



MALAKKUDA MAHOTHSAVAM

PORUVAZHY PERUVIRUTHY MALANADA TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Poruvazhy Grama Panchayath, Ward – 2 Sasthamkotta Block

District

Kollam

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Poruvazhy Town

Nearest Bus station

Chakkuvally Bus Stop – 7 M

Nearest Railway station

Sasthamkotta Station –12 Km
Karunagappally Railway Station – 17 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 91 Km



ACCESSIBILITY



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

March (Malayalam Month of Meenam)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

8 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The legend is that Duryodhana came to Poruvazhi in search of Pandavas when they were in exile. As he had to walk a long distance and as it was summer days, Duryodhana felt thirsty and became tired. By that time he was much tired and went to a nearby house on the north west of Malanada and asked for drinking water. It was Kaduthamsserry Kottaram, where Malanada Appoppan, the priest and ruler of the land was staying. An elderly woman gave him toddy which was customary at that time as a mark of respect. The king enjoyed the drink, but realized after seeing the 'Kurathali' worn by the woman that she belonged to an untouchable lower cast by name 'Kurava'. The king consoled himself and appreciated the divinity of the place and its people who possessed supernatural powers (Siddha). Thereafter, in furtherance of his 'Rajadharma', the king sat on the hill and worshipped Lord Siva, praying for the welfare of his people (the prajas). When The Mahabharatha war started Duryodhana asked permission of people for leaving to battle field. While leaving he told that he will return back of 2nd Friday of Malayalam month *meenam* (march) and asked people to make arrangements to welcome him from 1st Friday of Malayalam month *meenam* (march), and if he is not arrived till midnight of 2nd Friday people should consider that he should die in war and should perform his death rituals. Till now it is followed. Malanada festival starts on first Friday of Malayalam month *Meenam*(march) and ends on second Friday, after *Malakkuda* fest in the midnight death rites are performed for their king Duryodhana.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approx 400000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

*Flag Hoisting
Pongala
Spiritual Discourses
Kettu Kazhcha
Malakkuda Mahotsavam
Bhagavatha Parayanam*

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

On the first Friday of Meenam the temple flag will be hoisted on the flag mast denoting the beginning of the festival. The main festival is on the second Friday of the month. People from seven blocks (Kara) nearby the temple will gather in the paddy fields near the hillock where the temple is situated. They will be carrying huge models of horses built with wood and hay. The chief will come down and receive them to the temple. They all will move up to the temple in a procession carrying the huge models of horses and dancing to the tune of drum beats. Spiritual discourses, cultural programs, and bhajans will be there

