

Crop Over in Barbados

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Crop Over, a five-week summer festival, is Barbados' most popular and colourful festival. Its origins can be traced back to the 1780's, a time when Barbados was the world's largest producer of sugar. At the end of the sugar season, there was always a huge celebration to mark the culmination of another successful cane harvest - the *Crop Over* celebration.

As the sugar industry in Barbados declined, so too did the Crop Over festival and in the 1940's the festival was terminated completely. However, the festival was revived in

1974 and other elements of Barbadian culture were infused to make the extravaganza that exists today... an event that attracts thousands of people from across the globe.

Today, crop over has helped with the increase in tourist arrivals. The following table shows the increase in arrivals during the winter season.

Arrivals	Duration
185 164	December 2002 – March 2003
208 911	December 2003 – March 2004