

MALAPPURAM

A Confluence of Heritage and Nature



Come, experience Kerala's green heartland.
Embrace Malappuram's magic!




Where Ayurveda Meets Adventure

Imagine a vibrant collage of idyllic experiences! A concoction of Ayurvedic wellness, Arabian Sea waves whispering secrets to Ponnani Beach and sunbirds weaving through the emerald embrace of Kadalundi Bird Sanctuary. Picture yourselves learning the potter's magic in Nilambur, watching Duffmuttu dance in village squares, or feel adrenaline's surge in Sevens Football matches. You can ascend Kottakunnu's misty peak, then find serenity in Keralamkundu's cascading waters. Let Biyyam Kayal's waters mirror your journey, and discover treasures in Aruvicode's handicraft villages. In Malappuram, every pulse is a celebration, every step an adventure, and every experience, a treasured memory.



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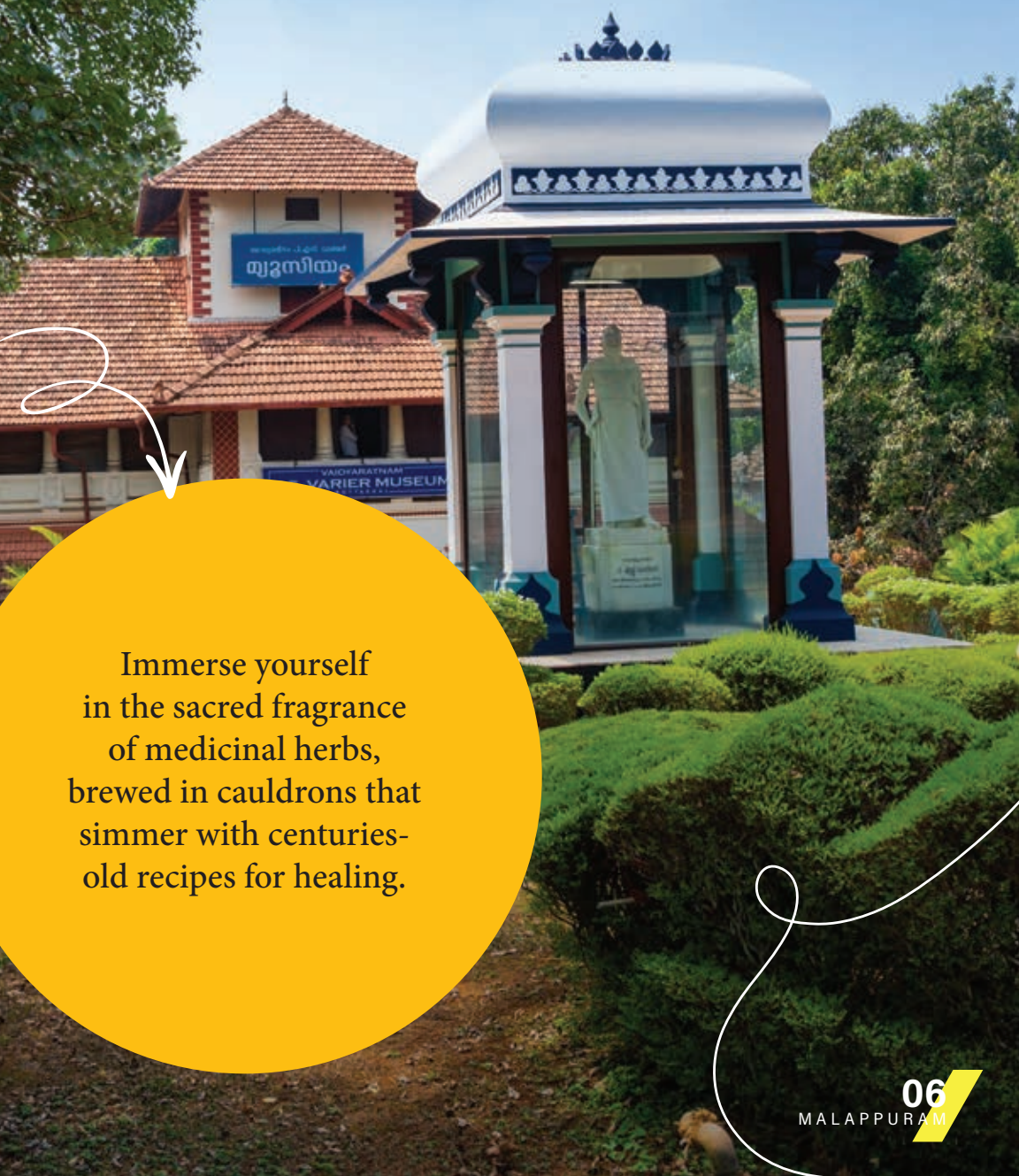


