Trinidad Carnival 2021 Packages

Trinidad Carnival is February 15-16, 2021

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In this brochure, find everything you need to know before you book your Trinidad Carnival 2021 experience with us. Inside you will find:

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We Plan You Jam is a boutique Trinidad Carnival planning services provider. We help you curate an unforgettable Carnival experience and serve as your local connection to everything you need for a stress-free, no hassle Carnival.

Meet your planners

JAMES PHILLIPS
James is “Your Guy in Trinidad”. He has been involved in the Trinidad Carnival scene and organized stress-free Carnival experiences for family and friends for over 20 years. James first caught the bug when our grandmother signed him up for Kiddies Carnival at the ripe old age of 5 and he hasn't stopped jammin' since!

NICOLE PHILLIPS
James’ Sister (known as Nicole outside of Trinidad) lives in Toronto and returns to Trinidad every year to ‘play ah mas’. She brings her power planning skills to We Plan You Jam and helps to take care of all the details. And the details' details. You can be certain if she's not plannin', you'll find her jammin'!
It's important to understand some of the lingo we use in Trinidad, as this is how we talk about and reference different aspects of Carnival.

**Band or Mas Band**
A band is a group of masqueraders that parade on the road during Carnival. There are many mas bands at Carnival, varying from a few hundred masqueraders to many thousands. Each mas band has an overarching theme and is comprised of multiple sections. Each section has a different costume design that links to the overall band theme.

**Frontline or Backline Costume**
For the ladies, there are typically two costume options to choose from: frontline or backline. The frontline costume is the more elaborate and larger costume. The backline costume is a bit simpler but may offer more elaborate options.

**Fete**
A fete is a soca party. The term is an artifact from our French colonial days. There are many types of fetes based on what’s included and the venue/entertainment.

- 🍹 **All-Inclusive** fetes include food and alcoholic drinks
- 🥤 **Drinks Inclusive** fetes include drinks only (and maybe a snack)
- 🍺 **Cooler** fetes are BYOB (bring your own booze) fetes.

**Las Lap**
Las Lap is your last chance to party for Carnival. Generally, bands will convene in a location after the parade is done to party until 10 p.m. or 11 p.m. on Carnival Tuesday.

**Mas**
Mas is the parade of costumes. It is often used in the phrase “play mas” or “play ah mas”.

**Road**
"On de road" or the road experience refers to parading on the road during Carnival.

**Soca or Soca Music**
Soca is the predominant type of music played at Carnival during fetes and on the road.
Trinidad at Carnival time is booming with activity and it can be overwhelming to keep track of all the Carnival related events.

Below we highlight the key events for Carnival Week aka Bacchanal Week, from February 10 to 17, 2021. Due to the large number of fetes, we've included a link to view the fete list for each day. For those arriving before Carnival Friday, we recommend trying a tour. Click here to view recommended tours.

**CARNIVAL WEDNESDAY**
- **Bacchanal Week Begins!**
- **We recommend:** Punchy Wednesday
  - [Click here to view Wednesday fetes](#)

**CARNIVAL THURSDAY**
- **We recommend:** TRIBE IGNITE
  - [Click here to view Thursday fetes](#)

**CARNIVAL FRIDAY**
- **We recommend:** DuckWork Pool Party
  - **4am** Reenactment of the Canboublay Riots
  - **7pm** Soca Monarch Finals
    - [Click here to view Friday fetes](#)

**CARNIVAL SATURDAY**
- **We recommend:** Soca Brainwash
  - **7pm** Panorama Finals
    - [Click here to view Saturday fetes](#)

**CARNIVAL SUNDAY**
- **Join us for our Jammers' fete, *We Cruisin'***
  - **7pm** Dimanche Gras Finals
    - [Click here to view Sunday fetes](#)

**CARNIVAL TUESDAY**
- **7am to 6pm** Carnival Tuesday Parade
- **6pm to 10pm** Las Lap

**CARNIVAL MONDAY**
- **3am to 8am** Jouvert
  - **10am to 6pm** Carnival Monday Parade
  - **6pm to 2am** Monday Night Mas

**ASH WEDNESDAY**
- Options include:
  - Maracas Beach Lime
  - Head to Tobago for a few days
  - Head home! (Not recommended)

= Traditional Carnival Events
3 Steps to Trinidad Carnival

Whether you want to participate or spectate, our goal is to ensure you have the experience of a lifetime. We have a simple sign-up process to secure your spot with us, and from there we work with you to create your ultimate experience for Trinidad Carnival.

1. Choose your base package

Your base package is the starting point to creating your Carnival experience with us. Package pricing varies based on the hotel selected, number of nights, and the number of people in the room.

