

Things to do

What you simply must do in Cologne

- Light a candle in front of the Jewelry Madonna in the northern transept of the cathedral ► p. 16
- Enjoy a glass of kölsch accompanied by a "Halve Hahn" (a rye bread roll with a hunk of gouda cheese) ► p. 15 + 46
- Sniff at Cologne's world-famous scented water "Eau de Cologne" ► p. 27 + 58 + 59
- Go on a boat trip on the Rhine ► p. 32
- Experience Cologne from above: Climb the 533 steps inside the southern tower of the cathedral (► p. 17), or in fine weather enjoy the view over the city from the cable car across the Rhine ► p. 38

Things to buy

What you really should buy in Cologne

- The Cologne Cathedral (Dom) in miniature, as a badge, paperweight (► p. 58) or even as a biscuit
- A bottle of 4711 ► p. 58
- A typical beer glass (Kölsch-Stick) only to be found in Cologne
- Only in Cologne: A Guide to Hidden Corners, Little-Known Places and Unusual Objects, by Duncan J.D. Smith (2011)