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Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala



Immerse yourself
in the sacred fragrance
of medicinal herbs,
brewed in cauldrons that
simmer with centuries-
old recipes for healing.



In the cradle of Malappuram's emerald hills, where ancient wisdom whispers amongst rustling leaves, is located Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala (AVS). Established in 1902 in Kottakkal, Malappuram, by the visionary Vaidyaratnam P. S. Warrier, AVS stands as a beacon of Ayurvedic excellence. Rooted in the fertile soil of time-honoured Ayurvedic practices, AVS has blossomed into a multi-hued tapestry, weaving threads of wellness, history and artistic expression. Its embrace encompasses not just the body, but the soul, the mind, and the very spirit of a culture that venerates Nature's bounty.

A legacy of 120 years! AVS is a living testament to the enduring power of tradition, where the past and present dance in harmonious embrace. Breathe in the invigorating air, infused with the essence of healing herbs, and feel your worries melt away like dewdrops under the morning sun. AVS is a sanctuary for the soul, a haven where wellness transcends the physical, embracing every facet of your being. The institution attracts people across the world with its renowned Panchakarma and a variety of treatments.

How to reach?



Calicut International Airport,
about 28 km

Contact: +91 483 271 2630



Tirur Railway Station,
about 16 km

Contact: +91 494 242 2240



Kottakkal Bus Station,
about 350 m



Location

Contact:



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Timing: Open 24 hours

Explore



Ponnani Beach

Where emerald tides
whisper secrets to
sun-kissed sands, amidst the
embrace of whispering
pines and swaying palms,
lies the Ponnani beach





The beach is a gem nestled 17 km from Tirur, where the Tipu Sultan road ends and the whispers of the sea begin. Here, the mighty Bharathapuzha and Tirurpuzha rivers, draped in ancient legends, intertwine and lose themselves in the boundless embrace of the Arabian Sea, birthing a tapestry of serenity. The beach serves as a major tourist destination in Malappuram and a perfect getaway for families during evening.

For families, laughter echoes in the children's park, a symphony in contrast to the silent awe of birdwatchers drawn by the vibrant symphony of migratory wings. Weekends become vibrant with the adrenaline rush of paramotoring, painting the canvas of the sky with daring strokes. An amphitheatre, an amenity centre that beckons with comfort, and eco-shops await visitors. Glide through turquoise dreams on idle boat rides, or let twilight serenade you on sunset cruises. September to March marks the perfect time to visit Ponnani beach, a haven for daring souls and soaring spirits. Come, weave your own story in this tapestry of liquid turquoise and golden sands.

How to reach?



Calicut International Airport,
about 56 km

Contact: +91 483 271 2630



Kuttippuram Railway Station,
about 17 km

Contact: +91 494 260 8324



Ponnani Municipal Bus Station
about 3 km

Contact: +91 494 266 6396



Location



Contact:
+91 483 273 1504



Timing:
Throughout the day

Entry Fee: No Entry Fee





Kadalundi Bird Sanctuary

Let birdsong be your
guide, and discover the
magical stories whispered
in the wind, waiting to be
heard





Emerald islands cradle a symphony of wings - the Kadalundi Bird Sanctuary. Over 160 species of feathered souls, among them 60 migratory species gracing these shores from afar, paint the skies with vibrant life from December to April. Gulls and terns tango in the azure above, sandpipers tap-dance on glistening shores, while cormorants dive like ebony arrows. The Malabar hornbill flickers through the mangroves like a crimson flame, while kingfishers and darters spear the shimmering depths.

