



THIRUVUTSAVAM

SREE AISWARYA GANDHARVA TEMPLE, ANDOOR



LOCATION

Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation

Maramgattupilly panchayat

District

Kottayam

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Pala Town – 8 Km

Nearest Bus Station

Pala Bus Station – 9 Km

Nearest Railway
Station

Kottayam Railway Station – 24 Km

Nearest Airport

Nedumbassery International Airport – 67 Km



ACCESSIBILITY



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

April (Medam)

FREQUENCY

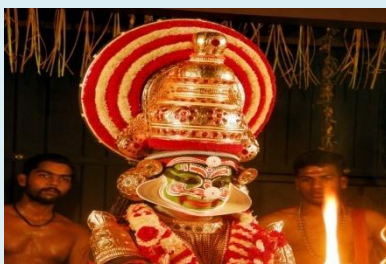
Annual

DURATION

5 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Sree Gandharva Swami Temple dates back to the ancient times. Temple existed there even before 'Padayottam' of Tippu Sulthan. Legend says that the deity of Gandharva was once worshipped by Nair lords (Pallattu) as their family deity. Once a fire broke out in every room of that house except nilavara, where the Gandharva deity was placed, were burned in to ashes. Family members and people recognized the power of Gandharva and a temple was build. The temple and its properties are preserved and maintained by four families of the ancient Pallattu family. Presiding deity installed in the sanctum sanctorum or garbhagriha of the temple is the Gandharva with Yakshi on his laps. Such an image is not visible anywhere. Hence this temple can be considered as a rare temple. This is a very special feature of the temple and no other Gandharva temple has this. Besides the presiding deity there are sub deities such as 'Bhagavathi' facing the west direction and 'Sastha Rakshas' and 'Guru' facing the east direction.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approx. 15000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Bhagavathi Pattu
Sastham Pattu
Gandharvan Pattu
Mudiyattam
Thalichukoda
Kalamezhuthu
Annadanam
Cultural Programs and folk arts
Spiritual discourses
Seminars
Percussion Music
Musical Concerts

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Annual festival starts in the Malayalam month of *Medam* (April). It is a 5 days spectacular event. The shrine is traditionally decorated with plantain, coconut leaves, flowers, leaves, traditional lamps and lights. There are special *poojas* and offerings during the festival period. Also annadanam is provided on all days. Traditional performing arts and music and dance are staged during the period. Numerous cultural programs and temple arts are performed on all days of the festival. The temple is beautifully decorated and attracts many devotees from far off places who visit the temple to be a part of the festive mood.

