

Your Visit to Bonn!

We would like to welcome you to Bonn. After the lectures you might have some free time, 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](#)

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.

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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:

<https://www.koelner-dom.de/en>

Brühl Palace and Gardens

On the way to Cologne there is also a beautiful palace in Brühl. It and the huge gardens around it are certainly worth a visit:

<https://www.schlossbruehl.de/>