Located in Valiyakunnu Grama Panchayat, the Kadalundi is spread over a cluster of islands. Below, a silent ballet unfolds. Mussels gleam like scattered pearls, crabs click their cryptic tunes, and fish weave schools of liquid silver. Boat rides organised by the Forest Department allow visitors to traverse through rustling leaves and lapping water, accompanied by birdsong lullabies for the soul. Kadalundi is more than wings; immerse yourself in its emerald embrace, let feathers be your compass. It is home to a variety of fauna and flora.

How to reach?



Calicut International Airport,
about 21 km

Contact: +91 483 271 2630



Kadalundi Railway Station,
about 130 m

Contact: +91 495 247 0244



Kadalundi Bus Station,
about 3 km

Contact:



Location



Contact:
+91 495 247 1250



Timing:
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Entry Fee: No Entry Fee

Explore



Kumbharan Handicraft Village

Once a fading melody,
threatened by the harsh
clang of modernity,
Aruvacode has risen anew,
its tale a testament to the
resilience of spirit and the
transformative power of
creativity



Imagine a village sculpted from clay, where the air hums with the rhythmic thump of wheels and the sun paints stories on earthen canvases. This is Aruvacode, a potter's paradise nestled in the verdant heart of Malappuram, Kerala. For generations, Aruvacode's 100 potter families held the reins of this ancient art. But time, with its fickle hand, dealt a cruel blow. The scarcity of resources and the allure of cheaper alternatives dimmed the glow of their earthen craft. By 1993, despair threatened to extinguish the village's fiery spirit.

But from the ashes of adversity rose a phoenix – the Kumbham Handicraft Project. Spearheaded by the visionary educationist-activist-designer K. B. Jinan, Kumbham became a beacon of hope. It reignited the spark in the potters' eyes, urging them to reimagine their clay-kissed legacy. These eco-friendly wonders captivated the hearts of modern designers. Aruvacode's pottery soared beyond homes, adorning museums and galleries. This hamlet welcomes you with its rustic charm along with artistic realm.

How to reach?



Calicut International Airport,
about 42 km

Contact: +91 483 271 2630



Nilambur Railway Station,
about 5 km

Contact: +91 493 122 0237



Nilambur Bus Station,
about 3 km

Contact:



Location



Contact:
+91 483 273 1504



Timing:
Throughout the day

Entry Fee: No Entry Fee

Explore



Bingyan Kayal

Transcending mere
thrills as you wind your
way through the
palm-fringed lanes that
lead to the shores, the air
itself seems to vibrate with
a hushed anticipation





Malappuram, where emerald backwaters weave their tales, and Biyyam Kayal, a jewel nestled amongst them, beckon with whispers of adventure. No longer just a serene expanse kissed by gentle breezes, Biyyam Kayal has transformed itself into a haven for thrill-seekers, its heart pounding with the pulse of speedboats and the laughter of joy.

Imagine sleek boats of steel, their engines purring excitedly, cutting through the sun-dappled surface, leaving trails of frothy delight and carrying riders on exhilarating journeys across liquid sapphire. These are the dreams spun by Biyyam Kayal, now officially an adventure zone, where adrenaline dances with the rhythm of the tides.

And when Onam, the vibrant festival of Kerala, comes the backwaters erupt in a riot of colours, boat races swirling like vibrant brushstrokes on the canvas of the lake. So, whether you seek the whisper of wind in your hair or the soul-stirring rhythm of tradition that beats in the heart of Ponnani, Biyyam Kayal awaits. Come, let's dive into the heart of Nature!

How to reach?



Calicut International Airport,
about 55 km

Contact: +91 483 271 2630



Kuttipuram Railway Station,
about 15 km

Contact: +91 494 260 8324



Ponnani Bus Station
about 6 km

Contact: +91 494 266 6396



Location



Contact:

+91 483 273 1504



Timing:

Throughout the day

Entry Fee: No Entry Fee

Explore



Kottakunnu

Atop Malappuram, listen to whispers of history at Kottakunnu where the first Zamorin fort once stood, now a haven for families and explorers





Step back in time as you enter fort ruins painted by golden sunsets, then dive into watery fun at the theme park. Children scream with glee in the children's traffic park, while adventurers conquer the challenge course. Art echoes within the Lalithakala Academy Art Gallery, where brushstrokes whisper stories on canvas and chisels breathe life into stone. Stroll along lush pathways, and across landscaped gardens, and indulge in Malappuram's spicy delights by the parks.