2. Secure your spot

Ready to become a Jammer and join our Jammer Family (aka Jam Fam) for Trinidad Carnival 2021? Simply email us at hello@weplanyoujam.com with your base package selection and we’ll take it from there.

3. Personalize your experience

No two Jammers are the same. Package add-ons allow us to customize your package to ensure you have the best experience for your Carnival.
What's included in your package

All base packages include:

- **Hotel stay** including breakfast and WIFI for selected package dates
  - Dates below are check-in and check-out dates:
    - **5-nights** (Fri to Wed): Feb 12-17, 2021
    - **6-nights** (Thu to Wed): Feb 11-17, 2021
    - **7-nights** (Wed to Wed): Feb 10-17, 2021
    - **8-nights** (Wed to Thu): Feb 10-18, 2021
  - Additional options available on request (e.g. Thu to Thu etc.)
- Round trip **airport transfer**
- **Costume concierge** (includes registration + delivery; does NOT include costume cost)
- Exclusive Jammers’ fete, **We Cruisin’** -- a Down De Islands Experience
- **Two (2) events or activities;** choose from:
  - Drinks inclusive fete
  - Traditional jouvert
  - Traditional Carnival event (Soca Monarch, Pan Finals etc.)
  - Local tour
- **Carnival experience concierge + support**
- **Pre-departure preparation**
- **On the ground support**
- **Exclusive Jammers Forum**

*We work exclusively with:
Step 1: Choose your base package

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### Prices

- Prices subject to change, based on availability and confirmed at time of booking
- Single occupancy pricing available upon request

CLICK HERE to View All Package Options + Pricing

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Step 2: Secure your spot

Ready to get official Jammer status and join our Jam Fam?

To secure your spot, send us an email at hello@weplanyoujam.com with your package selection. If you don't know which package yet that's ok too! We can help you decide.

We will confirm room availability and schedule a **15-minute call** to gather additional information before you make your deposit.

**Note:** Add-ons will be added to your package over the coming months as they are released and confirmed. All add-ons are based on availability.

Shortly after the call, we will send you an invoice to make your **20% deposit** payment to secure your spot.

Once your deposit is made, we give thanks to the Carnival Gods as another Jammer is born and welcomed into our Jam Fam!
Once you've booked your package it's time to select your add-ons. This process happens over the course of many months as fetes and other add-ons are released. Below is a sample of some of our most requested add-ons from our Jammers. **Note: all items include transportation where applicable.**

Interested in an item or service not listed below? Just ask!

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The History of Carnival

While Trinidad Carnival has become known internationally for the elaborate costume parade and epic fêtes, the history of Carnival has deep cultural and socially significant roots.

Carnival was brought to Trinidad by the French settlers in the 1700s and encompassed a series of events and festivities from Christmas leading up to Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lenten period of fasting for Christians.

These festivities included masquerade balls, house parties, and street parades and were generally reserved for the White elite, with other classes and races only being allowed to participate if they were performing.

The African slaves began their own parallel celebration called Canboulay which, after the emancipation of slaves in the 1830s, evolved to become what we know as Carnival today and culminates in a two-day parade on the Monday and Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

Traditional Carnival music is Calypso (or Kaiso), originally developed by the African slaves as a means to communicate with each other on the plantations. Legendary Calypsonians include Roaring Lion, Lord Kitchener, and the Mighty Sparrow.

Soca music, which originated in the 1970s as a fusion of calypso, chutney and other influences like Latin, funk, and soul, has taken over as the most popular music during Carnival. Popular Soca artistes include Machel Montano, Destra, Kes, and Patrice Roberts.

Often touted as the greatest show on earth, Trinidad Carnival has inspired other carnivals across the Caribbean and around the world like Toronto’s Caribana, Miami Carnival, Notting Hill Carnival, and the New York Labour Day Parade.
Beyond the parties and the parade, there are many significant events associated with Trinidad Carnival. Here are just a few:

**Reenactment of the Canboulay Riots**
The Reenactment of the Canboulay Riots is a dramatic street performance in tribute to the lives lost in 1881, when the British police tried unsuccessfully to ban certain aspects of the Carnival celebration. It is held at 4 a.m. on Carnival Friday.

**Soca Monarch**
Soca Monarch is an annual soca music competition with the finals held on Carnival Friday (aka Fantastic Friday). There are two crowns or titles that contestants vie for: Power Soca Monarch and Groovy Soca Monarch.

**Panorama**
Panorama is an annual steel band (aka steelpan) music competition held at Carnival time. Each steel pan orchestra selects and plays a popular calypso or soca song. The finals are held on Carnival Saturday.

