

Activities around Bonn and the World Championship

Bonn and surrounding areas:

The Drachenfels with or without the Drachenfels Railway

The Drachenfels in Königswinter is one of the most popular destinations for families with children in the Cologne-Bonn area. Generations of parents have chased their energetic children up the path to the ruins on the Drachenfels, telling them stories of dragons that might burst from the trees at any moment.

Halfway to the summit, you'll find the meticulously restored Drachenburg Castle, open to visitors. Having reached the top, panting and gleefully shuddering, you'll be rewarded with a fantastic view of the Rhine, the Siebengebirge hills, and the castle ruins. There's now a restaurant on the plateau. Of course, if you prefer, you can also take the legendary Drachenfels Railway to the summit. The cogwheel train chugs its way surprisingly briskly up the mountain.

Nibelung Hall and Reptile Zoo

Parents who are still familiar with legends can fill the walk to Drachenfels with tales of Siegfried, Brunhilde, and the sinister Hagen von Tronje from the Nibelung saga. The quaint, wooded paths make it easy to imagine the legend of snakes and dragons. Halfway up, you'll find the Nibelung Hall – home to one of the most important collections of paintings related to "The Ring of the Nibelung."

Nearby, you'll also find the Dragon's Cave with its 13-meter-long dragon resting in a shimmering pond, and the Reptile Zoo with its giant snake, green anaconda, crocodiles, and tortoises. It all fits perfectly into the surroundings – and both parents and children will enjoy it.

Take a boat trip on the Rhine

Bonn is located directly on the banks of the Rhine, so what could be more natural than taking a boat trip during your visit to Bonn with children? It's true that the people of Bonn, the city's inhabitants, also love to travel on the Rhine, preferably on a boat with a glass of wine in hand, cruising into the sunset. So why should we, as visitors to Bonn, miss out on this experience?

A boat trip is especially wonderful for families with children, as it not only gives tired feet a rest but also often saves us from the grumbling of sightseeing tours and, on top of that, offers completely new perspectives of the city and the surrounding area. Those who want to take a boat trip in Bonn with their children can do so in a variety of ways: sightseeing tours,

gourmet tours, Rhine tours, musical cruises – the themed boat tours around Bonn are all quite interesting.

Also attractive are the Rhine cruises, where you sail along the Rhine and are then spat out at one of the picturesque wine villages, where you can take a walk, before being taken back to Bonn by ship.

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A boat trip on the [Moby Dick](#) is a real treat for children. The ship looks like a large whale and offers themed cruises for families with children, such as pirate parties and Santa Claus tours. The tour from Bonn to Cologne Zoo, with an entertainment program on board, is also popular.

Explore Bonn and the surrounding area with the hop-on hop-off bus

Bonn is great to explore on foot, but especially if you're traveling with children, taking the bus for some stretches is highly recommended. This not only saves tired little feet but also your sanity. Cruising through the city in the red double-decker bus is a truly delightful experience. In summer, the roof slides back, making it even more enjoyable. If you like, you can listen to the audio guide; if not, simply admire the beautiful city of Bonn and let your mind wander.

The hop-on hop-off bus offers maximum flexibility. Simply get off whenever you feel like it and hop back on whenever your feet get tired. The bus travels to 11 stops throughout the city, stopping at locations ranging from the Museum Mile to the Siebengebirge hills.

[Tickets für den Hop-on-hop-off-Bus](#)

Pay a Visit to Haribo

The famous gummy bear brand from **Hans Riegel, Bonn**, comes, of course, from the innovative and gourmet city of Bonn. In the city itself, you'll find many Haribo shops where you can buy souvenirs and all sorts of merchandise featuring the colorful bears.

But the highlight of your visit to Bonn with children is, of course, a visit to the factory. In the factory outlet shop, you'll find a wide selection of the colorful sweets at good prices. And not just the gummy bears from Germany that you can buy in any store, but also those from neighboring countries like Denmark and France. You can also buy Ritter Sport chocolate and Lindt products there.

We had a "broken box" with all sorts of sweets for 10 euros and were able to try a lot of different things. It lasted until Christmas. If you want to choose your own treats, you can simply create your own box at the candy bar.

Address:

HARIBO Fabrikverkauf Bonn Bad Godesberg
Friesdorfer Str. 121
D-53175 Bonn

www.haribo.com

Visit the Museum Koenig Bonn

The imposing building of the Natural History Museum in Bonn is located on the edge of the government district. It is named after Bonn professor Alexander Koenig, who donated his zoological collection, including his villa, to the state in 1929.

The Museum Koenig explores and explains biodiversity and the diversity of habitats. Interactive and staged visitor rooms transport visitors to different worlds and ecosystems. During our family visit, we travel from Central Europe through the savannah, the desert, and polar ice worlds. The spectacularly presented rainforest is truly impressive.

