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Enjoy a day in Bonn

Tips and ideas for day tours

A warm welcome to Bonn!

Beethoven, culture, museums, botanical gardens, the former Government District, the romantic Rhine – there's a lot to discover on a day in Bonn.

You can walk around the city centre of Bonn on your own or join one of our guided tours. We recommend the big tour of the city in the popular open-top bus (daily at 2 pm in the summer months).

On this tour you will learn a lot about Bonn and Bad Godesberg, before seeing the main sights of the city centre on foot.
(Duration: 2.5 hours).

We are pleased to advise you or work out an individual tour for you.

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You can plan a visit to the city exactly as you wish, combining various components to make a programme for the day...

...Visit the Museum Mile (duration: approx. 2 hours)

From the city centre it is a convenient journey of only a few minutes on tram routes 16, 63 and 66 to Bonn's Museum Mile, with institutions that attract around two million visitors each year. Well-planned permanent exhibitions and highly regarded temporary exhibitions present subjects related to society, politics, technology, art, culture and nature.

! The museums on the Museum Mile put on varied supporting programmes. Every year in May and June they get together for the Museum Mile Festival.

...Visit the Beethoven House (duration: approx. 1-2 hours)

Ludwig van Beethoven was born in 1770 in the Beethoven House in Bonngasse. Now home to the world's

largest Beethoven collection, it is devoted to preserving the memory of the famous musician and composer and to research. In the Digital Beethoven House you can experience music in visible form.

! In Bonn there are more than 30 museums, many of them in the city centre. Did you know that the famous Neanderthal Man can be seen in the LVR-Landesmuseum Bonn?

...Visit the former Government District (duration: approx. 1-2 hours)

The former Government District (Bundesviertel) is a symbol of the first successful German democracy. It represents the transformation of Bonn from its previous status as capital of the Federal Republic of Germany to a modern base for business. Since 1996 Bonn has been the German city of the United Nations and has evolved into a centre of international cooperation. Trace the Path of Democracy to important sites of contemporary history such as Villa Hammer-schmidt and the former plenary chamber of the Bundestag!

! Visit the House of History (Haus der Geschichte; free admission). Groups can book their own guide at Bonn-Information for the Path of Democracy.

...Siebengebirge and Drachenfels (duration: 3-5 hours, depending on the programme)

Bonn is the ideal starting point for an excursion to the Siebengebirge, Germany's oldest nature reserve. You can travel by tram or boat to Königswinter and from there go walking in the Siebengebirge. The oldest rack-and-pinion railway in Germany will take you to the Drachenfels summit – or you can walk up. A wonderful view of the Rhine valley and surrounding area is the reward for the climb.

! Halfway up the Drachenfels, surrounded by a landscaped park, lies the 19th-century mansion Schloss Drachenburg. There are guided tours at fixed times and on inquiry.

...Trip on the Rhine (duration: approx. 3-5 hours depending on the route and programme)

Boats operated by the Weisse Flotte take you up the river, past romantic slopes to the wine towns of Königswinter and Linz with their picturesque half-timbered houses. Whichever place you visit – don't fail to try a glass of wine before returning to Bonn.

Between the different stops on the programme, you can decide which is your favourite among a large number of restaurants and cafés in Bonn, take a stroll through the city,

or walk along the banks of the Rhine. The second-largest and oldest pedestrian zone in Germany is an inviting shopping area, where a large selection of specialist stores and branches of chain stores has something for every taste.

To prepare your programme for the day, our tourist city map provides practical help. Download it at www.bonn.de or order it from Bonn-Information (price: € 0.50).

! The Bonn Regio Welcome Card gives you free or reduced-price admission to many museums and leisure attractions in Bonn as well as free journeys by bus, tram and train.

For a guided tour of the city centre, try the itour audio guide (hire at Bonn-Information for a fee of 7.50 euros).

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