

ARATTU MAHOTSAVAM

VALLIYOORKAVU DEVI TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Mananthavadi Municipality

District

Wayanad

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Mananthavady, Panamaram – 2.8 Km

Nearest Bus Station

Mananthavady Bus Station – 2.8 Km

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Kozhikode Railway Station – 72 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 115 Km



ACCESSIBILITY



CONTACT

Valliyoorkavu Bhagavathy Temple

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Mananthavady,

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TIME

March-April

DATES

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

14 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Aarattu festival attracts thousands of devotees to the Valliyookavu Bhagavathy Temple dedicated to Goddess Durga. It is a prominent place of worship for tribal communities in Wayanad. The Goddess manifests in three forms here – Vana Durga, Bhadrakali, Jala Durga. It is believed that the idol of the Goddess is self manifested. The origin of the temple dates back to the 14th century. Legend has it that once an oracle of Kodungallur temple named Vadakkola Nambiar was traveling through Wayanad and he rested near Kabani River. When he woke up, the sword and anklet of Devi were missing. He panicked



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 5000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Kodiyettu
Aarattu
Kalamezhuthum Pattum
Eedum Koorum
Sopananrutham
Adiyaras
Oppana Varavu
Rudhirakkolam
Annadanam
Trade Fair
Folk Arts
Percussion Music
Elephant Procession

The holy sword of Valliyooramma, the temple deity is brought from the Palliyara Bhagavathy temple at Pandikkadavu by the chief priest. The *Kodiyettu*, or hoisting of the festival flag will is performed only on the seventh day of the festival. Rituals such as *Kalamezhuthum Pattum*, *Eedum Koorum* and *Sopananrutham* is held. A procession called *Oppana Varavu* is taken out from Cheramkode Bhagavathy temple to Thazhekkavu. The holy procession with tender coconut for *Abhishekam*, *Adiyaras* arrives from various parts of the taluk. The celebrations conclude when the *Oppana Varavu* returns to Cheramkode Bhagavathy temple after the *Rudhirakkolam*, a symbolic fight between Bhagavathy and Dharikan in which Bhagavathy emerges victorious. Many tribesmen in the district attend the festival, which is dedicated to goddess Durga. As part of the festival a trade fair is conducted on the temple premises. Free feast known as *Annadanam* is held on all festival days at the temple.