At the heart of the permanent exhibition is "Our Blue Planet," which explores the connections between different ecosystems and the dependencies and interrelationships of various living things.

At the same time, the museum, with its atrium and the "Federal Giraffes," is an important site of German democracy; the foundation for our Basic Law was laid here in 1948.

One of the museum's main focuses is the world of birds, which we owe to the enthusiastic ornithologist Alexander Koenig. We learned a great deal about exotic and native birds, breeding behavior, and bird migration. We were particularly impressed by the biodiversity.

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With the Bonn [Regio WelcomeCard](#), admission to the Alexander Koenig Museum and many other museums in Bonn is free. The Bonn Regio WelcomeCard also gives you numerous discounts on many attractions in the region.

Address

Museum Koenig Bonn
Adenauerallee 160
D-53113 Bonn

bonn.leibniz-lib.de

To the Botanical Garden in Bonn

The Botanical Garden in Bonn is certainly one of the most beautiful and diverse botanical gardens in Germany. If you're visiting Bonn with your children, you should definitely make a point of visiting and admiring the diversity of nature.

Exotic flowers and plants, including tropical species, await you in various greenhouses, where you can discover everything from rainforests to deserts. The tropical section is especially great for children and is a perfect place to visit during your winter stay in Bonn, offering a chance to soak up some warmth and color.

What we find particularly spectacular about the Botanical Garden in Bonn, however, is its incredible landscaping in the outdoor areas: gardens, a water lily pond, exotic plants, and herb gardens invite you to wander and dream yourself away to other worlds.

Address

Botanische Gärten der Universität Bonn
Meckenheimer Allee 169
D-53115 Bonn

www.botgart.uni-bonn.de

Bonn Town Hall with market square

The Bonn Town Hall was built in the **Rococo** style between 1737 and 1738, but was not fully completed until around 1780. It has often **hosted important state visits**, such as Charles de Gaulle in 1962, John F. Kennedy in 1963 and Mikhail Gorbachev in 1989.

It lost its function as the seat of the city administration in 1978 for **capacity reasons**.

It is **not possible** to visit the town hall from the inside, but you can walk up the stairs like famous politicians did in the 20th century.

The **market** in front of the town hall is held on the square every day except Sundays. It is open between 8:00 and 18:00 during the week and until 17:00 on Saturdays.

Book your city guide to the sights of Bonn online in advance:

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Bonn Minster

Bonn Minster on Münsterplatz is 81 meters high and was built in the 11th century. It is in the **Romanesque** style, but also has **Gothic** and **Baroque** elements. The basilica was rebuilt and restored several times after being destroyed, including in 1583-1589 and 1689.

Admission is **free** and the interior of the church is well worth seeing. So be sure to **take a look inside!** For example, the 900-year-old cloister is the **best preserved** north of the Alps. The Klais organ with its wooden biblical depictions is also impressive. It is the highest attraction in Bonn on this list.

On Münsterplatz, next to the cathedral, you will also find the **statue of Beethoven**, probably Bonn's most famous composer. It stands centrally in front of the old post office, was inaugurated on August 12, 1845 on the occasion of the **1st Beethoven Festival** and is made of bronze. Incidentally, the Beethoven Festival has been held **every year in September** since 2005.

The church is open from Monday to Friday from 07:30 to 19:00, on Saturdays from 08:30 to 19:00 and on Sundays and public holidays from 11:00 to 19:00.

And many more (<https://wetraveltheworld.de/en/bonn-attractions/>)

Cologne and surrounding areas:

Go to Cologne Cathedral

Yes, of course, the cathedral, the cathedral, the cathedral. Everything in Cologne has a view of the cathedral. Rooms with a cathedral view, parks with a cathedral view, even restrooms with a cathedral view. Even when you arrive at Cologne Central Station, the cathedral makes its presence known. Cologne Cathedral is simply THE landmark of the city, which you can see from every angle during your city tour of Cologne. Cologne Cathedral is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the tallest buildings in the world. Inside, you'll find an incredible number of art and cultural treasures, the altar of the city's patron saints, the Milan Madonna, and, of course, the magnificent stained-glass window designed by Gerhard Richter.

A visit to the cathedral with your children is a must when visiting Cologne. You can stroll through the cathedral with your family at your leisure – outside of services, of course. But it becomes even more exciting and interesting if you book a [children's tour](#) of the cathedral. The tours take place in the Domforum opposite the cathedral and are aimed at children aged 6 to 12.

Address

Kölner Dom
Domkloster 4
D-50667 Köln

www.koelner-dom.de

Spend a day at Phantasialand

Phantasialand in Brühl has divided its park into six themed areas, from Berlin to Mexico, through Chinatown and Africa, before transitioning into the Mystery and Fantasy worlds.

What attractions will you find at Phantasialand? Everything a thrill-seeker could wish for: roller coasters, carousels, children's playgrounds, water attractions, and fantastic shows with music and stunts.

