



EKADASI VILAKKU MAHOTSAVAM

THIRUMANIKKARA GURUVAYURAPPAN TEMPLE, MANJERI



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Manjeri Municipality

District

Malappuram

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Manjeri Town – 4 Km

Nearest Bus station

Marathani Bus Stop – 1 Km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Parappanangadi Railway Station - 42.5 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 27 Km



ACCESSIBILITY

Thirumanikkara Guruvayurappan Temple
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CONTACT



TIME

DATES

November-December (*Vrishchikam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

2 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Legend has it that there was an old Brahmin called Moossathu Namboodiri at Idinjimal *Illam* near to Thirumanikkara, who was an ardent devotee of Sree Guruvayoorappan. He used to walk to the Guruvayoor Temple situated far away, for every Guruvayoor Ekadashi to seek the Lords blessings. As he got old, he found it very difficult to travel to Guruvayoor all alone. On that day of Guruvayoor Ekadasi, after coming back from Guruvayoor, he sat tired and famished under an old banyan tree (Arayal tree), and started venting out his woes to his dear Lord that he wont be able to do any more Ekadasi darshans at Guruvayoor due to his ailing health. Then there was a divine ringing sound of bells (*mani kilukkam*) from above the banyan tree and a voice from above told the pious Brahmin, that Guruvayoorappan had come to where he was at present and he doesnt have to go to Guruvayoor to see the Lord. The happy Brahmin informed all about his divine experience, and the Thirumanikkara temple was built to house Lord Guruvayoorappan. Sine the bell or *mani* sound informed the lord Guruvayoorappans presence, the place came to be called *Thiru mani kara*.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

Approximately 3000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Chuttu Vilakku
Desa Vilakku
Ekadasi Vilakku
Pancharimelam
Kazhchasheeveli
Elephant Procession

Guruvayur Ekadasi, observed on the *Shukla Paksha* (bright fortnight), *Ekadasi* during the Malayalam month of Vrischikam (mid November - mid December), is unique to the Sree Krishna Temple at Thirumanikkara. Ekadashi falls on the eleventh day of every lunar fortnight. The Vrishchika Ekadasi which falls during the *Sabarimala Mandala Kalam* (Sabrimala Temple Pilgrimage Season) assumes special importance at the temple. Thousands of devotees throng the Thirumanikkara Temple on this auspicious day seeking the blessings of Lord Guruvayoorappan. All the *Ekadasi* rituals are similar to Guruvayoor temple. Special *Chuttu Vilakku* ritual is carried out on the previous day. Dasami Vilaku is done as the *Desa Vilakku*. On *Ekadasi*, after pooja at night, the famous Ekadasi Vilakku with elephant procession takes place and provides a fitting finale to the festival.

