



ARATTU MAHOTSAVAM SREE MAHADEVA TEMPLE, RAMESWARAM



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Neyyattinkara Municipality

District

Trivandrum



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/
Junction**

Neyyattinkara Junction – 1.25 Km

Nearest Bus Station

Neyyattinkara Bus Station – 1.2 Km

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Thampanoor Railway Station – 20.4Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 25 Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

December/January (*Dhanu*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Rameswaram Mahadeva Temple is located at Amaravila near Neyyattinkara in Thiruvananthapuram district. Legend associated with this temple is that Lord Rama worshipped Mahadeva at this place during the *vanavasa* of Sreerama. Hence the temple got its name Rameshwaram. Lord Shiva is the main deity. There is also a Parvathy *prathishta* facing west inside the *Sreekovil*. Ganapathy and Naga *devathas* are the sub deities. Rameswaram Mahadeva Temples is included in the 108 Shivalayams. This temple is situated on the bank of Neyyar river.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National
/ International)

National



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

About. 40000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting
Annadanam
Cultural Programs and folk arts
Spiritual discourses
Seminars
Percussion Music
Musical Concerts
Drama
Bale
Dance
Kadhakali
Ottanthullal
Chakyarkoothu
Mohiniyattam
Bharathanatyam
Arattu

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Annual festival of this festival falls in the Malayalam month of *Dhanu* (December/January). It is a 10 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 festival period. Thousands of devotees throng to witness the events and rituals. Numerous cultural programs and temple arts are performed along with religious discourses on all days of the festival. Caparisoned elephants, *melam*, fireworks and *sheevali* are part of the festival. On the final day *Arattu*(holy bath) takes place, the *utsava murti* of the deity is taken out of the shrine for ritual bathing on the final day.

