



MAHOTSAVAM

SREE KRISHNA TEMPLE, KADALAYI



LOCATION

Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation

Chirakkal Panchayat

District

Kannur



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Chirakkal Chira – 500m

Nearest Bus station

Ganapathi Mandapam Bus Stop(Chettipedika Bus
Stop - 450m

Nearest Railway
station

Chirakkal Railway Station -700 M

Nearest Airport

Karipur Airport - 122 Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

January/February (Makaram)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

8 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

It is believed that the idol of Lord Vishnu consecrated here is the very idol worshiped by Sathyabhama, the consort of Lord Krishna at Dwarka in the Mahabharata Era more than 5,000 years ago. One day it so happened that she failed to notice her husband standing nearby as she was immersed in performing *Pooja* to the idol. The Lord, furious, kicked the idol off the pedestal. It flew into the nearby sea, when its right hand was broken. Time and tide took the idol to the Kannur sea belt off Dwarka. A fisherman happened to net it. It being a precious catch, he presented it to King Valabhan, the Kolathiri King ruling over the area in that period. The king had constructed a temple, Kadalayi, in a village about 6 km (3.7 mi) north of Kannur and was on the lookout for an idol to be consecrated there. The astrologers understood the sanctity of the idol and confirmed that the idol, though its hand was broken and thus deformed, was worthy of consecration. The idol was thus consecrated at Kadalayi. When the temple was ruined due to the devastating onslaught of time a new temple was built at Chirakkal 180 years ago and the old idol re-consecrated. The temple, though situated at Chirakkal, is still referred to by its old name, Kadalayi.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED**

Approximately 10000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettam
Laksham deepam
samarpanam
Thiruvathirakali
Panchavadyam
Spiritual speeches
Cultural festivities
Dramas
Arangettam
Annadanam
Theyyam

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

The annual festival of the temple is from 15th *Makaram* to 22nd *Makaram*. (This falls during the last week of January and the first week of February.) The hosting of the holy flag (*Kodiyettam*) is on *Makaram* 15 and holy immersion of the idol (*Aratt*) which marks the end of the festival is on *Makaram* 22nd. During the days of the festival, there will be performance of the temple arts and Prasada-feast (*Annadanam*) for all devotees.

The festival starts with *Kodiyettam* and the festivities are prominent in the evening time. *Laksham deepam samarpanam*, *Thiruvathirakali*, *Panchavadyam*, *Sahasradeepam*, spiritual speeches, cultural festivities, Dramas etc are prominent. Three days of continuous dance dramas and *arangettam* for students of dance etc are prominent.

On the first two days of the temple are the *Kathakali* performances in the temple compound, participated by eminent artists. *Chakyarkoothu* and *Ottanthullal* art forms associated with the temples are presented on all days of the festival. On the fifth day, colorful procession of elephants presents a magnificent spectacle.

