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MAJOR MUSEUMS, EXHIBITIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES 2026/2027

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HIGHLIGHTS

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF KONRAD ADENAUER IN BONN AND THE SURROUNDING REGION

This is where the first Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany lived and worked for many years. Discover his home in Bad Honnef and many authentic sites from the political history of the Bonn Republic.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEETHOVEN'S PASSING – MEMORIAL YEAR 2027

To honor this milestone, the Beethoven-Haus is hosting two special exhibitions. The year will be marked by numerous concerts and events throughout Bonn and the surrounding region, with the Beethovenfest and the Beethoven Orchestra guaranteed to provide the musical highlights.

HOUSE OF THE HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

In December 2025, the new permanent exhibition 'You Are Part of History – Germany since 1945' opened in Bonn. It is one of Germany's most visited museums and a must-see at least once in a lifetime.

BONN MUSEUM MILE

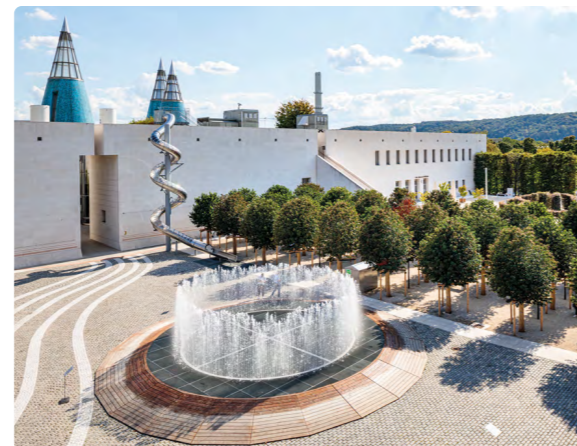
Here you'll find five unique museums, all situated in close proximity to one another and easily accessible. Immerse yourself in a world of fascinating exhibitions on the natural sciences, technology, art, and historical and cultural history, making each museum an unforgettable experience.



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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AT THE DEUTSCHES MUSEUM BONN

The only museum in Germany dedicated exclusively to the topic of artificial intelligence. A visit to this fascinating yet also somewhat unsettling world is highly recommended.

THE NEANDERTHAL IS IN BONN

The Neanderthal skeleton, which ranks among the world's most significant archaeological finds, was discovered in limestone quarries near Mettmann. You can view the original skeleton at the LVR-Landesmuseum Bonn.

AUGUST MACKE FROM BONN

The August Macke Haus museum was once the home and studio of the young artist. The Kunstmuseum Bonn now houses one of the largest collections of Macke's works, featuring a number of significant pieces.

THE WORLD'S FIRST WOMEN'S MUSEUM

The Bonn Women's Museum was founded in 1981 as the first of its kind in the world. Here, art and culture are not only enjoyed but also created in six studios.

ARP MUSEUM AT BAHNHOF ROLANDSECK

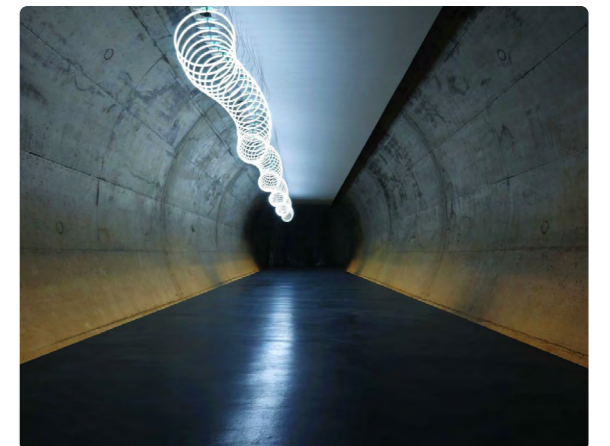
A true mecca for modern art and the only museum with its own railway station. The collection and the special exhibitions attract thousands of visitors every year.



