



MANDALAVILAKKU UTSAVAM

SREE LOKANARKAVU TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Vadakara Municipality

District

Kozhikode



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Sidhasramam – 1 Km

Nearest Bus station

Vadakara New Bus Stand – 3.8 Km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Vadakara Railway Station – 4.7 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 74.8 Km



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TIME

DATES

November-December (*Vrishchikam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

41 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Lokanarkavu Mandalavilakku Utsavam is an annual festival at the Lokanarkavu Temple that enshrines Goddess Durga. It was built by Aryans who migrated to this place about 1500 years ago. It is believed that the Goddess traveled with them to Lokanarkavu and the successors of the race still conceive the divine presence as their mother and not as a Goddess. The rituals at the temple are identified with its *Athyuthama* state. The temple also finds reference in the ballads of North Kerala as the legendary hero *Thacholi Othenan* was a devotee of the Goddess. The temple houses a stage in memory of the Aryans who built the temple. As the Goddess is said to have held them in the highest esteem, all devotees must pray to these ancestors and seek their permission to see the Goddess inside.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED**

Over 20,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Thayambaka
Chuttuvilakku
Thacholikkali
Special Prayers and
Poojas

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The Mandalavilakku Utsavam is one of the main festivals at the Lokanarkavu Temple. It is celebrated for 41 days in the Malayalam month of *Vrishchikam*. A unique feature of the festival is that it is only here a folk dance called *Thacholikkali* is performed during the festival. *Thacholikkali* is similar to the traditional martial art form called *Kalarippayattu*. A large number of people from various places flock here to see this festival. The three thousand odd oil lamps on the walls of the Lokanarkavu Bhagawathi Temple are lit on the occasion making it spectacular.

