

# MALAPPURAM

A Confluence of Heritage and Nature



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


# Where Ayurveda Meets Adventure

**I** 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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# 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

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# Ponnani Beach

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







**T**he 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

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# Kadalundi Bird Sanctuary

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







**E**merald 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:**  
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**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





**M**alappuram, 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



**Kuttippuram Railway Station,**  
about 15 km

**Contact:** +91 494 260 8324



**Ponnani Bus Station**  
about 6 km

**Contact:** +91 494 266 6396



### Location



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**Timing:**  
Throughout the day

**Entry Fee:** No Entry Fee

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# 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

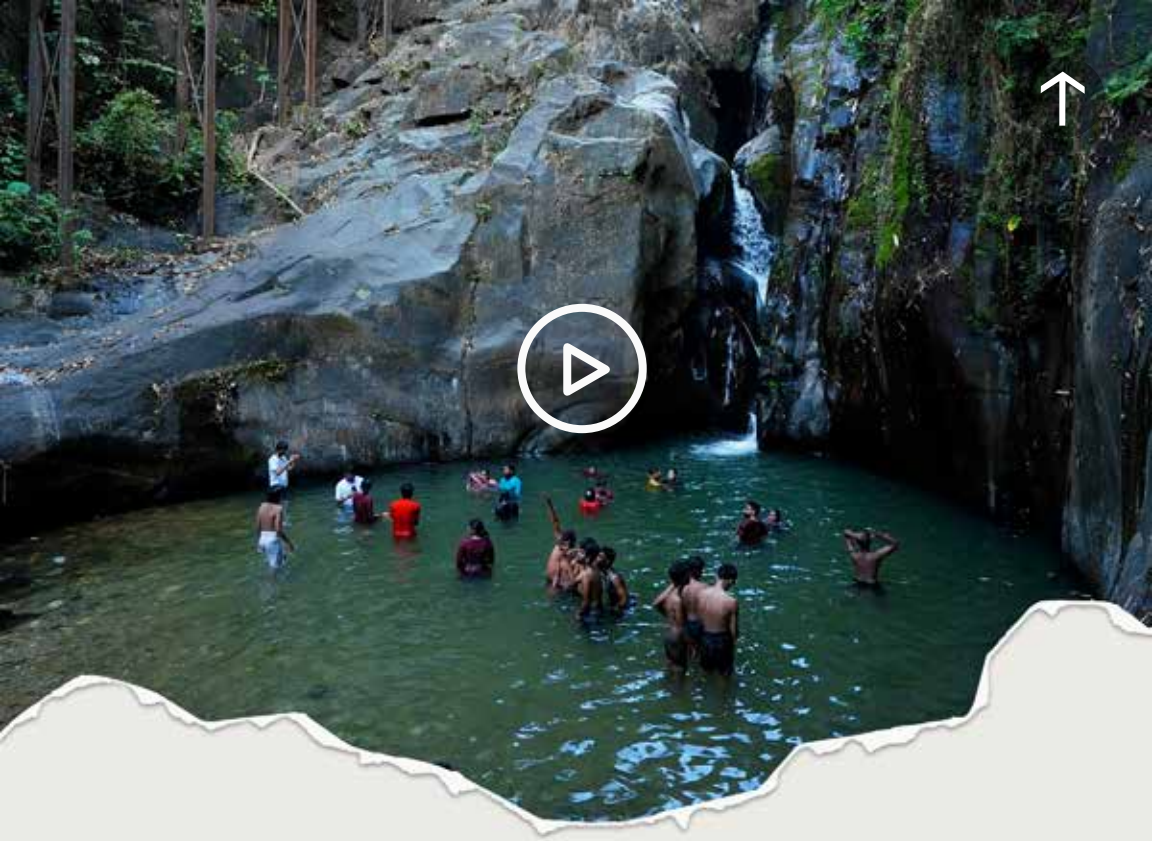
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A full-page photograph of Keralamkundu Waterfall. The waterfall is a powerful cascade of white water falling over dark, jagged rocks. At the top, a green metal bridge with railings spans across the upper part of the falls. The surrounding area is lush with green vegetation, including ferns and moss-covered rocks. The sky is visible at the very top, appearing bright and slightly overcast. The overall scene is vibrant and natural.

