



THIRUVUTSAVAM

KOODALMANIKYAM TEMPLE, IRINJALAKUDA



LOCATION

Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation

Irinjalakuda Municipality

District

Thrissur



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Irinjalakuda – 1.2 km

Nearest Bus station

Irinjalakuda K S R T C Bus Stand – 700 m

Nearest Railway
station

Irinjalakuda Railway Station – 10 km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 45 km



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TIME

DATES

April – May

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

11 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

It is believed that thousands of years ago the entire area now known, as Irinjalakuda was a dense forest a number of Rishis under Kulipini Maharshi were engaged in an incessant Yagna offering severe penance to please Maha Vishnu. Ultimately pleased at the intensity and sincerity of their devotion, the Lord appeared before them and offered to satisfy their wish. All they wanted was his eternal presence at the place. The Lord readily agreed. The Rishis now prayed to Deva Ganga to bless the sacred Yagabhoomi with her presence. As the springs of River Ganga fountained up and inundated the area the Rishis immersed themselves in the sacred waters and became one with the Lord. The presence of Ganga is believed to continue in the Kulipini Theertham named after the chief of Rishis. The folklore about how the temple came to be established here says that a local Chieftain, Vakkay Kaimal, had a dream one night in which some mysterious person appeared before him and told him that four idols have been washed ashore and that these idols are to be consecrated at such and such places. The Kaimal being an ardent devotee hastened to the sea shore there lay four idols as indicated in the dream. They were duly installed in four temples as directed in the dream. Rama at Thriprayar (22 Km North west of Irinjalakuda) Bharata at Irinjalakuda, Lakshmana at Moozhikulam (30 KM south west of Irinjalakuda) and Satrugna at Payammal (5 KM south of Irinjalakuda). It is believed that worship at all these four temples on the same day is especially meritorious. Ardent devotees used to make it even in those far off days when they had to cover the entire distance by foot or in bullock carts. It has become very easy now a day. In the Malayalam month of Karkidakam (July 15th to August 15th) – the Ramayana Masa, thousands of devotees do this special pilgrimge, which is popularly known as Nalambalam Tthozhal – a pilgrimage to the four temples.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approximately 1000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Pooram
Orchestra
Fine Arts
Brahmakalasam
Tantric rituals

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

The Annual Festival of the Temple held for 11 days in April-May is a well-known popular event in central Kerala. The festival starts one day after the famous Thrissur *Pooram* and comes to a close on the next *Thiruvonam* day. Thousands of people throng the place during the festival to witness the pageant of colour, music, Orchestra and Fine Arts; the like of which cannot be seen anywhere in Kerala or outside. *Brahmakalasam* strictly following the Vedic and Tantric rituals are offered to the deity on 11 days in connection with the Festival. This is the unique feature of this temple.