Nature unfolds at the Kottakkunnu Garden Nursery, with vibrant flora and shimmering fins of ornamental fish. Witness the magic of balloon dreams and open-air theatre, laugh through the 16-D cinema, and be mesmerised by the dancing water fountain on weekends and holidays. Kottakkunnu is a story: one of history, water and laughter. Come, paint your own chapter in this Malappuram masterpiece. The name Kottakkunnu comes from fort built here, where the area was once served as the military headquarters.

How to reach?



Calicut International Airport,
about 26 km

Contact: +91 483 271 2630



Angadipuram Railway Station,
about 19 km

Contact: +91 4933-2327343



Malappuram Bus Station
about 3 km



Location



Contact:
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Timing:
08:00 AM - 08:00 PM

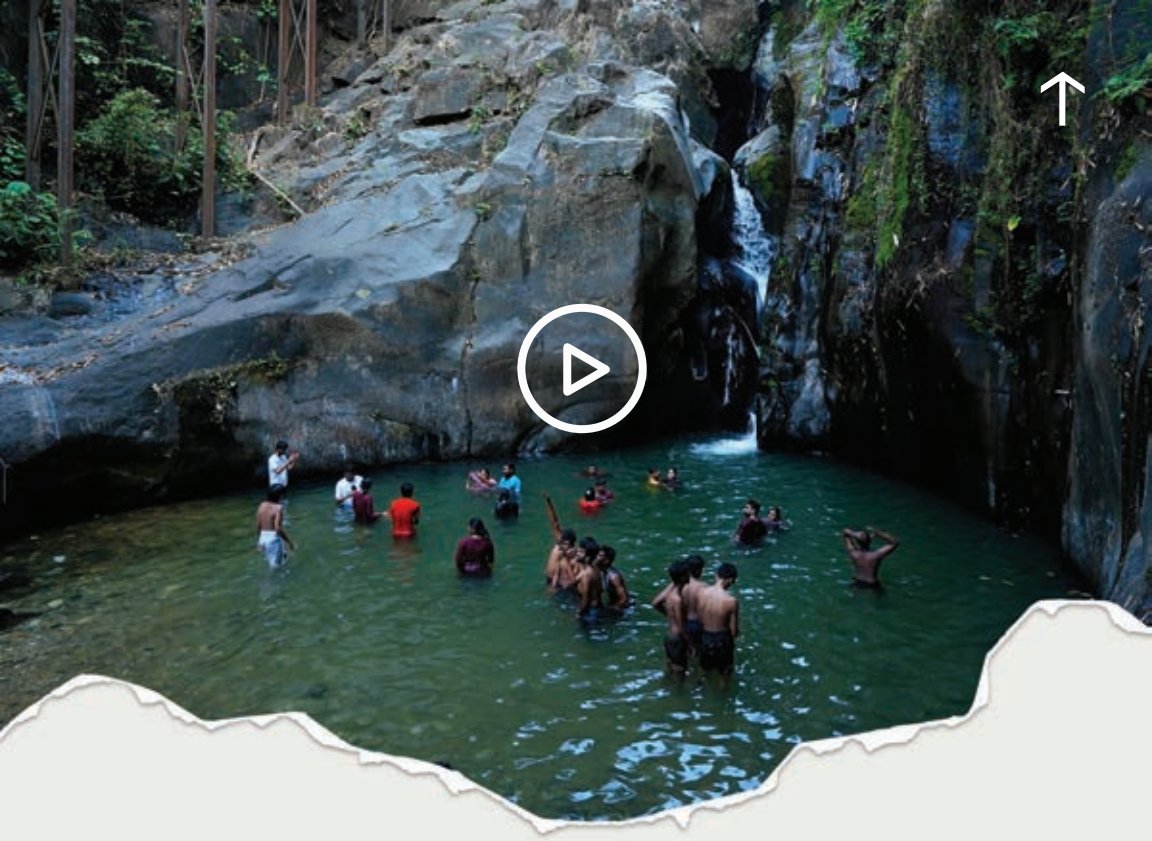
Entry Fee:
Adults: Rs 20
Kids: Rs 20

Explore



Keralamkundu Waterfall

Where emerald whispers
mingle with the serenade of
rushing water, lies
Keralamkundu, a jewel
nestled in the verdant embrace
of Silent Valley National Park.
It is a symphony of cascading
joy, 1500 feet above sea level.



The water, born from the icy breath of the Western Ghats, whispers tales of untamed wilderness as it plunges into the crystal embrace of the pool. The air, unburdened by the city's smog, paints the canvas of your lungs with invigorating purity.

The Keralamkundu waterfalls, also known as Kalkundu or Karuvarakundu waterfalls, are accessible by road from Malappuram and Shornur. For the most comfortable journey, consider hiring a jeep to Karuvarakundu village. For the adventurous soul, a trek through the dense greenery unveils Keralamkundu's secrets. To experience its safe and serene charm, avoid the monsoons, and plan your visit between October and May. Bathe in its icy touch, a kiss from the mountain mist, and let the symphony of water wash away your cares.

Surving as the major waterfall, the Keralamkundu is the first destination in Malappuram district to be included in the national adventure tourism map. The Natmug Valley, known for castor plantation is located about 1 km away.

How to reach?



Calicut International Airport,
about 63 km

Contact:+91 483 271 2630



Tuvvur Railway Station,
about 17 km

Contact:+91 494 260 8324



Karuvarakundu Bus Station
about 9 km