**Dimanche Gras**
Dimanche Gras (French for "Fat Sunday") is an annual costume competition during Carnival, where the mas bands who choose to participate showcase their elaborate King and Queen costumes and performances. Each band's King and Queen lead their masqueraders during the parade on Carnival Monday and Tuesday. Dimanche Gras is held on Carnival Sunday.

**Jouvert**
Jouvert (French for "daybreak"), also known as dirty mas, is the official start of Carnival. It begins in the early hours of Carnival Monday morning and involves revelers smearing paint, mud, or oil on each other while dancing down the street in a jouvert band.
Jouvert + Mas Bands

When you choose to participate in a jouvert or mas band, the price includes the complete road experience. Below outlines what’s generally included with your costume and jouvert purchase.

**Jouvert**
- Music trucks with live DJs
- Themed wear
- Premium bars with unlimited drinks
- Breakfast snack
- Security
- On-site paramedics
- Mobile restrooms (ladies only)

**Mas Band**
- Road experience for Monday and Tuesday
- Music trucks with live DJs
- Premium bars with unlimited drinks
- Lunch on both days
- Breakfast and snack on Tuesday
- Private security team
- On-site paramedics
- Mobile restrooms
- Roaming photographers
- Goody bags with souvenirs and Carnival essentials
- Las Lap party on Carnival Tuesday
For many of our Jammers, visiting Trinidad for Carnival is a once in a lifetime trip (though we know you'll want to come back!). There is so much more that Trinidad and our sister island Tobago has to offer that we strongly recommend trying a tour or two. Here are just a few:

**Evening Steelpan Yard Tour**
Visit the authentic panyards where the famous steel bands practice, taste some streetfood (Doubles), and visit a Mas camp where Carnival costumes are displayed (based on availability).

**Mud Volcano Adventure**
This tour takes you on a scenic drive to the south of Trinidad with a few stops along the way to enjoy some local delicacies. At the final stop, hike 45 minutes to the Mud Volcano. After soaking up the mud, hike a further 30-45 minutes to a calm beach to wash off and enjoy.

**Mini Island Tour**
Explore Central Trinidad and visit the Chaguanas Market, Hanuman Statue, Temple in the Sea, and enjoy a roti lunch.

**Rum Distillery Tour**
Visit the world famous Angostura Rum Distillery and its museum and butterfly collection, followed by a tram ride through the facility to see the bottling process. The tour concludes with a rum-tasting session and a visit to Angostura’s very own shop.

**Tobago Highlights**
Enjoy a boat tour to Buccoo Reef with snorkeling and a swim in the Nylon Pool. Visit the capital Scarborough and the Botanic Garden. Take in panoramic views from Forts and explore the island with a cross-island drive.
What you need to know

Click here to view our complete purchase terms and conditions.

Exclusions and Availability
Package does NOT include international flights.
Your package only includes the items outlined as part of your base package.
The following can be requested as add-ons to your package. The price of these add-ons are NOT included in the package price:
- Costume
- Additional fete tickets
- Additional transportation
- Additional tours
- Make-up
- Tobago extension
Add-ons are NOT guaranteed and are based on availability.

Payment Options
You can either make full upfront payment or choose a payment plan. All payment plans require a 20% non-refundable deposit to secure your spot with us. Monthly payments are required to maintain your booking. Your package MUST be paid in FULL no later than November 30, 2020.

Late or Missed Payments
If your monthly payment is more than one (1) week late, you will be charged a $25USD late fee. Missed monthly payments will incur a $50USD fee. If you miss two (2) monthly payments in a row, your package will be cancelled. If the final balance has not been paid by November 30, 2020, your package will be canceled and you will forfeit all monies paid thus far with no recourse for reimbursement, recovery, or reparations.

How to Make Payment
We accept the following forms of payment:
- PayPal (including major credit cards)
- Cheque
- Money Orders or Wire Transfers

IMPORTANT: All payments MUST be made in USD

Cancelling your package
A full refund of your deposit, less 5% administrative fees, is allowed up to 48 hours after sending the initial deposit or by May 31, 2020, whichever comes first. For cancellations after May 31, 2020, you will have the sole responsibility to find a replacement to purchase your package before your next monthly payment or November 15, 2020, whichever comes first. If you do not find a replacement by the dates stated, you forfeit all monies paid.

Cancellation of a person in your room
Your package price is based on length of stay and room occupancy. If one of the occupants of your room cancels, the remaining occupants agree to the automatic increase in the cost of their package to cover one (or more) less person (or people) in the room. You will be provided an updated invoice based on the reduced occupancy.
We do de **plannin'**.  
**You do de **jammin'**.  

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We look forward to jammin' with you in 2021!