

# ANNUAL FESTIVAL

## THALIYIL MAHADEVA TEMPLE, KADUTHURUTHY



### LOCATION

Panchayat/  
Municipality/  
Corporation

Irikkur Panchayat

District

Kottayam



### ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction

Kaduthuruthy Bus Stop – 400 m

Nearest Bus Station

Kaduthuruthy Bus Stop – 400 m

Nearest Railway  
Station

Kottayam Railway Station – 3 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 91 Km



### CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

April-May (*Medam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 Days



**ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)**

The Annual Festival at the Kaduthuruthy Thaliyil Shiva Temple also known as Thaliyil Mahadeva Temple is a ritualistic way of paying obeisance to Lord Shiva, the presiding deity of the temple. The famous temple, is a popular place of worship in Kerala. It is believed that the consecration at the temple was done at the same time as at the Vaikkom temple. According to legend, the *Shivling* (symbolic representation of the deity) was installed here by a demon named '*Khara*'. This demon (of the *Khara Dhooshana* demon duo) worshiped Shiva at a place called Chidambaram and obtained from him three *Shivalingams*. He travelled holding one *Shivalingam* in each hand and one in his mouth. The *Kadichiruthy Prathishitta* or the one carried in the demon's mouth is said to be the one at Kaduthuruthy (the place hence named Kaduthuruthy). The remaining two *Shivlings* were installed at the *Ettumanoor Mahadeva Temple* and *Vaikkom Mahadeva Temple*.



**RELEVANCE-**  
(Local / National / International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED**

Above 2000



## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

## DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)



*Kodiyettu*  
Cultural Programs  
Elephant Procession  
Traditional Music

The Annual Festival at the Kaduthuruthy Thaliyil Mahadeva Temple is a 10-day grand affair celebrated in the Malayalam month of *Medam*. The event is marked by various rituals and ceremonies and a large number of devotees visit the temple during the festival. Cultural programs are staged in the temple premises as part of the celebrations. The temple is traditionally decorated and illuminated with lamps lending a visual treat to all visitors during the festival.