Location



Contact:
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Timing:
08:30 AM - 06:00 PM

Entry Fee:
Adults : Rs 20, Kids: Rs 20

Explore



Conolly's Plot Eco Tourism Centre Nilambur

In this sanctuary, time
slows, worries dissolve,
and the spirit finds solace
in the timeless embrace of
Nature's masterpiece



In Nilambur's emerald embrace, where sunlight whispers secrets to ancient trees, lies Conolly's Plot, a sanctuary sculpted from time and teak. This, one of the world's oldest surviving teak plantations, hums with the soul of a bygone era, its story etched in every gnarled tree bark and rustling leaf.

Named after H.V. Conolly, a visionary who saw the worth of these timber giants, Conolly's Plot is more than just a verdant tapestry. It's a haven for weary souls, where the air vibrates with the song of rare birds and the symphony of exotic insects. Ancient branches, draped in vibrant green, weave a cathedral of light and shadow, their whispers carrying tales of empires and of ships that graced distant shores.

And then, there's *Kannimara* Teak, the undisputed leader of this verdant kingdom. Standing tall for over 170 years, *Kanimari* is named after a tribal woman who nurtured the sapling's thirst. Each ring on its weathered bark speaks of seasons turned, storms weathered, and the silent symphony of Nature's grand design.

How to reach?



Calicut International Airport,
about 42 km

Contact: +91483 271 2630



Nilambur Railway Station,
about 6 km

Contact: 04931-2220237



Kodathypady Bus Station
about 2 km



Location



Contact:
+91 483 273 1504



Timing: Open from
09:30 AM to 05:00 PM
all days, except Monday

Entry Fee: No Entry Fee

Explore



Nilambur

Take a ride amidst the dark woods and bushes of Nilambur Teak Plantation along with the serene Adyanpara waterfalls and Nedumkayam Rainforest.



The sound of trees rubbing against one another takes you into the tranquility of Nature. Nilambur, located close to the Nilgiri range of the Western Ghats on the banks of Chaliyar River is blessed with an environment suitable for the thriving growth of teak trees. The furniture made here has a high demand due to the outstanding quality of teak wood and wood art works. The greatest time to visit Nilambur is from December to February as the climate is pleasant and cool.

