



AARATTU KAVADI MAHOTSAVAM

SREE BALA SUBRAHMANYA SWAMY TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Trivandrum Corporation

District

Trivandrum



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Kochulloor Bus Stop – 500 m

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**Nearest Railway
station**

Pettah Railway Station – 5.5 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 10 Km



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TIME

DATES

March / April (*Meenam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

This is one of the most popular Bala Subramanya Swamy Temple in Kerala, where Subramanyan is considered as a young boy. This temple enshrines Lord Subramanya (Lord Muruga) as the main deity. Lord Shiva, Lord Ganapathy, Annadu Shastha, Goddess Yakshi Amma, Naga Raja, , Sreekrishnan Althara and Brahma Rakshas are the other deities worshipped in the temple complex. The temple holds two annual festival namely the Aaratu kaavadi mahotsavam and the Thaipooyam Mahotsavam. The 10days long festival commences with kodiyyetom and ends with 'kaavadi' and 'Arattu. The main event of the festival is Kavadi Aattam, a ritual dance carrying Kavadis.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Around 5000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettam
Special poojas
Cultural programmes
Samoohasadya
Pongala
Agnikavadi
Aarattu

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

The ten day festival starts with *kodiyettam*. Special *poojas* are performed on the festival days. Several cultural programmes are held as part of the festival. Highlights are *Kathakali*, *Ottanthullal*, etc. *Samoohasadya* is offered to the devotees daily in the afternoon. *Pongala* is a main offering on the eighth day by female devotees. *Agnikavadi* is the main ritual during the festival days. The festival comes to an end with the *aarattu* ceremony on the tenth day.

