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Spain is a unique country to celebrate numerous fiestas and festivals. The Spaniards are tops in celebrations; every celebration is festive and vibrant with the whole works. It may start off solemn and religious but ends in vibrancy and festivity. There would be plenty of music, singing, dancing and merry making. This is the common mode of any fiesta celebrated in Spain.

Salamanca festivals

Salamanca enjoys many interesting traditional festivals that are celebrated with vigor in its villages. The Ciudad Rodrigo's Carnival celebrated here is similar to the famous Pamplona San Fermin festival where bulls run through cordoned and directed town streets to the local bullring with waiting amateur-toreros seizing the opportunity to prove their braveness by running ahead of the bulls.

The Fiesta del Almendro takes place in February to celebrate the blossoming of almond trees with people crossing River Duero in boats to and fro Spain and Portugal.

Easter Monday is celebrated with "Lunes de Aguas" following the tradition of the middle ages where people used decorated boats to cross the river to carry back prostitutes barred from celebrating Lent which is a most religious festival of 40 days. The Corpus Christi festival is another beautiful festival that offers splendid processions.

La Alberca in Salamanca celebrates the fiesta of Ofertorio on August 15th in honor of Virgin Mary with a lot of regional attire in a traditional folkloristic manner.

Madrid fiestas

Madrid keeps many of their traditions alive through the celebration of festivals. The New Year celebration is especially spectacular with thousands of revelers crowding at Puerta del Sol to wait for the strike of twelve. Then the fiesta of the three Magi procession comes on January 5th.

The Fiesta de San Isidro is celebrated to honor a Madrid's patron with numerous public performances and concerts as well as bullfights.

Cultural events happen through the Veranos de la Villa from July to August.

Madrid shows off some of its popular traditions at Verbena de la Paloma festival in August with regional dances in traditional costumes.

Madrid is famous for its September concerts and theater performances with its Jazz Festival and Fiestas de la Almudena happening in November.

The year comes to an end with the rampant displays of Christmas cribs to usher in the Christmas season in December as the Spaniards are highly religious people. These fiestas are still actively celebrated even today.

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