



THIRUVONAM ARATTU

SREEKRISHNA SWAMI TEMPLE, THODUPUZHA



LOCATION

Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation

Thodupuzha Municipality

District

Idukki



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Thodupuzha Town– 2.5 Km

Nearest Bus station

Thodupuzha Bus Station – 2.5 Km

Nearest Railway
station

Kottayam Railway station- 50 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport -52 Km



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TIME

DATES

March-April

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The origin of the temple is associated with many myths which date back to the ancient era. Popular myths have it that once a wandering Brahmin who was on a pilgrimage to the various temples reached here and got a divine vision of Lord Krishna. After getting the vision of Krishna, he purified his body in the nearby river (Thodupuzhayar) and offered Nivedyam to the deity by lighting a lamp. This was on the day of Chothi in the Malayalam month of Meenam. This incident is commonly believed to be the prime reason for the temple's origin. Later, the raja of Keezhmalanadu constructed a shrine for the deity and consecrated an idol. At present, the famous Chothioottu feast is conducted in the temple which offers food free of cost to the pilgrims who arrive here. The temple is now under the administration of a board of trustees. Main deity is Chathubahu (four armed) Sreekrishna with butter in one hand. Bhagavathy, Sivan, Sastha, Ganapathy and Nagaraja are other deities. Festival in Meenam (March/April), Thiruvonam Arattu, for 10 days is celebrated with great pomp. This riverside temple has excellent bathing that and is an ideal place for Sabarimala. 'Utsav Bali', a sacred ceremony is conducted on the ninth day of festivities accompanied by the presence of thousands of devotees. This temple also has the largest *Kalyana Mandapam* or wedding hall in central Travancore region named as *Krishna Theertham*. During the festival on the 7th day there is a procession to Mailakombu temple and on the 8th day there is another procession to Karikode, which is very famous and special. On the 9th day there is Utsava Bali and on that day lots of devotees throng from different parts of the country. These festival days lots of famous traditional artists perform here.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approximately 10000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Utsav Bali
Usha pooja
Abhishekam
Panchavadyam
Nadaswara Kacheri
Kathaka1i
Pattu Kacheri

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Festival in *Meenam Thiruvonam Arattu* for 10 days is celebrated with great pomp. There will be lots of traditional and cultural events on the festival days. Temple and premises are beautifully decorated. Special poojas will be there. Also spiritual discourses and seminars will takes place on this period. Several Traditional performing arts like *Kathakali, Mohiniyattam, Ottanthullal*, musical concerts will be staged during the festival days which attracts many.