An exclusive stretch of plantation in Conolly's Plot offers a rare view of the oldest teak trees. You can also avail of the Nilambur Teak Museum to discover more about the benefits of teak wood. As you walk forward to the museum, you can relax in the beautiful garden and children's park. The museum showcases teak crafts comprising furniture and wood samples.

The Adyanpara Waterfall, located in Kurumbalangode Village in Nilambur gives a picturesque of water splashing from a massive boulder to the ground fully encircled by vegetation.

How to reach?



Calicut International Airport,
about 46 km



Nilambur Railway Station,
about 17 km



Nilambur Bus Station
about 3 km



Location



Contact:
+91 483 273 1504



Timing:
Throughout the day

Entry Fee: No Entry Fee

Explore



Thunchan Memorial

Reminiscence of
Kilipaattu: A Journey
through the History of the
Malayalam Language



It was in 1964, the Thunchan Parambu of Tirur in Malappuram was converted into Thunchan Memorial Trust and Research Centre in honour of the Father of Malayalam language, Thunchath Ezhuthachan. Shreds of evidence of the revered poet's existence are well preserved in the memorial to showcase the evolution of Malayalam language. Introducing the style of '*Kilipaattu*', translating to 'the song of a parrot', he gave birth to the epics *Adhyatma Ramayanam* and *Mahabharatham*. You can witness the iron stylus used by him and a bronze sculpture of a parrot displayed in the memorial.

A good number of people come here for the annual '*Vidyarambham*' ceremony to mark their children's beginning to the world of letters. The monument comprises a trust office, research centre, literature museum, manuscript library, indoor auditorium, and conference room apart from an outdoor stage, Saraswathi mandapam, children's library, children's library, guest room, rest room, and open spaces. The *Kanjira* Tree, which sheltered Ezhuthachan while writing and meditation are also protected.

How to reach?



Calicut International Airport,
about 36 km

Contact: +91 483 271 2630



Tirur Railway Station,
about 2 km



Tirur Municipal Bus Station
about 2 km

Contact: 0494-2422240



Location



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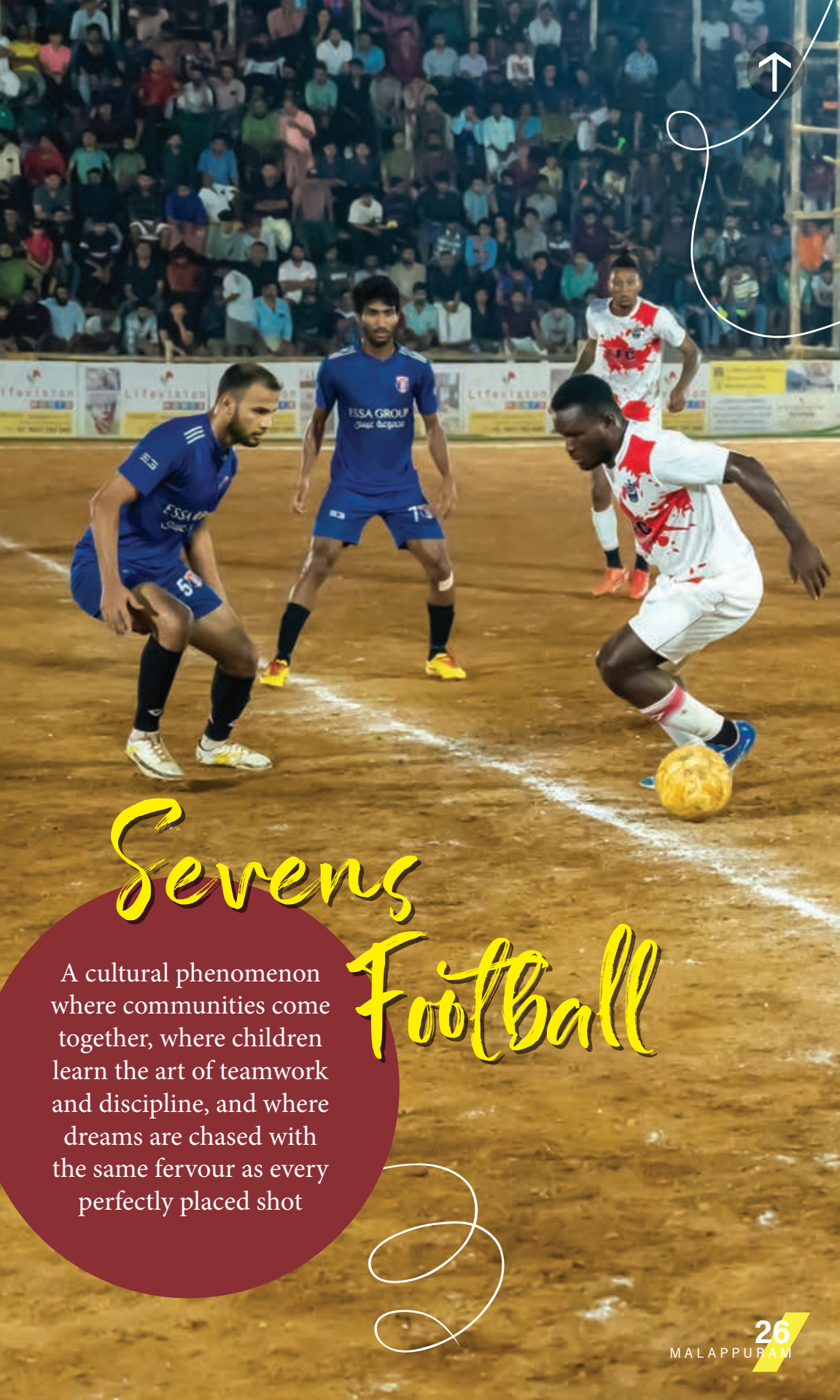