# 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.





**T**he 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

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

**Entry Fee:** No Entry Fee

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# 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

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# Thunnechan 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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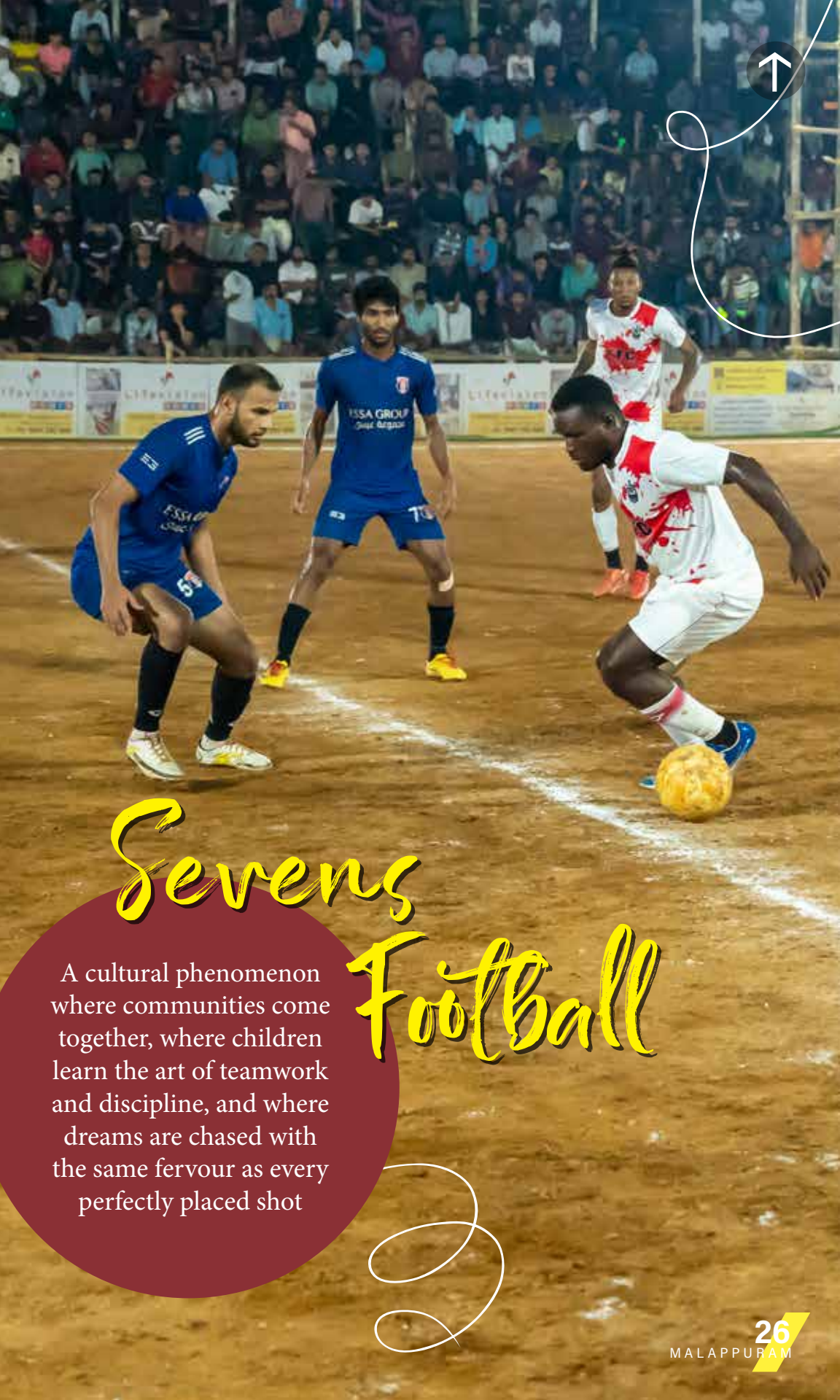
**Timing:**

Throughout the day

**Entry Fee:** No Entry Fee

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# 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



**F**or 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

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# 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







