

**Pâques** Easter activities in France begin more than a month before Easter itself. Many cities celebrate **carnival**, when there are street parties, dressing up, parades and lots of fun during a period of two or even three weeks! The tradition of carnival is thought to have originated in





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try not to eat during Lent, which comes next.