Timing:

Throughout the day

Entry Fee: No Entry Fee

Explore



Sevens Football

A cultural phenomenon where communities come together, where children learn the art of teamwork and discipline, and where dreams are chased with the same fervour as every perfectly placed shot



For Keralites, football is more than just eleven players of each team on a field. It's a shared language, a cultural tapestry woven with passion, skill and an unwavering love for the beautiful game. This deep-rooted affection has birthed a unique phenomenon – Sevens, a shorter, faster-paced version of football that has taken Malappuram by storm.

With seven players on each side and a smaller pitch, Sevens is a whirlwind of athleticism and skill. Dribbles become lightning strikes, passes are laser-guided arrows, and goals explode in thunderous celebrations. It's a game where every touch matters, where every player is a magician, and where the roar of the crowd fuels the fire in their hearts.

Though not officially recognised by the Kerala Football Association, Sevens stands as a testament to Malappuram's unwavering devotion to the sport. Feel the thunder of the crowd, the electrifying energy of the Sevens, and the unyielding passion that burns in every soul.

Where to Watch
Popular across
Malappuram district

Best time to Watch
November to May

Match Duration:
15 - 20 mins

Explore

Duffmuttu

Here, amidst the swaying palms and fragrant spices, the soulful rhythm of Duffmuttu takes centre stage, inviting you on a journey into the heart of Muslim tradition





Men, adorned in traditional attire, swirl like dervishes under the sun, their faces alight with fervour. In this circle of joy, they beat upon the Duffu, a shallow drum, that echoes the pulse of the community. Each beat, a brushstroke that paints stories of faith and history on the canvas of sound.

The leader, his voice a melodious thread weaving through the air, sings of heroes and martyrs, his verses steeped in reverence and love. The chorus, a harmonious tapestry of voices, rises and falls like the tide, adding depth and texture to the narrative.

Duffmuttu is not just a performance; it's a celebration. Performed at weddings and festivals, it is a vibrant thread woven into the rich tapestry of cultural expression. Experience Duffmuttu, and discover the rhythm that binds a community, celebrates a tradition, and paints the air with the vibrant hues of the human spirit.

Also Read About:

Aravana Mutt:

An art form popular among Muslims in Kerala, the Aravana Mutt or Arabana Mutt is closely related to Duff Mutt. While both the art forms resemble each other, the Aravana Mutt is considered more difficult and uses a drum namely the Arabana, which is similar to duff but a little thinner and bigger. It is usually performed to welcome dignitaries.

