

Festival Calendar



Soak in the
Festive Glory



A Catalogue of Festivities

The plethora of festivals that Kerala grandly celebrates every year has a great significance attached to each one of them. Find a brief account of the important festivals celebrated in Kerala along with the location, dates, and the point of contact associated with the festivals or the religious centres in this calendar. These approximate dates can be confirmed with the local authorities.

With every festival, the land of God comes to life with colourful processions, radiant displays, feasts, dynamic fireworks and cultural programmes; all of which accounts for a virtual carnival that for sure is not to be missed!

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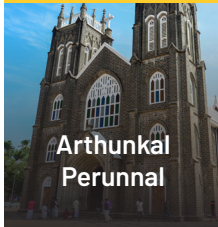
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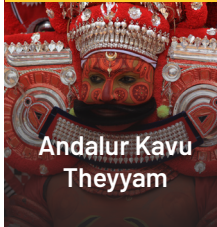
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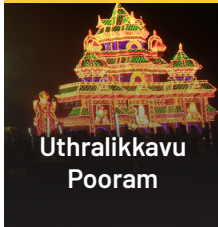
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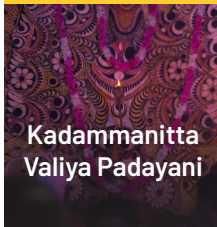
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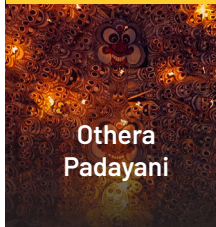
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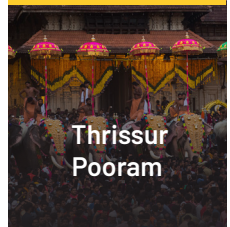
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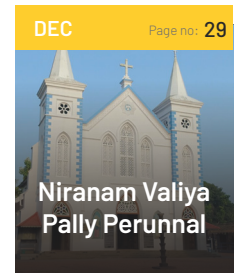
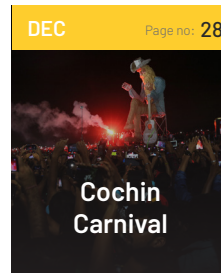
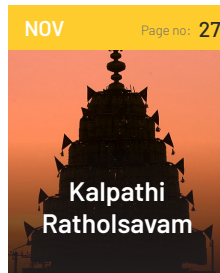
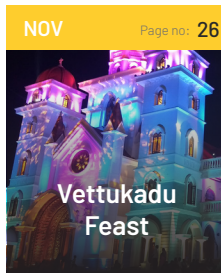
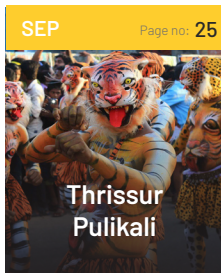
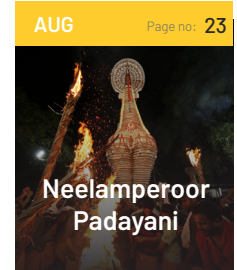
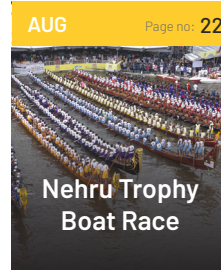
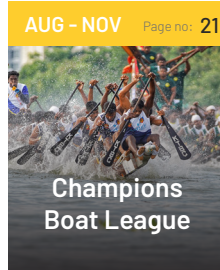
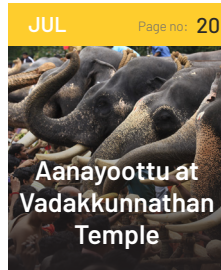
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Here are some of the important festivals celebrated in God's Own Country every year and their specialties. For latest updates on each festival, visit www.keralatourism.org. Happy reading!



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Beemapally Dargah Shareef

JANUARY



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The Beemapally Dargah Shareef in Thiruvananthapuram is famous for its Uroos festival known as the Beemapally Uroos or Chandanakkudam Mahotsavam. Devotees carry earthen pots covered in sandalwood paste, filled with coins as offerings during the festival. Art forms like Daharamuttu are also part of the celebrations.



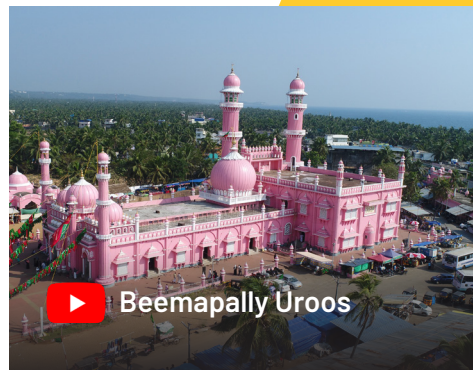
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Thiruvananthapuram



Location
Beemapally



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Beemapally Uroos

Arthunkal Perunnal

St Andrew's Forane Church

JANUARY



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Arthunkal Perunnal is the annual feast celebrated at St Andrew's Forane Church at Arthunkal in Alappuzha district. One of the main highlights here is the ceremony where devotees crawl on their knees from the beach to the church. This is followed by the procession carrying the statue of St Sebastian.



