

Kerpen -- Popularity Due To Michael Schumacher

The town of Kerpen in the [Rhein-Erft-Kreis](#) in [North Rhine-Westphalia](#) was first mentioned in 871. Nowadays, it is more modern than ever.

For any race car enthusiast, this was the home town of Formula One driver Michael Schumacher, and his [go-kart center](#) may be a great place to stay. Yes, I said stay! ;-)

The popular attraction has undergone some remodeling and is not only a go-kart track, but has two restaurants, a museum, and even a hotel. If excitement is on your agenda, make sure you make a pit stop here.

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If you are seeking a more relaxed and cultural experience, be sure to visit the Schloss Lorsfeld. The castle is small in comparison to other [German Castles](#), but still beautiful and worth seeing. Privately owned, the castle is open to the public.

The grounds of the castle are landscaped and magnificent. This is the site to many concerts and festivities. Included within is a restaurant offering immaculate views of the gardens.

The metropolis of [Cologne](#) is just a short distance from Kerpen. This allows you the relaxation of staying in a more low key environment, but have the ability to access anything Cologne has to offer.

Kerpen, however, has just about anything you would need. A cinema, swimming facilities, hiking and biking trails, and shopping facilities are available at your leisure. The town is also known for its sports minded locals. There is usually some sort of sporting activity going on.

If you will be in need of a form of transportation, Kerpen offers buses, railways, taxis, and car rentals. There are even some vendors that allow bicycle rentals. Be sure to check before your arrival to ensure your preferred method will be available, and to get a time schedule.