

## Nordkirchen -- Versailles Of Westphalia

I could say that there's only one reason to come to Nordkirchen in the [Münsterland](#) — Schloss Nordkirchen. This is no ordinary castle, Schloss, Burg, or whatever word you want to use. No, this is some of the most amazing architecture you will ever see in your lifetime. It's no wonder that it's the main attraction of why so many people come to Nordkirchen.

It's not known as the "Versailles of Westphalia" for nothing. It's the largest castle in this part of Germany and to say it's massive doesn't do it justice. You could spend a day wandering its gardens alone. Funny, there are three local parts to Nordkirchen and the castle is so big, I think it makes up one all on its own. ;-)

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It was once a 16th century water castle (meaning it had a moat) but it's now one of the most impressive Baroque castles in Germany. It's chapel can be rented out for weddings and many of its rooms are open to the public. I can't even begin to count how many rooms this massive Schloss actually has and my heart goes out to the person who has to clean them. ;-)

As much as Schloss Nordkirchen is the biggest attraction to the city, there are other little tidbits to see, too. If you like golf there's a nearby 18-hole golf club.

There are also some great half timbered old houses scattered about, including a special one found on Ludwig-Becker-Platz.

If you prefer the cycling and hiking route, there are many of those; some leading off to the town's indoor pool and sauna; and the 18th century church of St. Mauritius.

Also, with Nordkirchen's great location between the triangle of [Hamm](#), [Dortmund](#), and [Münster](#) there's plenty of reason to come see this marvelous town. Shopping during it's Weekly Market (held at the Mil Park on Thursdays) is another reason to come.

Like you need much more? I'd think the Schloss alone would be reason enough to come to Nordkirchen. But, then again, some people prefer a bit more — thankfully, Nordkirchen has it!