District
Alappuzha



Location
Arthunkal



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Arthunkal Perunnal



Andalur Kavu Theyyam

Andalur Kavu Temple

FEBRUARY



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The Andalur Kavu Theyyam is performed during the annual festival at Andalur Kav located at Dharmadam village in Thalassery. The Theyyam performed in the ancient temple depicts stories from the epic Ramayana.



District
Kannur



Location
Dharmadam village



Contact
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Andalur Kav Theyyam



Attukal Pongala

Attukal Bhagavathy Temple

FEBRUARY



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Attukal Pongala is celebrated at Attukal Temple in Thiruvananthapuram district and sees the largest congregation of women gathered to worship Goddess Bhagavathy. The main ritual is the sweet payasam made by the women as an offering to the Goddess with huge crowds gathered around the temple and the streets.



District
Thiruvananthapuram



Location
East Fort



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Chinakkathoor Pooram

Chinakkathoor Bhagavathy Temple

FEBRUARY



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Chinakkathoor Pooram is the annual festival celebrated at Sree Chinakkathoor Bhagavathy Temple in Palakkad district. The highlights of the festival are a procession of elephants, performance of folk art forms, traditional orchestra, Pulikali and many other cultural events.



District
Palakkad



Location
Palappuram



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Chinakkathoor Pooram



Lakshadeepam

Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple all decked up for the Lakshadeepam ceremony



Machattu Mamangam

Machattu Thiruvani kavu Temple

FEBRUARY



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Dedicated to Goddess Bhagavathy, the Machattu Mamangam festival is celebrated at Machattu Thiruvani kavu temple in Vadakkancherry. The main attraction of the festival is the Kuthirakolams, which are huge decorated horse effigies taken out for procession accompanied by percussion music.



District
Thrissur



Location
Vadakkancherry



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Machattu Mamangam

Uthralikkavu Pooram

Sree Ruthira Mahalikavu Temple

MARCH



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Uthralikkavu Pooram is an annual festival celebrated at Sree Ruthira Mahalikavu Temple in Vadakkancherry. It is an eight-day festival highlighted by elephant processions, traditional musical ensembles like Panchavadyam, Pandimelam and also performances of temple and folk art forms of Kerala.



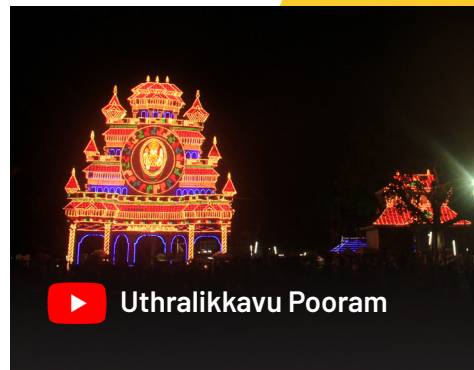
District
Thrissur



Location
Vadakkancherry



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Uthralikkavu Pooram



Chettikulangara Bharani

Chettikulangara Bhagavathy Temple

MARCH



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Chettikulangara Bharani celebrated at Chettikulangara Bhagavathy Temple, Alappuzha, is an important festival dedicated to Goddess Bhagavathy. The main attraction of the festival is the Kettukazhcha, where giant decorated structures are taken as a procession through the temple roads.



District
Alappuzha



Location
Mavelikara



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Chettikulangara Bharani

Ettumanoor Ezhara Ponnana

Ettumanoor Mahadeva Temple

MARCH



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Ettumanoor Ezhara Ponnana is a ritualistic procession held during the annual festival celebrated at Ettumanoor Sree Mahadeva Temple, Kottayam. Ezhara Ponnana means seven-and-a-half golden elephants which are taken out once in an year as a procession accompanied by traditional orchestra and caparisoned elephants.



District
Kottayam



Location
Ettumanoor



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**Ettumanoor Ezhara
Ponnana**

Arattupuzha Pooram

Arattupuzha Sree Sastha Temple

MARCH



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Arattupuzha Pooram held at the Sree Sastha Temple, Thrissur, is considered the oldest Pooram festival celebrated in Kerala. Folk art performances, traditional orchestra, a grand procession of elephants and the gathering of huge crowds of people are a few of the highlights that mark the festival.



