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Tours Around Bonn and Its Environs by [Lek Boonlert](#)

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Bonn is a small city and its stunning position on the Rhine makes it an ideal base for exploring this part of the Lower Rhine region. Formerly the seat of government before German re-unification, Bonn's biggest claim to fame is its association with the composer, Beethoven, who was born there in 1770.

As might be expected of such a famous citizen, Beethoven connections are everywhere in the city. His family home is now the Beethoven Museum and there are regular performances of his music by the Bonn Beethoven Orchestra. The best way to trace the history of this iconic German is by taking a walking tour with a guide; your Bonn hotel will certainly have details of tours, as will the tourist office, which has its own official city tour taking in 13 notable Beethoven sites.

There are plenty of other walking tours around the city, which visit the best sites, in particular, the Altstadt. For beer aficionados there are beer house tours where you can sample the local brews and discover some of the history of German beers. For non-walkers there are some great open top bus tours of the city taking in all the top sites.

No holiday this area would be complete without a Rhine River trip and there are several cruise companies in Bonn that offer romantic day trips on this lovely river as it meanders through vineyards and past fairytale castles. For sightseeing in the surrounding countryside one of the best ways is to book a coach tour; one of the most popular with visitors are the vineyard tours.

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