



# KOTTANGAL PADAYANI

## KOTTANGAL DEVI TEMPLE



### LOCATION

**Panchayath/  
Municipality/  
Corporation**

Kottangal Panchayat

**District**

Pathanamthitta



### ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

Kottangal – 450 m

**Nearest Bus station**

Kottangal Temple Bus Stop – 200m

**Nearest Railway  
station**

Thiruvalla Railway Station – 28 Km

**Nearest Airport**

Cochin International Airport – 106 Km



### CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

January (*Dhanu & Makoram*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

8 Days



**ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)**

*Kottangal Padayani* is performed during (*Ettu padayani*) 8 days of a total of 28 days during January - February (*Makara Bharani*). This is performed every year at *Kottangal Devi* Temple located in the border of Kottayam and Pathanamthitta Districts. The last 8 days are important with the performance of different *Kolams* and other traditional programs. The dance is performed in honour of *Bhadrakali Padayani*, a row of warriors, is an art form that blends music, dance, theatre, satire, facial masks, and paintings. It is regarded as a remnant of the Dravidian forms of worship that existed before the advent of Brahmanism. The myth of *Padayani* was, *Bhadrakali*, who was wrathful after killing *Daruka*, had to be calmed down. Lord *Shiva* and Gods tried their best with various art forms, folk arts, parodies and imitation of *Kali* to make her pacified.



RELEVANCE-  
(Local / National / International)

International



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Above 8000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

## DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

*Padayani*  
*Choottu Kathikkal*  
*Adavi*  
*Ganapathihomam*  
*Kolamthullal*  
*Thiruvathira songs*  
*Cultural programmes*  
*Valiya Padayani*  
*Deeparadhana*  
*Procession*  
*Velayum Vilakkum*  
*Cultural Programmes*

The festival is celebrated for 8 days. The *Kottangal Padayani* starts with *Choottu kathikal* and ends with *Makara on Bharani*. The devotees who wish to conduct sacraments and *kolams* seek permission from *karanathans* and *choottu* collection for *padayani* starts. The *padayani* ceremony starts with the ritual ceremony known as *Choottuvalathu*. During 8 days the *padayanis* burns *choottu*. The last two days (*Valiya Padayani*) are the most important and they conduct programs in a competitive manner. Beautiful processions takes place on the evening of last two days. The main programs include *Vela Kali*, *Adavi*, *Pallippana*, *Vellam Kudi*, *vinodam* and *kolam Thullal*. The *kolams* performed in the *padayani* are *Ganapathi Kolam*, *Kuthira*, *Bhairavi*, *Sundara Yakshi*, *Araki Yakshi*, *Marutha*, *Pakshi*, *Kalamadan* and *Kalan Kolam*.

