

Entdecke Bonn!

Discover the former capital city located on the Rhine River



USAGSO Community Patch Program

Girl Scouts at all levels living in, or visiting, Bonn can earn this patch by completing the requirements in the three (3) topic areas listed in the boxes below and on the pages following.

Bonn is located in the state of North Rhine–Westphalia (NRW) about 15 miles (24km) south of Cologne. From 1949 to 1990 it was the provisional capital of West Germany, and it served as the seat of the German federal government from 1990 until 2000, when the government completed its move to Berlin. The population is only about 320,000 but the city has a disproportionately high number of museums and cultural institutions due to its status as the capital city and as the birthplace of the composer Ludwig van Beethoven.

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BEETHOVEN&HISTORY

Either personally or virtually visit a historical museum and the Beethoven House.

2

MUSEUMS&PLACES OF INTEREST

Visit at least two (2) additional tourist sites.

3

CULTURE&LANGUAGE

Try a typical dish or a German phrase, or join a celebration or event—any two (2) options.



Beethoven's Birthday Party

2020 will see a lot of celebration for Beethoven's 250th!



Bröckemännche (Kennedy Bridge)

This figure points his rear end towards the other side: the legacy of a dispute about who would pay for the bridge.



Have more time?

There are many more things to see in and around Bonn— like the Drachenfels here!

BEETHOVEN & HISTORY

Personally or virtually visit the **Beethoven Haus** (<https://www.beethoven.de/en>) and one of the following two museums which contains information about the history of Bonn and surrounding areas and complete this section on the next page by answering the questions about your visits.

- **Haus der Geschichte** (Museum of Contemporary German History <https://www.hdg.de/en/haus-der-geschichte>) covers German history and development since the end of the Second World War.
- **Rheinisches Landesmuseum** (Rhineland Museum https://landesmuseum-bonn.lvr.de/en/ueber_uns/ueber_uns_1.html) focuses on the cultural history of the region with archeological artefacts and art.

MUSEUMS & PLACES OF INTEREST

Personally or virtually visit two of the following and answer the questions in this section on page three.

- **Museum König** (Natural History Museum, part of the University <https://www.zfmk.de/en>).
- **Kunstmuseum** (Museum of Art <https://www.kunstmuseum-bonn.de/en/information/opening-hours/>) contains works of Expressionists, German Art after 1945 as well as graphic art and photography.
- **Arithmeum** (Museum of Mechanical Calculating <https://www.arithmeum.uni-bonn.de/en/arithmeum.html>) houses the most comprehensive collection of historical calculating machines.
- **Deutsches Museum** (German Technical Museum <https://www.deutsches-museum.de/en/bonn/information/>) contains exhibits of technical developments and science from the past century.
- **Ägyptisches Museum** (Egyptian Museum, part of the University <https://www.aegyptisches-museum.uni-bonn.de/visitor-information>) is a boutique museum offering fun activities for children.
- **Bundeskunsthalle** (Art and Exhibition Hall <https://www.bundeskunsthalle.de/en/about/bundeskunsthalle.html>) displays art from all time periods as well as culture, archaeology, and science.
- **Bonner Münster** (Roman Catholic Minster), one of Germany's oldest Churches.
- **Altes Rathaus/ Marktplatz** (Old Town Hall and Market Square).
- **Poppelsdorfer Schloss/ Botanische Garten** (Poppelsdorf Palace/ Botanical Garden, part of the University http://www.botgart.uni-bonn.de/o_inter/engl01.php). *Places in red are centrally located!

CULTURE & LANGUAGE

Pick two of these options to do and answer the questions for this section on page three.

- Eat at a local restaurant and/or try traditional Rhineland food such as those described on page four.
- If you can already speak German, learn some phrases in the Bönnsch (the local dialecthttps://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bönnsch_dialect). Otherwise practice the phrases in the chart on page four.
- Join in a celebration or learn about a local holiday or festival such as those described on page four.
- Stroll through the Rheinaue Park that hosted the National Garden Show in 1979 or along the Rhine; or take a ferry or boat ride (<https://www.bonnschiff.de/en>, <https://www.k-d.com/en/cruises/cologne>).
- Look for the Synagogue <https://www.tracesofwar.com/sights/42229/Memorial-Synagogue-Bonn.htm> & Stolpersteine <https://www.bonn.de/themen-entdecken/bildung-lernen/stadtarchiv/stolpersteine.php>
- Attend the theater show, the opera, a concert or go on a walking tour <http://www.stattreisen-bonn.de/>.