District
Thrissur



Location
Arattupuzha



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Arattupuzha Pooram

A person is shown in profile, wearing a large, ornate mask with multiple faces and intricate patterns. The mask is primarily black and white with red and yellow accents. The person is holding a flaming torch in their right hand. The background is dark and out of focus, with some warm light sources visible.

Govindankulangara Padayani

Mesmerizing Kolams at Govindan Kulangara Padayani festival in Thiruvalla that leave you in an awe

Kottankulangara Chamayavilakku

Kottankulangara Devi Temple

MARCH



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Kottankulangara Chamayavilakku is a unique festival where men dress up as women in the most beautiful attires and make-up and walk in procession to the temple accompanied by the traditional orchestra. The Chamayavilakku festival is held in the Malayalam month of Meenam at the Kottankulangara Devi Temple in Kollam.



District
Kollam



Location
Kottankulangara



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**Kottankulangara
Chamayavilakku**

Painkuni Festival

Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple

APRIL



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Painkuni is a ten-day annual festival celebrated at the Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram district. One of the main attractions of the festival is the display of the huge fibreglass figures of the Pandavas (characters from Mahabharatha) at the eastern entrance to the temple.



District
Thiruvananthapuram



Location
East Fort



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Painkuni Festival

Kadammanitta Valiya Padayani

Kadammanitta Bhagavathy Temple

APRIL



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The Valiya Padayani celebrated as part of the ten-day annual Padayani festival at Kadammanitta Bhagavathy Temple is held on the 7th day that begins with the ceremonial procession of Padayani Kolams. The major attraction is the performance of the giant Bhairavi kolam that dances to the tune of traditional Padayani songs.



District
Pathanamthitta



Location
Kadammanitta



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**Kadammanitta
Valiya Padayani**

Othera Padayani

Othera Puthukulangara Devi Temple

APRIL



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The Othera Padayani celebrated at the Othera Puthukulangara Devi Temple is marked by many rituals and Kolam performances with the main highlight being the Valiya Padayani that falls on the last day of the festival. A giant Kolam called Chattathel Kolam, made of 1,001 sheaths of areca nut, is a prime attraction of the festival.



District
Pathanamthitta



Location
Othera



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Othera Padayani

Thrissur Pooram

Thekkinkadu Maidanam

MAY



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Thrissur Pooram, a much-awaited annual temple festival held at the Thekkinkadu Maidanam in Thrissur, is considered the mother of all Pooram festivals in Kerala. The festival is celebrated grandly with the procession of caparisoned elephants, percussion music, fireworks and many other cultural events.



District
Thrissur



Location
Thrissur



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Thrissur Pooram



Beemapally Uroos

Grand sight of the festooned Beemapally
Dargah Shareef during the Uroos festival



Kottiyoor Festival

Kottiyoor Temple

MAY - JUNE



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The Kottiyoor Vysakha Mahotsavam is an annual festival hosted by two temples, Akkara Kottiyoor and Ikkara Kottiyoor, in the Kannur district. This 28-day festival is celebrated with many rituals that involve Neyyattam, Rohini Aaradhana, Elaneerattam and many more such unique practices.



District
Kannur



Location
Kottiyoor



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Kottiyoor Festival



Aanayoottu

Sree Vadakkumnathan Temple

JULY



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Aanayoottu festival is celebrated at Sree Vadakkumnathan Temple, Thrissur, to worship and feed the elephants as an offering to Lord Ganesha, the elephant-faced God. A row of elephants is lined up in front of the temple with thousands of devotees waiting to feed them.



District
Thrissur



Location
Thrissur



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Aanayoottu



Champions Boat League

Backwaters of Kerala

AUGUST - NOVEMBER



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The Champions Boat League (CBL) is a much-anticipated event that conducts snake boat races in Kerala, in the model of the Indian Premier League (IPL). CBL is a major sporting event where the legendary boat races will be conducted across Kollam, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Thrissur and Malappuram districts.



Location
Backwaters of Kerala



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Champions Boat League



Nehru Trophy Boat Race

Punnamada Lake

AUGUST



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Nehru Trophy Boat Race is one of the famed snake boat races in Kerala, which is a much-anticipated event during the Onam festival. The event is conducted in Punnamada Lake where the majestic snake boats race against each other to the tunes of the traditional boat songs accompanied by ceremonial water processions.



District
Alappuzha



Location
Punnamada



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Nehru Trophy Boat Race

Neelamperoor Padayani

Palli Bhagavathy Temple

AUGUST



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Neelamperoor Padayani is held in Palli Bhagavathy Temple, Alappuzha that sees some of the rarest Padayani displays in Kerala. A notable highlight here is the Kettukazhcha where decorated effigies of swans and mythological characters are taken out for procession.



