

MAHATMA AYYANKALI JALOTSAVAM

VELLAYANI LAKE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Kalliyoor Panchayat

District

Trivandrum

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/
Junction**

Vellayani Agricultural University – 750 m

Nearest Bus Station

Kayakkara Bus Stop – 2.2 Km

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Trivandrum Central Railway Station – 14 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 14.1 Km



ACCESSIBILITY



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

August – September (to be advised)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

3 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Mahatma Ayyankali Jalotsavam is an annual festival which is conducted in Vellayani Lake. In 1971, a youth group called Cheramar Yuvajana Sangham (CYS) started this festival. Till 1995, this festival was sponsored by Kerala Kaumudi Newspaper and hence known as Kerala Kaumudi Trophy Boat Race. From 1995, it was decided to conduct the festival as a tribute to Ayyankali, a great social reformer of the British era in Kerala. The festival henceforth came to be known as Mahatma Ayyankali Jalotsavam. The Ayyankali Trust was registered in 2007. The trust and the Government of Kerala together made a committee with the District Collector as the General Convenor, Taluk Officer as the Treasurer and Kovalam MLA as the Chairman. Kerala Tourism Department, Nemom Block Panchayat, Neyyatinkara Municipality and about eight Panchayats contribute to the festival.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National
/ International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED**

Above 50,000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Proclamation Rally
Cultural Meet
Folk Arts
Classical Arts
Boat Race

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The festival begins with a proclamation rally on the first day with floats providing a cultural glimpse of Kerala and tribute to Ayyankali. Cultural Meets are held during the second day in which famous personalities like poets, writers etc. take part. On the third day, kayaking, canoeing and swimming competitions are held. This is followed by the historic 2 km long boat races in the evening. It is marked by the presence of four categories of boats viz. snake boats and three types of traditional paddled canoes.