Mission KI, Deutsches Museum Bonn, Foto: © Eric Alexander Lichtenscheidt



August Macke, Seiltänzer, 1914, Öl auf Leinwand, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Foto: Reni Hansen



Arp Museum Bahnhof Rolandseck

EXHIBITIONS 2026/2027

GÜNTHER UECKER – THE VULNERABILITY OF THE WORLD

Arp Museum at Bahnhof Rolandseck
8 February – 14 June 2026

The exhibition is the first comprehensive tribute to the internationally renowned artist Günther Uecker following his death in the summer of 2025, and the final one where the initial impulses still originated from the artist himself. The Arp Museum commemorates his close connection to the Künstlerbahnhof Rolandseck as a member of the ZERO movement.



Günther Uecker, Waldgarten (Detail), 2008 Private Collection. Courtesy Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Foto: Jan Liègeois

INDIGENOUS WORLDS

Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn
March 13 to August 9, 2026

Everyone is familiar with the famous Amazon region, yet beyond its lush vegetation, this part of the world remains shrouded in mystery. This large-scale exhibition offers an exciting glimpse into this region, its inhabitants, and their unique culture. Featuring over 300 extraordinary original indigenous works, the exhibition presents the worlds of the Amazon across time and space.



Georg Scholtz, Der sentimentale Matrose, 1921 © Galerie Berinson, Berlin

SEX WORK – A CULTURAL HISTORY OF SEX WORK

Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn
April 2 to October 25, 2026

The history of sex work can be traced from antiquity to the present day. The societal treatment of sex work serves as a reflection of the prevailing image of humanity, the values that held sway, and the structures of power within a given era.



Tomás Saraceno, Stillness in Motion, 2018, © Tomás Saraceno, Foto: David Ertl

FORCE FIELDS – NEW PERSPECTIVES FROM THE COLLECTION

Kunstmuseum Bonn
From July 12, 2026

The new presentation of the collection transforms parts of the museum into a vibrant journey. Works of early Modernism and the post-war period are brought into dialogue with contemporary art. By addressing pressing questions of life, the exhibition highlights the unique social potential within the collection of the Kunstmuseum Bonn.

OPEN SPACES – BETWEEN CHANGE AND RESISTANCE

Kunstmuseum Bonn
November 26, 2026 – April 4, 2027

How can art and museums today open up spaces where, despite digital surveillance, ecological crises, and global power imbalances, new forms of coexistence and resistance can be tested? International artists are invited to address various forms of liberation.

VANISHING POINT PARIS – GISÈLE FREUND, ROGI ANDRÉ, MADAME D'ORA

LVR-Landesmuseum Bonn
October 1, 2026 – January 24, 2027

After the First World War, Paris became a magnet for intellectuals and artists from across Europe – including photographers Gisèle Freund, Rogi André, and Dora Kallmus, also known as Madame d'Ora. As young artists, the three women dedicated themselves to the cultural life of the metropolis, capturing it in striking photographs. In the early 1940s, their Jewish heritage forced them to flee the city. Their works tell a story of new beginnings and persecution, artistic innovation, and survival in exile.

AVANT-GUARDISTAS – LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN ARTISTS FROM FRIDA KAHLO TO TODAY

Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn
December 4, 2026 – March 29, 2027

For the first time in Europe, this major survey exhibition brings together key works by more than 60 women artists from Latin America. Spanning over a century, it presents well-known icons alongside undiscovered talents.

