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### Tips for a trip to Bonn

For nearly five decades, the city at the Rhine was known as the place where politics were made. Then the government moved to the new / old capital Berlin, and the big structural change began. But despite the move of the diplomats, Bonn has remained an international city. 19 UN organisations and more than 150 governmental and non-governmental institutions have settled here and define Bonn as a centre for international cooperation today. In Bonn's former governmental district the World Conference Center Bonn (WorldCCBonn) welcomes conference participants from all over the world.

Moreover, Bonn has become a very attractive cultural destination and is well-known for its top exhibitions and events. Finally, the city looks back at a rich and more than 2000-year-old history. It was founded by the Romans and had been the residence of the electors and archbishops of Cologne for centuries. It is the place of birth of Ludwig van Beethoven, the world-famous composer, and has been a renowned university city since the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Furthermore, Bonn is said to be "The Gate to the Romantic Rhine", and for all of these reasons it is for sure worth visiting this beautiful city.

It only takes half an hour to reach the City of Bonn from Cologne/Bonn Airport with the Airport Bus No. 670. You should first go to the Tourist Information in Terminal 2, where you will find city maps, brochures about sights, as well as the Bonn Regio WelcomeCard, which can be obtained for just 9.00 Euro per person with a validity of 24 hours. As it offers free rides on public transport to almost all attractions, as well as free admission to many museums of the Beethoven City, it is worth buying it in any case.

The exhibitions and collections at the "Museumsmile" (Museumsmeile) with "Art and Exhibiton Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany" (Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle der Bundesrepublik Deutschland), "Art Museum Bonn" (Kunstmuseum Bonn) and "House of History of the Federal Republic of Germany" (Haus der Geschichte der Bundesrepublik Deutschland), "Museum Koenig" and "German Museum Bonn" (they can easily be reached from the City center with the subway), attract more than two million visitors each year. In the city center the "Beethoven-House" (Beethoven-Haus), birthplace of Ludwig van Beethoven, is definitely a touristic "must-visit". The new Digital Beethoven-House comprises an Internet presentation with several thousand pages, online services and a digital library. At the Studio for Digital Collections visitors can use the multimedia music collections of the Beethoven-House in an improved quality and extended form. The Stage for Music Visualisation invites to take part in a worldwide unique future-oriented 3D performance in a virtual environment.

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Special museums like the "Women's Museum" (Frauenmuseum) with its changing exhibitions and activities, the "Arithmeum", where mathematics of the present and the past can fascinate even those people, who were never really good in it, or the "August Macke House", where the famous representative of the Rhenish Expressionism lived and worked, are only a few examples representing the surprising manifoldness of first-class institutions, which Bonn can be proud of.

Part of the impressive sights in the historic centre of Bonn is the Minster Basilica with its sacral works of art and a cloister of the 12th century, one of the rare cloisters north of the Alps which are still in good condition, a jewel of religious architecture.

The late Baroque Town House also presents itself in a wonderful way at the market place in the middle of the city, where one will find a fruit and vegetable market from Monday to Saturday, and where cafés and bistros put out their tables and chairs on sunny days. Bonn's wide pedestrian precinct invites you for a shopping tour, and there are lots of modern malls, historic or ingenious shops, which make shopping, become a pleasure. Traditional bars, breweries, wine taverns and restaurants with ethno food or sophisticated scenery places are waiting.

For those who simply want to walk along the Rhine river, the long promenade from the "Old Customs" (Alter Zoll) near the university (which is located in the former residential castle) up the river until the city boundary offers charming views on the famous "Siebengebirge". A beautiful way of getting close to the Siebengebirge and the middle Rhine, which is crowned by fortresses, is an excursion by boat – the "White Fleet" invites to cruises on the still Romantic Rhine.

Just one short visit may tempt you to spend some more time over here. There are numerous events and possibilities in the Beethoven City of Bonn and its lovely region. The Tourismus & Congress GmbH offers different packages for a stay in Bonn. For example you may book the "Exhibition-Package" with Bed and Breakfast, entrance free and a Bonn information brochure (from 42 Euro per person in a double room), to see one of the exhibition-highlights 2011.

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