



# THIRUVATHIRA ARATTU

## THRIKKADAVOOR SREE MAHADEVA TEMPLE



**Panchayath/  
Municipality/  
Corporation**

Kollam Corporation, Kadavoor Ward

**District**

Kollam



**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

Kadavoor Junction

**Nearest Bus station**

Kadavoor Bus Stop – 300 M

**Nearest Railway  
station**

Kollam Railway Station –3 Km

**Nearest Airport**

Trivandrum International Airport – 78 Km



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## DATES

February (Malayalam Month Makaram 26 To Kumbham 5)

## FREQUENCY

Annual

## DURATION

10 Days



## ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The myth is associated with Markandeyan. Sage Mrikandu and his wife were saddened as they did not have a child. Once Lord Siva appeared before them and gave two options. One was to have a short-living intelligent boy and the other to have a long-living idiot. The couple selected the former and was blessed with a baby boy who would live for 16 years. They named him Markandeya. Young Markandeya was an ardent devotee of Lord Siva. At the age of 16, on his last day, he sat immersed in prayers in front of a Lord Siva idol. The divine mood deterred the messenger of Yamaraja (the God of death) from taking Markandeya's life. Later, Yamaraja took up the task and sprung the noose aiming the boy's neck. Unfortunately, the noose fell over the Sivalinga which angered Lord Siva. The furious god entered into a war with Yama which the former won. In the end of the battle, Lord Siva laid the condition to spare the life of his devout Markandeya for not killing Yamaraja. Mythology says that Thrikkadavoor was where this event occurred. This place once known as "kadavulinte ooru" (Gods land) later renamed as Kadavoor.



**RELEVANCE-**  
(Local / National / International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED**

Approximate 125000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

## DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

*Flag Hoisting  
Spiritual Discourses  
Seminars  
Trade Fair  
Kettukazhcha(floats)  
Chendamalam  
Procession  
Cultural Events And Art  
Forms  
Arattu*

Flag hoisting ceremony will takes place on the first day of the festival marking the beginning of the festival. Spiritual discourses, cultural programs, and bhajans will be there. Several cultural programs like Kadhakali, drama, Music fest, Mohiniyattam etc also takes place during this period. Floats and procession large number of people during these days.

