

*Read the description of different festivals and fill in the gaps with the words from the box:*

revelers   in the thick of it   wine and dine   exuberant   unleashed

### **Carnival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

Possibly, the world's most famous carnival that arose out of tradition to paint the town red before removing the temptation to \_\_\_\_\_ during Lent. As you can imagine, this means a hedonistic party where everything goes – including flamboyant feathered headpieces and \_\_\_\_\_ samba-shaking fun.

### **Hogmanay, Scotland**

The real reason behind the extravaganza is the lack of Christmas back when Scotland wasn't getting on with church. So they stockpiled all their party spirit ready to be \_\_\_\_\_ on New Year's Eve in full force. Today, street \_\_\_\_\_ wander free, sing songs and drink alcohol, while real life vikings lead the city's procession with fire torches, before the hourly firework displays light up the skies.

### **Thanksgiving Day Parade, the USA**

The annual parade feature giant balloons from Sponge Bob to the Grinch floating through Manhattan, and while it's also fun to watch on TV, nothing can be compared to the excitement of being \_\_\_\_\_. The three-hour holiday event is a fast forward into the festive season.