

Explore Bonn! Optional Afternoon Activities – June 18.

As part of the program, Wednesday afternoon (June 18) will be free, giving you a great opportunity to explore Bonn and its surroundings at your own pace. While these activities are not organized by the school, we would like to share a few suggestions in case you would like to plan something in advance:



Bonn is a city rich in history, culture, and natural beauty. For general ideas and information:



[Visit Bonn – Germany Travel Website](#)



[Official Website of the City of Bonn](#)



Rhine River Boat Trip: Bonn to Königswinter. Enjoy a relaxing panoramic boat cruise along the Rhine between Bonn and Königswinter, offering beautiful views of the river valley and surrounding hills.



Departure time for June 18, 2025: 2:00 PM (ideal after the school that ends at 1:00 PM).



Departure Point: Bonn Alter Zoll (30 minutes walk from the HCM)

Landing stage 3, Brassertufer Am Alten Zoll / opposite the Hotel Königshof
[view on Google maps.](#)



Return Options from Königswinter: 3:10 PM or 5:20 PM.



Travel Time: Approx. 50 minutes to Königswinter, Approx. 40 minutes on the return.



Prices: regular: €16 one-way / €19 round trip, **students:** €13 one-way / €16 round trip.



Tickets & Payment: book online with PayPal or credit card, or purchase at the ticket counter (cash or card, except American Express).



[More info and booking](#)

**Drachenfels and Königswinter**

Just outside Bonn, you will find the scenic **Drachenfels** hill, home to romantic castle ruins and views over the Rhine. You can reach Königswinter by train or boat, then hike or take the historic cogwheel train to the summit—where a hilltop restaurant offers a perfect spot to relax and enjoy the panorama.



[Official website of the Drachenfelsbahn](#), the cogwheel train to the Drachenfels.



[Official website of the Drachenfels](#)

**Visit Cologne Cathedral**

A short 30-minute train ride takes you to Cologne, home of the iconic **Cologne Cathedral (Kölner Dom)** – a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most impressive Gothic cathedrals in Europe.

These are great ways to unwind midweek, discover the region, or connect informally with other participants.

We hope you'll make the most of your time in Bonn!

Best wishes,
The Organizers