The roller coaster highlight: a ride on Taron. This is a multi-launch coaster that races at breakneck speed through the medieval town of Klugheim, past rock faces and stunning scenery. A hit with little ones: the ride with the funny parrot. It's a toddler-friendly carousel where parents are welcome to join in. Phantasialand verdict: families with children of all ages will feel right at home in this theme park in Brühl. Older children can get a real thrill on the spectacular roller coasters, while younger ones will find plenty of fun on the child-friendly rides. And then everyone can join in the fun at one of the stunt shows – something for everyone!

Address

Phantasialand
Berggeiststraße 31-41
D-50321 Brühl

www.phantasialand.de

Aqualand Water Park: A Paradise of Slides

Are you in the mood for AquaConda, AquaCanion, or a crazy looping slide? Then Aqualand Water Park in Cologne is the perfect place for you and your kids. Here, it's all about the most amazing water slides. If that's too much adrenaline, you can have fun in the water world with indoor and outdoor pools, a lazy river, and whirlpool loungers.

For little water nymphs, there's the children's area with a toddler pool, baby slides, and water toys.

For parents who can take turns looking after the kids, Aqualand offers a fantastic sauna world with 11 different saunas.

Address

Aqualand Freizeitbad
Merianstraße 1
D-50765 Köln

aqualand.de

To the Chocolate Museum

The Chocolate Museum in Cologne's city center is one of the city's most popular attractions. No wonder, it's such a great topic that many people love: chocolate! In the museum, you'll learn almost everything you need to know about chocolate, from its cultivation and production to its processing and sale. The information is presented in a very clear and engaging way. A chocolate robot dispenses small Lindt chocolate squares, and you can watch the chocolatiers create chocolate unicorns, bunnies, and soccer balls. Of course, you can buy these at the end and take them home with you.

But our personal highlight is undoubtedly the large chocolate fountain, which awaits us three meters high under the glass dome, filled with around 200 kilograms of warm, liquid chocolate. The master chocolatier dips a waffle into it, which we then happily devour. Mmmmmm!

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If you still crave chocolate after the chocolate overload, you can fortify yourself with all sorts of chocolate treats in the museum café on the ground floor.

Address

Schokoladenmuseum Köln
Am Schokoladenmuseum 1a
D-50678 Köln

[Tickets online kaufen](#)

Visit Cologne Zoo

At Cologne Zoo, you can see exotic and native animals. Around 10,000 animals live here. Cologne Zoo is famous for its large elephant park, where you can observe these majestic animals. We were lucky enough to catch a feeding show, which was very entertaining and fun.

The monkey rocks are always a big hit with visitors. And in the tropical house, families can wander through a dense jungle landscape and admire exotic animals such as crocodiles, snakes, and colorful birds.

The zoo has several playgrounds and a zoo school where workshops are held.

Address

Kölner Zoo
Riehler Str. 173
D-50735 Köln

[Tickets online kaufen](#)

For sports fans: Visit the German Sports & Olympic Museum

The German Sports & Olympic Museum is located in the heart of Cologne on the Rhine – right next to the Chocolate Museum. The museum is dedicated to the history and development of sports in Germany and worldwide. The museum's location itself is fantastic – especially its position on the Rhine. It's housed in a historic 19th-century customs building, right on the Rheinauhafen (Rhine harbor).

What's there to see? In the permanent exhibition, you can explore the origins of sports from antiquity to the modern Olympic Games. Excerpts from the history of the Olympic Games, various sports, and famous sporting personalities are on display. There are historical sports

equipment and clothing, medals and trophies, photographs and documents, and memorabilia from famous athletes to admire.

You can also get active yourself and try out different sports, test your own athletic abilities, and watch video installations. If you're in Cologne with sports-loving children, this is a great day out idea!

Address

Deutsches Sport & Olympia Museum
Im Zollhafen 1
D-50678 Köln

[Tickets online kaufen](#)

Schlösser Brühl

Schlösser Brühl: Unique. Surprising. Rocolicious! Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of Brühl's palaces – a place where history comes alive! Between opulent Rococo, surprising details and French garden art, a unique cultural experience with a wow factor awaits you.

The site includes the imposing Augustusburg Palace, the intimate Hunting Lodge Falkenlust and the ideal-typical French-style palace garden.

Schlösser Brühl - UNESCO World Heritage Site

Brühl Palaces have been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1984, making them one of the most important human creations.

Unique

The World Heritage Site is considered the first important Rococo creation in Germany and an outstanding example of a large 18th century princely residence.

Surprising

Built for the Cologne Elector and Archbishop Clemens August (1700-1761), member of the House of Wittelsbach, the residence still surprises today and takes you back to an age of courtly splendour full of glitz and glamour.

Address:

Schlösser Brühl
Schlossstraße 6
D-50321 Brühl

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