**M**en, 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.

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# Adyanpara Waterfalls

Where the Cascading Beauty Meets Serenity







# Nilambur

Let the Teaks Whisper the Tales of Nilambur

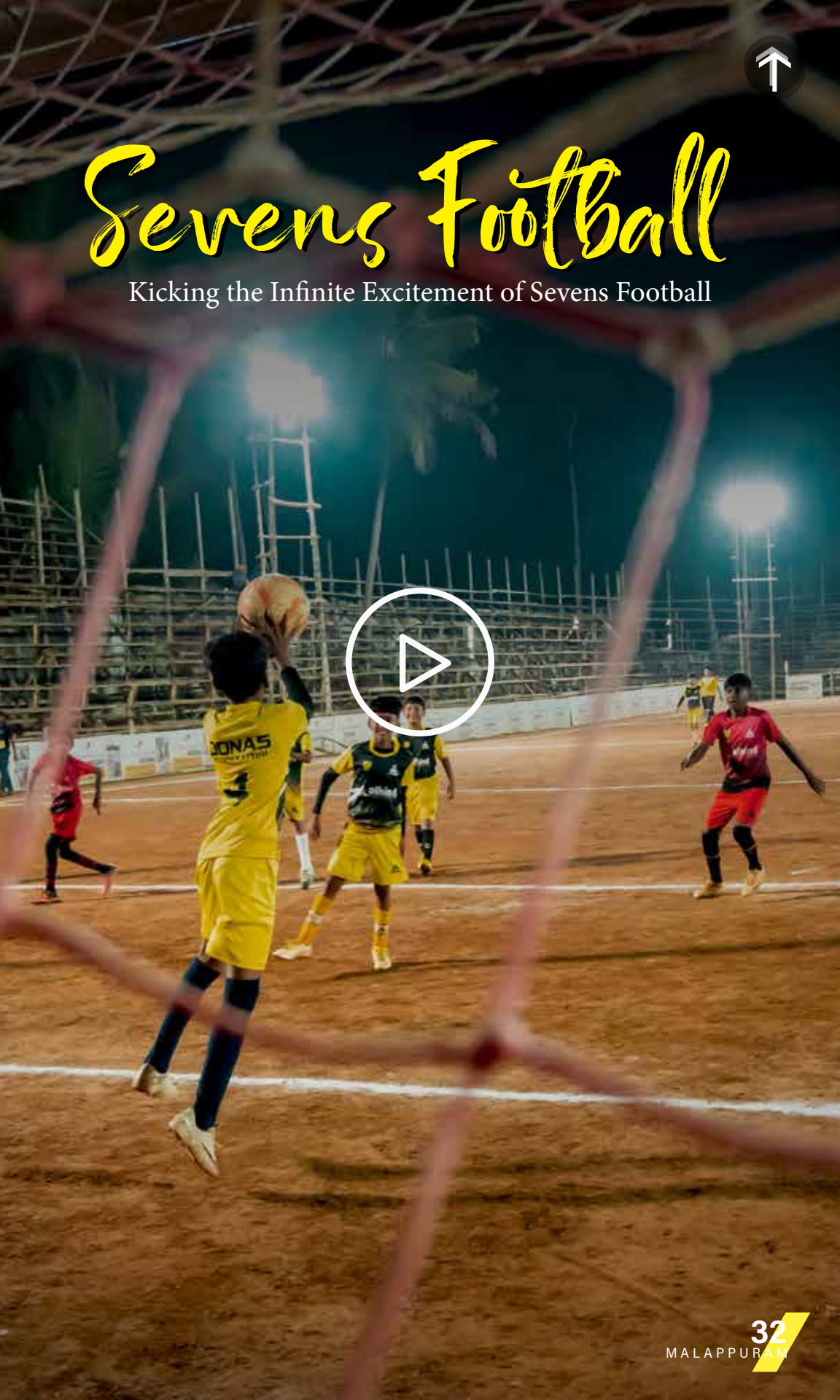






# Sevens Football

Kicking the Infinite Excitement of Sevens Football







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Fort Kochi : Where History, Sleep Serenely



Thrissur : Where colours craft stories

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