



FEAST DAY OF ST. SEBASTIAN

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH, NEYYASSERY



LOCATION

Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation

Karimannoor Panchayath

District

Idukki



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Thodupuzha

Nearest Bus Station

Thodupuzha bus stop – 1 Km

Nearest Railway
Station

Kottayam Railway station – 65 Km

Nearest Airport

Nedumbassery International Airport – 62 Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

February(Probably first Saturday and Sunday)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

2 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

St. Sebastian was an early Christian saint and martyr. He was the member of a wealthy Roman family. He is educated in Milan and became the Officer of the Imperial Roman army, and captain of the guard. Charged as a Christian, Sebastian was tied to a tree, shot with arrows, and left for dead. He survived, and with the help of Saint Irene, recovered, and returned to preach to Diocletian. The emperor then had him beaten to death. He died on 20th January. The feast is celebrated to commemorate the belief that St. Sebastian has left his earthly body to be in the company of God. Catholic Feast days are days set aside to remember the important people who lived extraordinary lives. Most saints and holy people attend this specially designated feast days. On those days we remember these holy men and women in a special way.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 10000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting
Divya Bali
Procession
Special Prayers
Novena
Cultural Programs
Spiritual discourses
Samoohabali

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

There is a flag hoisting ceremony on the first day of the festival, marking the beginning. Church is beautifully decorated with lights and illuminations. Religious discourses and special prayers takes place during the festive days. Feast day is celebrated with greater importance, *Samoohabali* is conducted there on that day. Cultural events are also conducted. Procession which covers the major part of town is an important event in the festival which attracts lots of people.

