as their ages and even astrological signs. Several months before departure you will be given the contact information of your roommate, giving each of you the opportunity to get properly acquainted.

If the rare circumstance arises where you and your assigned roommate do not click, please let us no less than 2 weeks before we depart and we will reassign you. There will be no reassignments during our stay abroad.

Triple Occupancy (Or More) is Not Available!

Unfortunately, we will not assign more than 2 travelers to a room. So, if you are traveling in a group of 3, or any other odd number, one of you will have to be assigned a roommate (see above).

The 'Tell-A-Friend' Discount

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining our trip but isn't a member of AAT/CC? Here is your chance to save a little money while bringing them on a trip of a lifetime!

For every traveler that you refer to our trip, you can subtract \$50 from the cost of your trip. There is no limit to the amount of people you can bring, if that person has not already traveled with AAT/CC. Be sure to tell your friend to enter your name in the registration form under "How did you hear about this trip?"

FLIGHT INFO

New York, NY ➡ Port of Spain, TD Friday, February 9 th , 2018 Caribbean Airline Flight No BW521 Departing: New York, NY Departing Flight Time: 6:15 AM EST Flight Duration: 5 Hours 55 Minutes Arrival: (POS) Port of Spain, TD Arrival Time: 12:25 PM EST	Port of Spain, TD ➡ New York, NY Wednesday, February 14 th , 2018 Caribbean Airline Flight No BW550 Departing: Port of Spain, TD Departing Flight Time: 4:45 PM EST Flight Duration: 5 Hours 55 Minutes Arrival: (JFK) New York, NY Arrival Time: 11:05 PM (EDT)
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Baggage Allowance

Carry-on:

The size of your hand luggage should not exceed 55x40x20 cm. Please note that any bag or item must fit easily into the overhead compartment or under the seat in front of you.

Checked Bags:

Passengers are permitted 1 bags free of charge weighing up to 23kg (50 lbs.).
 Maximum dimensions (length + width + height) = 158 cm (62").