TWENTY-SEVEN

Museum August Macke Haus
February 25 – September 5, 2027

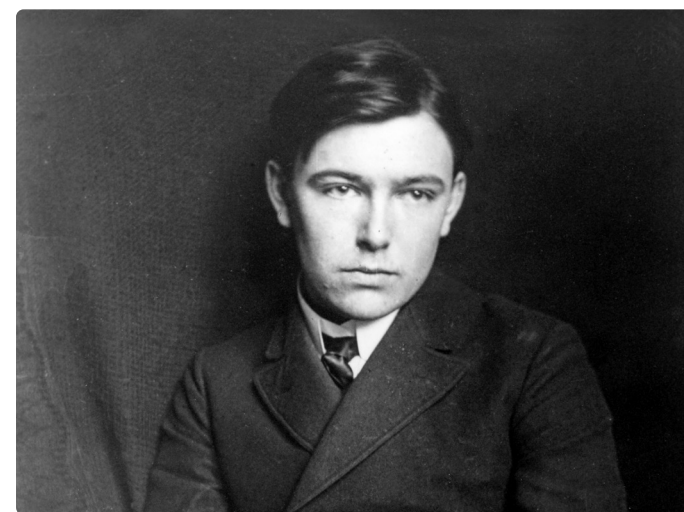
August Macke was only 27 years old when he died in the First World War in 1914. Despite his short life, he left behind thousands of works. His early death makes Macke part of the legendary '27 Club.' Starting with Macke, the exhibition explores the myth of artists who died young and looks at various biographies: from Georg Trakl and Jean-Michel Basquiat to Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Brian Jones, and Amy Winehouse.



Gisèle Freund, Simone de Beauvoir, Paris, 1952 © LVR-Landesmuseum Bonn, Jürgen Vogel



Frida Kahlo, Niña tehuacana. Lucha María / Mädchen aus Tehuacán. Lucha María, 1942 © Colección Pérez Simón, Foto: Rafael Doniz



Unbekannt, August Macke, um 1905, Fotografie, Museum August Macke Haus

BTHVN 2027

BEETHOVEN AND THE BRENTANOS

Special exhibition at the Beethoven House Bonn
April 15 to late July 2026

Beethoven and the extensive Brentano family were linked through various family members and a multitude of stories. Featuring outstanding exhibits from its own collection and loans from the Freies Deutsches Hochstift, the exhibition provides fascinating new insights into Beethoven's relationship with the Brentanos.



© Beethoven-Haus Bonn

WARHOL & MUSIC

Special Exhibition at the Beethoven-Haus Bonn
September 2026 to approx. late February 2027

Just a few weeks before Andy Warhol's sudden death on February 22, 1987, he created his screenprint series 'Beethoven 1987'. With this work, Warhol not only created his last authorized graphic print but also an icon of 20th-century Beethoven reception, which is closely tied to Bonn. Based on over a hundred objects by Andy Warhol—some of which are being shown publicly for the first time—the exhibition offers a profound insight into Warhol's lifelong fascination with Beethoven.

BEETHOVEN THE PATIENT

Special exhibition at the Beethoven-Haus Bonn
Late March 2027 to approx. August 2027

Drawing on medical records, the latest scientific findings—including results from hair analysis—and historical sources, this exhibition offers a fascinating look at Beethoven's illnesses and their influence on his life and work.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

BONN

Bonn City Tour – Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

From the Roman era and the glamorous Baroque period of the Prince-Electors (during which Beethoven lived and worked) to the significant post-war era of the „Bonn Republic“ and today's international UN and science hub. Look forward to highly entertaining, funny, and quirky stories.

Duration: 2 hours

Guided walking tour

On this tour, you will hear about the history of Bonn's city center alongside the story of Beethoven's youth and the influences that shaped him. Visit the most important locations from the composer's first 22 years and discover how they decisively influenced his (musical) life. The tour ends at the Beethoven-Haus.

Duration: 2 hours (excluding Beethoven-Haus)

Exclusive concert in the „Musician room“ of the Beethoven-Haus on Historical Instruments

This exclusive private concert in the house where Beethoven was born is a truly special experience. Using historical keyboard instruments from the museum's collection, the audience can experience exactly how music sounded in Beethoven's time. The concert lasts approximately 30 minutes and takes place in the museum's music room.



Musikzimmer Beethoven-Haus, Foto: © David Ertl

Former government district and Villa Hammerschmidt

This guided walking tour through Bonn's Federal Quarter visits significant sites of contemporary history, such as the Federal Council (Bundesrat), the Federal Chancellery, and Museum Koenig. The tour is followed by an exclusive interior visit to Villa Hammerschmidt, the Bonn residence of the Federal President.

Note: A valid ID is required.

Duration: 2 hours | Group size: max. 20 people



Hop-On/Hop-Off Stadtrundfahrt in Bonn

Plenary Chamber of the German Bundestag

Gain an insight into the Plenary Chamber of the former German Bundestag in Bonn. This is where parliamentary sessions were held between 1992 and 1999. Today, it is part of the World Conference Center Bonn and one of Germany's most important conference venues.

