



ARATTU MAHOTSAVAM

NANGIARKULANGARA SREE KRISHNA TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Pallipad Grama Panchayat

District

Alappuzha



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Haripad Town – 2.7 Km

Nearest Bus station

Haripad Bus Station – 3Km
Kayamkulam Bus Station – 11Km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Haripad Railway Station – 3.1Km
Kayamkulam Railway Station – 13.1Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 114Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

December-January (*Dhanu*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

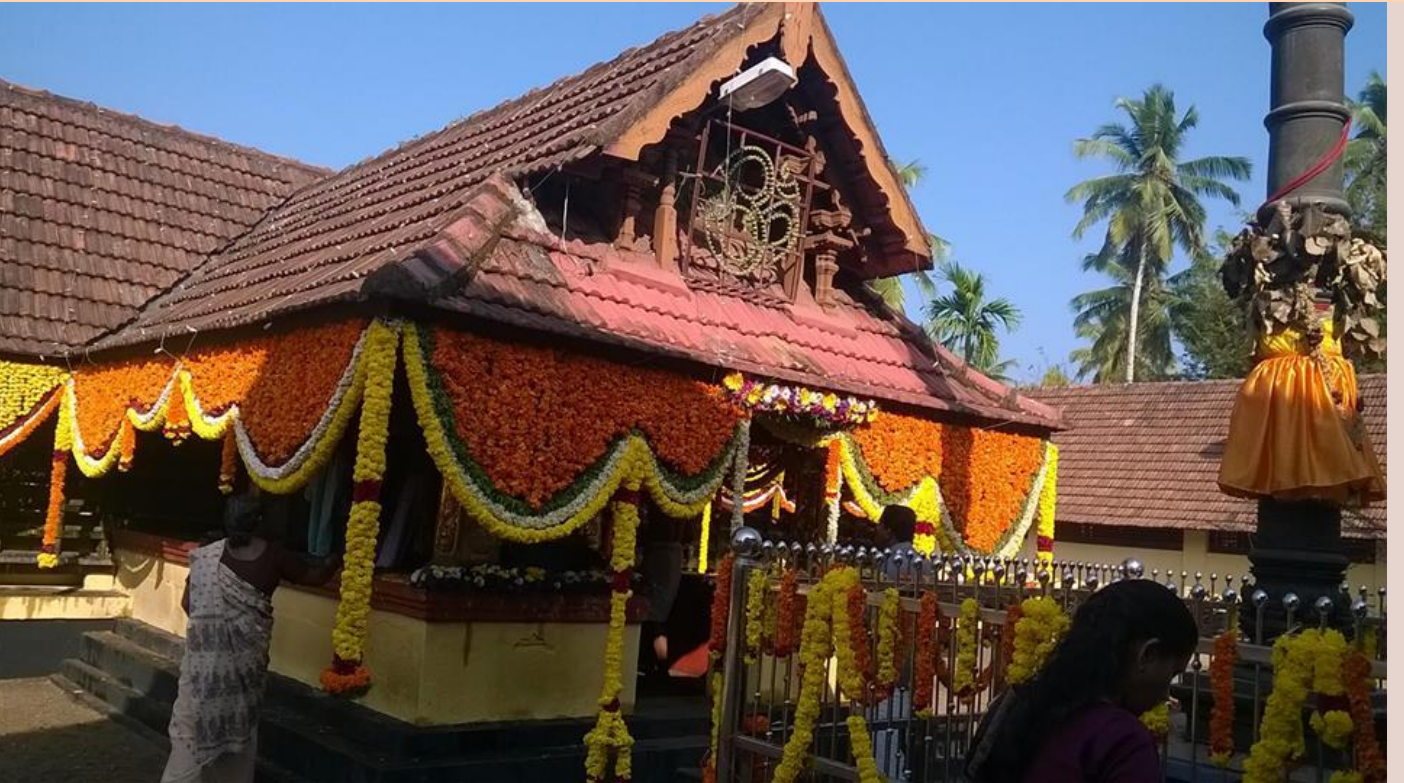
DURATION

9 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Nangiarkulangara Sree krishna temple is dedicated to Lord Krishna and is located on the Haripad – Kayamkulam route in Nangiarkulangara in Pallipad Panchayat of Alappuzha district. This is one of the most famous temples located in this region. The Lord here is said to grant the wishes of the devotees who pray with full devotion. During the festival days, thousands of devotees are attracted towards the temples where they come to seek the holy blessings of the Lord. The festival is annually observed from the *Thirvonam Nakshatram* in *Dhanu*.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

About 25,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting
Sreebhoothabali
Annadanam
Cultural Programs
Percussion Music
Musical Concerts
Kadhakali
Mohiniyattam
Ottanthullal
Arattu

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

The Aarattu Utsavam starts in the Malayalam month of *Dhanu* (December-January). It is a 9 days spectacular event. The weeklong festival is noted for various rituals. Traditional performing arts, music and dance are staged during the period. The flag hoisting ceremony marks the beginning of the festival. The shrine is traditionally decorated with plantain, coconut leaves, flowers, leaves, traditional lamps and lights. There are special poojas and offerings during the festival period. Also *Annadanam* is organized on all days. Caparisoned elephants, *melam*, fireworks and *sheevali* are part of the festival. The *Arattu* festival attracts thousands of devotees. The *utsava murti* of the deity is taken for ritualistic purification on the day.