Kolkali:

Kolkali upholds the pride of Malabar where the fast rhythm of striking sticks and songs synchronise with the special movements, performed by a group of 12 - 24 men.

Explore



Adyanpara Waterfalls

Where the Cascading Beauty Meets Serenity





Nilambur

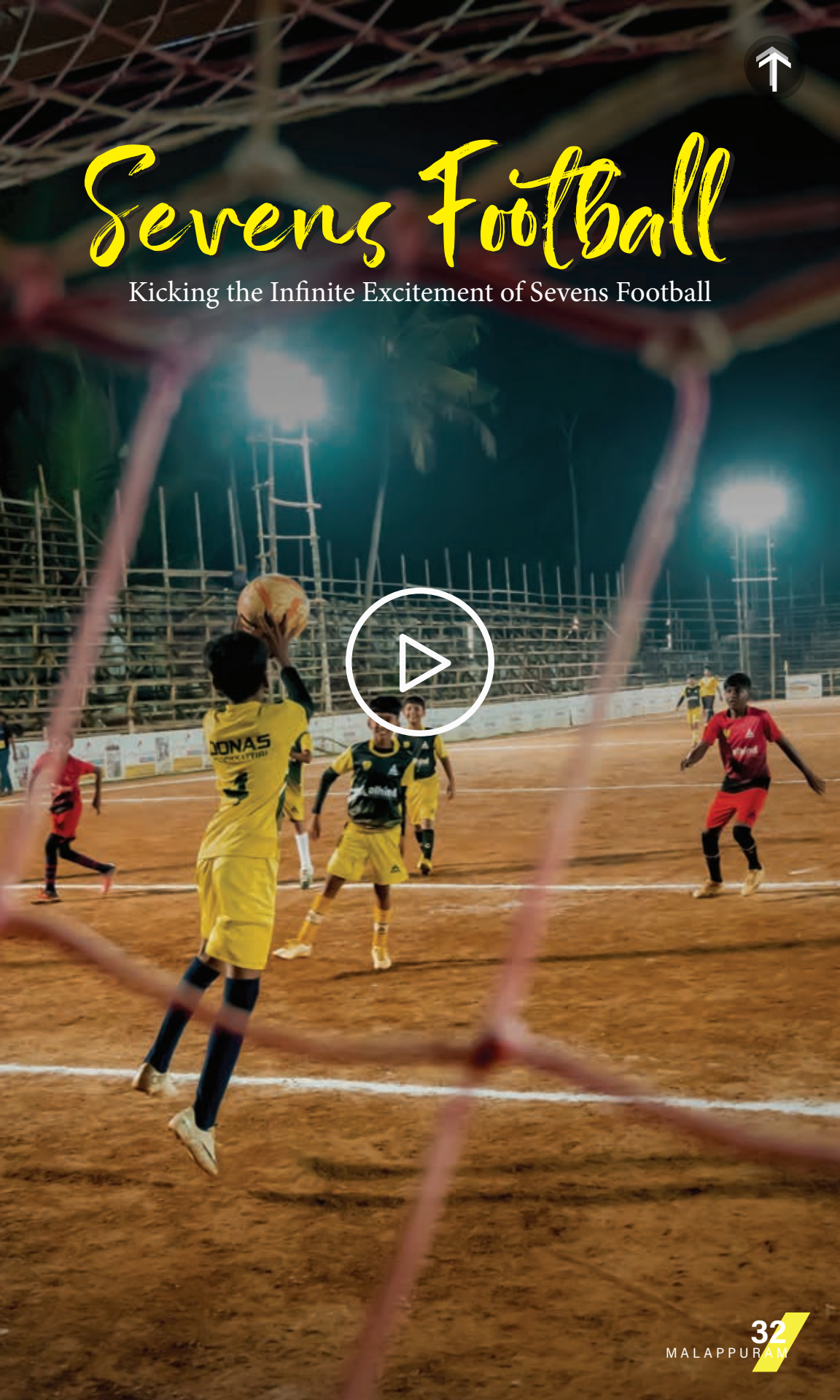
Let the Teaks Whisper the Tales of Nilambur





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Kicking the Infinite Excitement of Sevens Football





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