



THIRU UTSAVAM

THIRUNETTOOR MAHADEVA TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Nettoor

District

Ernakulam

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

SN Junction, Nettoor

Nearest Bus station

SN Junction Bus Stop, Nettoor – 66 M

**Nearest Railway
station**

Nettoor Railway Station – 1.6 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 34 Km



ACCESSIBILITY

Thirunettoor Mahadeva Temple
Near Temple Road
Ambalakadavu Rd
Nettoor Maradu
Ernakulam Kerala 682304



CONTACT



TIME

DATES

December/ January

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

8 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Thirunettor Mahadeva temple is dedicated to two main deities of the Hindu pantheon lord Siva and Lord Vishnu. Besides the idol of these main deities, the temple also houses idol of lord Yogeewara, Sreekrishna, elephant god Ganapathi, Subrahmanya, goddess Saraswathy, Gulikan and serpent god. 'Thanthram', the right to offer poojas in the temple is held by members of Puliyanor Illam, a famous local brahmin family. The poojas are conducted three times a day for each deity.

Thirunettoor Mahadeva Temple is renowned for 'balitharpan', a ritual offered for the dead ancestors during the 'amavasya' or the full moon day of the month of *Karkkidakam*, according to the Malayalam calendar. On the day of *Karkidaka vavu* as well as the new moon day of Malayalam month of Kumbham large number of devotees visit the temple for paying obeisance to their dead ancestors. Vadapooja is the main offering during these days.

The main idol of the temple is belied to the installed by the great sage Parashurama. Another belief is that this temple had the distinction of being a common temple for all the major Namboothiri families residing in the 32 Namboothiri villages of Kerala. The annual temple festival falls on the *Uthrottathi* and *Aswathy* day of the Malayalam month of *Dhanu*.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approximately 10000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Special *poojas*
Kooti Ezhunnallathu
Elephants' Parade With
Percussion Music
Art Forms
aarattu

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

The annual festival is celebrated for a period of eight days annually. Special *poojas* are performed to please the deities. The last two days are most auspicious. On the seventh day night, there is *Kooti Ezhunnallathu*, wherein images of both Siva and Vishnu are taken around the temple in a procession. A caparisoned elephant will carry the image of the deities to the accompaniment of temple music and three other tuskers. On the last day, festivities conclude with the holy dip, *aarattu*, of the deity. Various cultural programmes are staged during the festival days.

