



# UZHAMALAKKAL THIRUVATHIRA

## UZHAMALAKKAL SREE LAKSHMI MANGALAM DEVI TEMPLE, NEDUMANGAD



### LOCATION

**Panchayath/  
Municipality/  
Corporation**

Nedumangad Panchayat

**District**

Trivandrum



### ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

SNHSS Uzhamalakkal– 66 m

**Nearest Bus Station**

Karanad Bus Stop– 700m

**Nearest Railway  
Station**

Thampanoor Railway Station – 22Km

**Nearest Airport**

Trivandrum International Airport – 25Km



### CONTACT

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TIME

**DATES**

February-March (*Kumbham*)

**FREQUENCY**

Annual

**DURATION**

7 Days



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

Legend says that centuries ago a layman named Raman after completing his work was resting in this place where the temple is situated now. At that time a child appeared in front of him and told him that this place is very much divine and also mentioned that there should be a temple in this place. It is believed that goddess herself appeared before him and as a result a temple was built in this place. Devi is the main deity of this temple. *Thiruvathira* festival of this temple is very famous and attracts a large number of people even from far areas.



**RELEVANCE-**  
(Local / National / International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED**

Above 2000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS



Flag Hoisting  
*Sreebhoothabali Annadanam*  
Cultural Programs and folk arts  
Spiritual discourses  
Seminars  
Percussion Music  
Musical Concerts  
Drama  
*Ganamela*  
Dance programmes  
Floats  
*Arattu*  
*Guruthi*

## DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

Annual festival of this temple starts in the Malayalam month of *kumbham* (February/March) on Malayalam star *revathi* and ends on *thiruvathira*. It is a 7 days spectacular event. There is a flag hoisting ceremony marking the beginning of the festival. The shrine is traditionally decorated with plantain, coconut leaves, flowers, leaves, traditional lamps and lights. There are special *poojas* and offerings during the festival period. Also *annadanam* is held on all days. Traditional performing arts and music and dance are staged during the period. Numerous cultural programs and temple arts are performed on all days of the festival. The temple is beautifully decorated and attracts many devotees from far off places who visit the temple to be a part of the festive mood. There are a lot of cultural events and religious discourses. On the final day *Arattu* (holy bath) takes place, the *utsava murti* of the deity is taken out of the shrine for ritual bathing. Caparisoned elephants and *melam* are part of the ritual. *Melam*, traditional Kerala temple music with five instruments, are performed as part of the festival. Also different types of floats are also there. The ten day *Thiruvathira* festival ends with *Guruthi*. This is a spiritual ritual performed in the last day of the *Thiruvathira* festival. *Guruthi* starts at midnight and continues till early morning.

