



AVITTATHUR THIRU UTSAVAM

AVITTATHUR SIVA TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Irinjalakuda Municipality

District

Thrissur

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Irinjalakuda – 5.5 km

Nearest Bus station

Irinjalakuda K S R T C Bus Stand – 5.6 km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Irinjalakuda Railway Station – 5.6 km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 35 km



ACCESSIBILITY

The President,
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CONTACT



TIME

DATES

December – January

FREQUENCY

Annually

DURATION

10 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Avittathur Mahadeva Temple, a Temple which is more than 2000 years old and one of the 108 Maha Siva Kshethras in the world is unique in many respects. The erection and consecration of the idol, it is believed that was performed by none other than the greatest Acharayas of all time, Maharshi Agasthyar himself. Lord Siva in the form of Kiratha, blessing and giving boon to Arjuna is the “Prathishta Sankalpam” of the temple. To add to its uniqueness is the fact that the Lord Siva in the form of Kirathamoorthy in the morning, Dakshinamoorthy in the noon and Parvathi Parama Sivan in the evening abodes the sanctum sanctorum and blesses the devotees who approach the Lord for the fulfillment of their desires. Earlier the ownership of the temple was vested with 40 families and later it was confined to 10 families. The temple activities were then looked after and controlled by a person appointed by or a representative of the families. Naduvam MahanNamboodiri, Kuduppilly Krishnan Namboodiri, Neelakandan Namboodiri, Kuriyedath Narayanan Namboodiri, Sreekumaran Namboodiri etc were the prominent ones from the families. From 1985 onwards management of the temple activities is taken care by a committee registered by name Sivakshethra Samithi. In olden days the festival commenced with the flag hoisting on the Thiruvathira during the Malayalam month of Dhanu and culminated with the Arattu (holy dip) on the Thiruvathira day in Makaram. The Arattu was held at the Kandozhinjaru near Chalakudy. In connection with the festival Manthrankam koothu which used to last for 41 days was also to be performed. Later, the festival was confined to 10 days and the Arattu shifted to the temple pond near the temple.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Thousands of people

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettam
Sheeveli
Vilakkezhunnellip
Thiruvathirakali
Mathrikkal Darshanam
Panchari Melam
Kodikkal Para
Arattu
Arattu Kanji

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The festival commences with the flag hoisting (Kodiyettam) on the Thiruvathira during the Malayalam month of Dhanu and culminated with the Arattu (holy dip) at the in the temple pond. Sheeveli, Vilakkezhunnellip, Thiruvathirakali, Mathrikkal Darshanam, Panchari Melam, Kodikkal Para etc are the different programmes related to the festival. The Arattu will be followed by free food serving (Arattu Kanji) for the devotees.

