



UTSAVAM

SREE KRISHNA SWAMI TEMPLE, CHITTOOR



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Chittoor Municipality

District

Ernakulam



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/
Junction**

Aster Medicity Hospital – 1.4 km

Nearest Bus station

Chittoor Temple Bus stop – 35 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Edappally Railway Station- 9.6 km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 25.7 km



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TIME

DATES

April - May

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

7 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Lord Sri Krishna in a perfect form that appeared to Devaky and Vasudeva 5235 years ago in Mathura, India, chose 'Chidalayam, Chithpuram, or Chittoor as his favorite land and built a temple, to please his devotee, Guruvayurappa Bhaktha, Moopil Narayanan Kartha. Narayanan was born in the family of Cheranelloor Swaroopam, known vegetarians, but strong, got training and took up arms like Kshatriyas to protect people of five territories, they ruled. He learned Sanskrit, Vedas, Upanishads, Shastras, Puranas and Upavedas. Narayanan grew up and chose 'Japayagaa' as his first commitment and visited many holy places and settled down at Guruvayur for decades, safeguarding himself to Guruvayurappan, as Sri Krishna of Vrindavana. Narayanan was happy praying Guruvayurappan until he became the Senior -most male member (Moopil Kartha) of Cheranelloor Swaroopam. Family members requested him to return home and take new responsibility as Moopil Kartha. Moopil Narayanan Kartha did not want to leave Guruvayur, but he could not reject the responsibility as Moopil Kartha. Unable to take a decision he prayed Guruvayurappan for proper guidance. The guidance was in dream to him " I would not leave you, You go to your village, I will accompany you by riding on your bamboo umbrella. When you reach your village, wherever your umbrella touches the ground, build a temple there and I will appear for you during the noon-day pooja ceremony'. Moopil Narayanan Kartha started his journey to back to Cheranelloor village. When he reached the present site of the temple, due to tiredness, happened to place the umbrella on the ground. When he tried to lift umbrella, it won't move and he recalled his dream. Moopil Narayanan Kartha built only a small Sreekovil and a lonely Mandapam seven centuries ago. He collected Anjanasila from a pond in the vicinity and blessed carver sculptured it in a perfect Krishna form.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

Approximately 2000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting
Sheeveli
Kazhcha Sheeveli
Prasada Oottu
Thrikketta Purappadu
Cheriya Vilakku
Valiya Vilakku
Arattu

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The festival starts with holy Flag Hoisting Ceremony. *Sheeveli*, *Kazhcha Sheeveli*, *Prasada Oottu* includes the daily rituals during the festival. On the fourth day the festival is known as *Thrikketta Purappadu*. Sixth day's festival is *Cheriya Vilakku* and on Seventh day it is *Valiya Vilakku*. The final day's event includes *Arattu* (the holy bath). The festival events also include Cultural Programs. The variety events include Kerala Style Art forms like *Kathakali*, *Ottan Thullal*, *Kurathiyattom*, *Thrithayambaka* etc. The fireworks and cultural programs add colour to the festival.