District
Alappuzha



Location
Neelamperoor



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Neelamperoor Padayani



Chettikulangara Bharani

A magical moment of chariots being drawn
at the Chettikulangara Bharani festival



Thrissur Pulikali

Swaraj Round

SEPTEMBER



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Pulikali is a folk art form performed mostly as part of the Onam festival celebrations in Kerala. The Swaraj ground in Thrissur turns vibrant and festive on the fourth day of the Onam festival with the Pulikali artists and the crowd gathered to witness the event.



District
Thrissur



Location
Swaraj Round



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Thrissur Pulikali



Vettukadu Feast

Madre-de-Deus Church

NOVEMBER



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Vettukadu Feast is a significant event celebrated at the 500-year-old Madre-de-Deus Church at Vettukadu, a coastal suburb in Thiruvananthapuram. The annual feast is celebrated by all communities alike and highlighted by special prayers and grand ceremonial processions that light up the whole area in a festive mood.



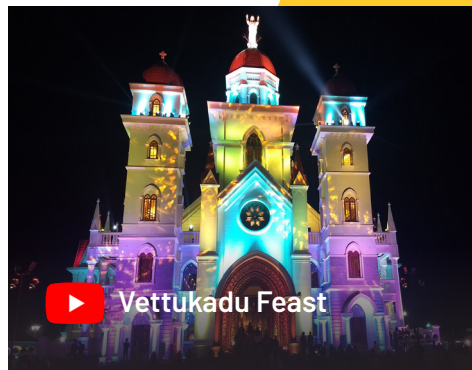
District
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Location
Vettukadu



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Vettukadu Feast



Kalpathi Ratholsavam

Sree Viswanatha Swamy Temple

NOVEMBER



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Kalpathi Ratholsavam is a chariot festival celebrated at Sree Viswanatha Swamy Temple at Kalpathi in Palakkad in November. The highlight of the ten-day annual festival is the procession of the giant decorated chariots through the streets. The event is marked by a huge crowd of devotees gathered together to witness the procession.



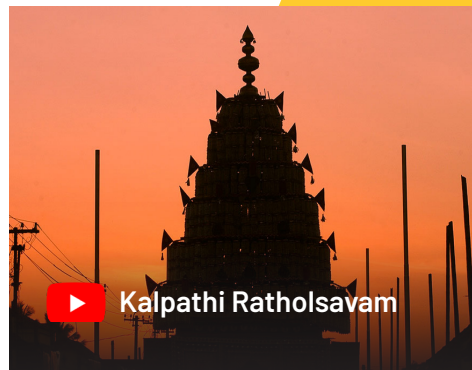
District
Palakkad



Location
Kalpathi



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Kalpathi Ratholsavam



Cochin Carnival

Vasco da Gama Square

DECEMBER



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Cochin Carnival is a cultural event that begins with the hoisting of the Carnival Flag at the Vasco da Gama square in Fort Kochi. This carnival is the biggest gala to be celebrated in Fort Kochi and highlighted by various cultural shows, fairs, food festivals, games and many such exciting events.



District
Ernakulam



Location
Fort Kochi



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Cochin Carnival

Niranam Valiya Pally Perunnal

St Mary's Orthodox Syrian Church

DECEMBER



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Niranam Perunnal is a 11-day festival that is celebrated in the memory of St Thomas at the St Mary's Orthodox Syrian Church at Niranam in Pathanamthitta district. The highlights include Kodiyettu, Perunnal Vilambara Rally, holy mass, special prayers, Nerchavilambu and other cultural events.



District
Pathanamthitta



Location
Niranam



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Niranam
Valiya Pally Perunnal



Theyyam

A Theyyam performer caught in a
trance during a fiery performance



Vettukadu Feast

A ten-day glorious celebration of Christ that culminates with a grand feast. Vettukadu Feast is marked by many special events, especially the ceremonial procession carrying the statue of 'Christ the King' by the devotees, held on the main day of the festival. People of different caste and creeds throng the sandy premises of Vettukadu Church in Thiruvananthapuram during the feast, which is celebrated heartily by believers of all faith.



Vaikathashtami

A magnificent annual festival highlighted by grand processions, cultural performances and other festive revelries. Vaikathashtami is celebrated for twelve days at the famous Vaikom Mahadeva Temple, an ancient Shiva temple known for its striking Kerala style temple architecture, in Kottayam district. The temple, considered to be the one of the oldest Kerala-style temples, is surrounded by the serene Vembanad Lake.



Kalpathi Ratholsavam

A ceremonial chariot festival that enlivens the streets of Kalpathi in Palakkad. Kalpathi Ratholsavam is celebrated annually with much pomp at the Sree Viswanatha Swamy Temple in Palakkad, where a huge crowd of devotees assemble to witness the giant chariots being drawn through the streets. Kalpathi Ratholsavam is a much-anticipated event that has been celebrated for centuries.



Thank you