Duration: approx. 1 hour | Group size: max. 20 people
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Scenic Rhine Cruises

A classic experience is a boat trip between Bonn and Königswinter. The elegant and historic architecture of the Bonn riverfront alternates with the scenic landscapes of the Siebengebirge hills. Various operators offer Rhine tours from Easter to the end of October.

Duration: approx. 2 hours

Drachenfels Railway, Drachenburg Castle, and Drachenfels

The historic Drachenfels rack railway takes you up to these famous landmarks. Situated below the summit is Drachenburg Castle. Built between 1882 and 1884, it is considered one of the most significant castle buildings of the late 19th century in Germany. The castle is surrounded by extensive parkland. From the Drachenfels plateau at the top, you can enjoy a magnificent view of the Rhine Valley.

Tip: Various themed tours of the castle are available.



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Chancellor Adenauer House Foundation

Beautifully situated in the Siebengebirge, a guided tour of Konrad Adenauer's former home offers insights into his private life and political history. Below the house is an exhibition building documenting the life and work of the first Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Wine Tasting with Top Winemakers in the Ahr Valley

Germany's best red wine comes from the Ahr Valley. This unique natural landscape is a popular destination just 30 minutes from Bonn. Various winemakers invite you to culinary wine tastings and other events.

IN THE EVENING

Opera and Theatre

The striking opera house on the banks of the Rhine offers a broad repertoire of opera, dance, and concerts. Cabaret and musicals are also regularly featured on the schedule. The drama department (Schauspiel) presents literary works ranging from antiquity and the classics to modernism, as well as new productions and contemporary interpretations.

Events & Tickets for groups:
www.theater-bonn.de/en



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Rhenish Cabaret – Haus der Springmaus & Pantheon

The cabaret stages of the Rhineland are among the best in the country. The Pantheon has been a venue for Germany's top comedians for over 25 years. Since 1985, Haus der Springmaus has been one of the most famous improv and cabaret theaters nationwide. Many well-known artists began their careers here.

Program und Tickets:
www.springmaus-theater.de | www.pantheon.de

GOP Varieté Theater

Located in the heart of the former government district, variety theater inspires with diverse and changing performances. Experience unique shows with world-class artists in a breathtaking setting and enjoy culinary highlights.

Information & Tickets:
www.variete.de/bonn

PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION

A TRIP TO BONN, THE CITY OF BEETHOVEN, AND THE SIEBENGEIRGE

DAY 1: BEETHOVEN'S BONN AND HIS BIRTHPLACE

- Arrival in Bonn
- Afternoon: Guided city walking tour „In the Footsteps of Beethoven,“ a visit of Beethoven´s Birthplace Beethoven-Haus Bonn. Optional: A private fortepiano concert in the historic music room of the Beethoven-Haus.
- On request: Dinner at a selected traditional restaurant in Bonn.
- Evening: Depending on the seasonal schedule, enjoy a concert or event in the „City of Beethoven.“
- Overnight stay in Bonn

DAY 2: GRAND EXHIBITIONS AND COLLECTIONS

- Morning: An exciting city tour providing insights into the history, as well as the current and future developments of Bonn as a UN City.
- Lunch: Group lunch on the „Museum Mile.“
- Afternoon: Dedicated to the Bonn museum and cultural region, with a visit to the museums of your choice.
- Evening: Optional wine tasting in Königswinter or the Ahr Valley.
- Overnight stay in Bonn

DAY 3: ROMANTIC RHINE VALLEY

- Morning: Following breakfast, transfer to Königswinter (alternatively available via excursion boat).
- Highlight: A ride on Germany's oldest rack railway up to Drachenburg Castle. Includes a guided tour of the house and gardens, followed by a trip further up to the Drachenfels plateau.
- Lunch at the panorama restaurant with impressive views over the Rhine Valley.
- Afternoon: Departure and journey home.



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Drachenfelsbahn © Marc John

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