BEETHOVEN & HISTORY

What impressed you at the Beethoven House? What surprised you? Which exhibit was the most fun?

Which museum did you visit? What did it tell you about Bonn's history? What interested you most there?

MUSEUMS & PLACES OF INTEREST

Which museums/ places of interest did you chose to visit and why?

What did you see there? List a few things that you experienced in each museum/ place of interest.

Did you enjoy the visits? Why or why not? Were they what you expected?

Describe one thing from each place you visited that made an impression on you.

CULTURE & LANGUAGE

Which two activities in the category did you chose and why?

Describe what you did and what you saw/ heard/ tasted/ experienced.

How did it make you feel learning or experiencing something new?

Typical Foods of Bonn and the Rhineland

“**Halver Hahn**” does NOT mean a half of a chicken as the name suggest but rather a toasted rye roll with a thick slice of gouda as well as a sour pickle, mustard, and onions.

“**Rievkooche**” (or **Reibekuchen**), served with applesauce, is a deep-fried potato pancake made from shredded potatoes, onions, eggs and flour.

Himmel un Ääd (“**Heaven and Earth**”) was already around in the 1700s and takes its name from the description of a potato as an “earth apple”. Apples represent heaven and potatoes earth so Himmel un Ääd is mashed potatoes and applesauce. It is often eaten with Blutwurst.

A **Döppekooche** has potatoes in it (like many other typical dishes), along with onions, eggs, milk, bacon and raisins. It is backed like a cake.

Some Festivals in Bonn

The **Karneval** is not just the week prior to Lent; it actually begins on November 11 (11/11 at 11:11) and takes a break for Advent before going on again until Ash Wednesday, so you stand a good chance of attending one of the many events that take place in January and February including street parades, Sitzungen (shows you attend in costume), and sing-along concerts (<https://www.karneval-in-bonn.de/start/Termine/index.htm>).

Rhein in Flammen takes place in early May and is a massive fireworks watched from aboard boats as well as from the shore in the Rheinaue Park.

GERMAN PHRASES:

German word/phrase	Pronunciation	English translation
Guten Tag	Goot-en tahk	Good day
Auf Wiedersehen	Owf vee-dair-zayn	Goodbye
Dankeschoen	Dahn-kuh shurn	Thank you!
Bitte	Bih-tu	Please, also: you're welcome
Wie viel kostet das?	Vee feel koasted das	How much is this/das this cost?
Wie geht es Ihnen/dir?	Vee gayt es eenen/ deer	How are you? (Ihnen-formal, dir-casual)
Mir geht es (sehr) gut, danke.	Meer gayt es (seeahr) gout, dahn-keh	I'm fine, (very) good, thank you
Wo ist die Toilette?	Voh ist dee toy-lette?	Where are the restrooms?
Schoen Sie kennenzulernen!	Shoen cee kenenzouleernen	Nice to meet you!

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During the summer, there are also a lot of concerts and festivals in the Rheinaue Park and the month-long **Beethovenfest** happens in September/October with concerts at various locations.

Children carry colourful paper lanterns in parades for **St. Martin's Day** in November while the **Weihnachtsmärkte (Christmas Markets)** run from later that month until just before Christmas.

COMPLETED EVERYTHING? HERE'S HOW TO ORDER YOUR PATCH!

Contact bonngirlscouts@usagso.org with the number of patches you need. Each patch costs US\$3 (2,75€) plus shipping (see below for shipping within Germany; for shipping to other countries please inquire).

# of patches	Shipping (€)	Shipping (US\$)
1-15 (Großbrief)	1,55€	\$1,75
16-30 (Maxibrief)	2,70€	\$3,00

