



SAMYUKTHA THIRUNAL

MAR SLEEVA TOWN CHURCH VANNAPPURAM



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Vannappuram Panchayat

District

Idukki



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/
Junction**

Vannappuram– 500 m

Nearest Bus station

Vannappuram– 500 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Aluva Railway Station –58 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 58 Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

Jan 5th - 15th

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

16 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

This festival is celebrated in combination of Child Jesus and Martyr St. Sebastian. Mar Sleevea church was built on 2004 and now its a pilgrim centre. Saint Sebastian (died c. 288 AD) was an early Christian saint and martyr. According to traditional belief, he was killed during the Roman emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians. The main speciality of the church is that it has the holy relic of a small portion of the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. Special offerings in the church are putting ring in the hands of child Jesus and pouring oil into the traditional lamb.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

More Than 30000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Novena
Holy Mass
Flag Hoisting
Food Offering
Suriyani Paattu Kurbaana
Procession

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The festival is celebrated over a period of 16 days ie, 13 days of novena (devotional prayer) to St Sebastian with Holy Mass on all novena days along with food offering. The main festival starts with flag hoisting ceremony, the dedication of Holy Statue, Ladeenj and Holy mass. One day is spared for the remembrance of the loved ones who are passed away and visits the Cemetery. Procession on last 2 days gives energy and is the major attraction of the festival. Holy Mass with songs is a special event and is conducted on the last days.

