



THIRUVUTSAVAM

VAZHAPPALLY SREEMAHADEVA TEMPLE, KOTTAYAM



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Vazhappally Grama Panchayat

District

Kottayam



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Government Vocational Higher Secondary School
– 280m

Nearest Bus station

Mathumoola Bus stop – 800m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Changanassery Railway Station – 2.8 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 105Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

March-April (*Meenom*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

(Legend/History/Myth)

The idol of the *vazhappally* temple is centuries old and is considered as the *Siva* of *Neelamperoor* temple. The legend is that *Chera Raja Pallibana Perummal*, a follower of Buddha, when *de-throwned* by the "*Hindu Bhattas*" following a defeat in argument, reached *Neelamperoor*. The news came to the ears of the *potties* of *pathillams* (*Chengazhimuttam*, *Kainikkara*, *Eravimangalam*, *Kunnithidasserry*, *Athrasserry*, *Kolencherry*, *Kizhangazhuthu*, *Kannancherry*, *Thalavana* etc.), that *perumal* is going to install his personal idol at *Neelamperoor*. *Pathillathil Pottimars* ran with the idol *Shiva* of *Neelamperoor* and installed that idol at *Vazhappally*. The ten-day annual *Utsavam* of *Vazhappally Mahadeva* Temple is held in the month of *Meenam* (March-April).



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Above 2000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettu
Elephant Procession
Pancharimelom
Chendavadyam
Kadhakali
Classical Dance
Music
Oottanthullal
Ganamela & Mimics

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The ten day annual *Utsavam* of *Vazhappally Mahadeva Temple* is held in the month of *Meenam* (March-April). It begins with *Kodiyettum* (flag hoisting) on the day of the star *Chathayam*. The festival ends with the *Arattu* (immersion of the deity) on the day of Shiva's star *Thiruvathira*. This ceremony takes place in the beautiful pond of *Morkulangara Bhagavathy Temple* nearby. All day different types of ritual ceremonies are performed in the temple. *Kadhakali*, *Oottanthullal*, Classical music, Classical dance, *Pancharimelom*. Elephant procession, Dance Drama, *Ganamela*, Mimics are some of the Programs

