



AARATTU MAHOTSAVAM

SREE KRISHNASWAMY KSHETHRAM, MALAYINKEEZHU



LOCATION

Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation

Malayinkeezhu Grama Panchayat

District

Thiruvananthapuram

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Malayinkeezhu Junction – 90 m

Nearest Bus station

Malayinkeezhu Bus Stop – 170 m

Nearest Railway
station

Trivandrum Central Railway Station – 12.6 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 17.5 Km



ACCESSIBILITY

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CONTACT



TIME

DATES

March-April (*Meenam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

8 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Malayinkeezhu Sree Krishna Temple is situated about twelve kilometers away from Trivandrum. Baby Krishna is the lord worshipped here. Other sub deities devoted here includes Ganapathi, Siva, Ayyappa and the lord Nagaraja. The specialty of Malayinkeezhu Sree Krishna Temple is it's *Nalambalam*. People believe that their wish would come true, if they prayed to Lord Krishna inside the *Nalambalam*. Women are restricted from entering the *Nalambalam*. People from different places come to Malayinkeezhu Krishna Temple during the Annual *Aarattu* ceremony.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 10,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Thrikkodiyettu
Aarattu Ezhunnallathu
Visheshal Nirapara
Pallivetta
Ottanthullal
Kathakali
Nadaswara Kacheri
Krishnattam
Panchavadyam
Dance & Musical
Programs
Fireworks

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

Marked by a caparisoned elephant procession known as *Aarattu Ezhunnallathu*, the festival is a revisit to the legendary belief behind the existence of the temple and is celebrated through an incredible blend of rituals and folk arts such as *Ottanthullal*, *Kathakali*, *Nadaswara Kacheri* and *Krishnattam*. The beginning of festivities is marked by the *Kodiyettu* or flag hosting ceremony at the temple. Various cultural and traditional events are part of the festival. There is a grand elephant procession during which the deity is carried on the elephant for the *Aarattu* ritual. There is a brilliant display of fireworks towards the culmination of the festival.

