



# TRINIDAD CARNIVAL

2022



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## ITINERARY

### Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

3:00 PM	Check in Begins
7:00 PM	Host Dinner
8:00 PM	Distribute Costumes and J'ouvert Packages

### Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

	3:00 AM	Depart for Optional Fete 1
	7:00 AM	Return to Hotel
3:00 PM	Depart for Included Fete	
7:00 PM	Return to Hotel	

### Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

	5:00 AM	Depart for Optional Fete 2
	9:00 AM	Return to Hotel
2:00 PM	Depart for Maracas Beach	
7:00 PM	Return to Hotel	

### Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2022

	3:00 AM	Depart for Coco Devils J'ouvert
	7:00 AM	Return to Hotel
	7:00 AM	Monday Morning Makeup Appointments
10:00 AM	Depart for Monday March	
6:00 PM	Monday March Ends	

### Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022

12:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Makeup Appointments	
7:00 AM	Depart for Tuesday March	
6:00 PM	Tuesday March Ends	

### Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

12:00 PM	Checkout Begins	
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# THE CULTURE OF CARNIVAL

Carnival isn't 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

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 don 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 refer 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.

## Bands

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 "La Belle Epoque - "A Beautiful Era". 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**

While you are more than welcome to join our trip and play mas with any band you want, 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!

If you decide NOT to play with Paparazzi, we suggest you select the Carnival Concierge Add On, so we can pick up your costume and having it waiting for you upon your arrival. You will be responsible for your transportation to your bands meeting point.

### **Selecting Your Paparazzi Costume**

Paparazzi will launch their 2022 line of costumes in July of 2021. Once launched, you can see all of their costumes displayed on their website.

If you decide to go with one of their costumes, fill out the registration form on their site before July 30<sup>th</sup>, ensuring that select "African American Travelers" During checkout. **DO NOT PAY FOR THE COSTUME!** Entering African American Travelers will indicate to Paparazzi that they should come to us for your payments.

Paparazzi will then forward us the cost of your costume which will then be divided amongst your monthly payments.

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

In the meantime, you can take advantage of the amount of time we have between now and Carnival 2022 using our **Carnival Costume Credit** to begin payment on your costume now. By selecting Carnival Costume Credit 100% of that money will be applied to the cost of your costume when you select in July of next year. If the costume you select is less or more than the credit you've paid, we will adjust your monthly payments accordingly. If you decide not to go with a paparazzi costume, the money you've paid will be applied to the remaining balance of your trip.

### **Which Fete Package to Book?**

The answer to that is contingent upon how much you value your sleep!

Picking the **Wassy Fete Package** entitles you to one additional premium all-inclusive fete, which leaves plenty of time for sleep!

The **Bacchanal Fete Package** gives you 2 additional premium all-inclusive fetes, which will leave you with a bit of energy once Monday Mas comes around!

### **Traveling Alone? No Worries! We Can Assign Your Roommate**

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.

### **Booking Triple Occupancy**

Trinidad Carnival attracts nearly 1,000,000 people every year, which puts a high price tag on the cost of going.

In response to this, for the first time ever we will be offering triple occupancy hotel as a cost saving option. Keep in mind, that while we can have 3 people in one room, there will be no more than 2 beds in each room (there are no roll away beds). So, if you do book the triple occupancy option, you should be prepared to share the room with 2 other people that you know!

**WE WILL NOT BE DOING ROOMMATE ASSIGNMENTS FOR TRIPLE OCCUPANCY ROOMS!**

**The ‘Tell-A-Friend’ Discount**

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining our trip but isn't a member of AAT? 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. Be sure to tell your friend to enter your name in the registration form under "How did you hear about this trip?"

**The “Thank You to Essential Workers” Discount**

At the time of writing this, we are enduring what is certain to be labeled as the most challenging period of our lifetimes. While this situation has forced us all to make sacrifices, none of us has made a greater sacrifice than medical staff and first responders that have been tasked with being our lifesavers in the face of complete uncertainty. When this is all behind us, we will owe to it you for getting us to better days.

As a token of our appreciation we would like to extend to all our many customers that are first responders or work in Medicine a \$100 discount off any single trip you book in the year of 2020.

To claim your discount, simply indicate in our registration form your occupation and follow up by emailing us a work ID or any work credentials.

Your discount will be returned to you after all payments are collected!

## IN DEPTH

### Cocoa Devils J'ouvert



D Cocoa Crew (Cocoa Devils) was formed in 1993 and has since established itself as one of the most successful J'ouvert bands in T&T! As opposed to most J'ouvert bands Cocoa Devils uses cocoa instead of paint or powder. Included in your cost is transportation to/from the band meeting point, food and drink (yes liquor!) while you chip down di road and all the good vibes you can handle!

### The Fete Packages

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### Makeup By Krissys Bella Faces



It's Tuesday morning, you have your costume ready, hair done right and to ensure that you absolutely *slay on di road* we will offer you the option to get that face beat by celebrity makeup team Krissys Bella Faces.

Included in your makeup package is full sweat proof makeup with carnival gem work, glitter and lashes.