



# ATTUVELA MAHOLSAVAM

ITHITHANAM ELAMKAVU DEVI TEMPLE



LOCATION

Panchayat/  
Municipality/  
Corporation

Kurichy Panchayat

District

Kottayam

Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction

Changanassery Town - 4 Km

Nearest Bus station

Koippurammukku Bus Stop – 600 m

Nearest Railway  
station

Chingavanam Railway Station – 8.1 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 102 Km



ACCESSIBILITY

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CONTACT



TIME

DATES

March

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

2 Days



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

The Attuvela Mahotsavam is a two-day water carnival that takes place in Kottayam district, between March and April. Held in the *Meenam* month of the Malayalam calendar, this festival is focused on Goddess Bhagavathy who is the presiding deity of Elamkavu temple and is believed to be a powerful Goddess of this region and is worshipped with immense respect. Legend has it that the festival represents the welcome ceremony accorded to the Goddess of Kodungalloor who arrives to visit her sister, the Goddess of Elamkavu. The highlight of the two-day festival is a huge replica of the temple sailing down the waterway. The arresting procession of canoes starts from Attuvela Kadavu, 2 km away from the temple.



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

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE  
PARTICIPATED**

About 1500

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

## DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

*Garudan Thookkam*  
Canoe Procession  
Percussion Music

The essence of the Attuvela Mahotsavam festival is the procession of lit up canoes that carry huge temple replicas sailing down the Moovattupuzha River towards the Elamkavu Bhagavathy Temple. Accompanying the procession are many small canoes which are beautifully decorated with vibrant colours complete with percussion music. Another important ritual during the festivity is the *Garudan Thookkam*. The ritual is carried out on small boats accompanying the procession. In *Garudan Thookkam*, people who dress up as *Garuda* (eagle) perform dance and are hung from a shaft with hooks hooked to their skin.

