



KERELA RELIGIOUS PLACES

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Religious places to be visited in Kerala ...



1. Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa Temple



Sabarimala is an important pilgrimage center in Kerala dedicated to Lord Ayyappa. Located in the Pathanamthitta district in Kerala, this hill shrine is set at an altitude of 914 meters above sea level on the picturesque mountain ranges of Western Ghats. Pilgrims need to do around 4 kilometers trekking from Pamba in order to reach this shrine. Even though people from all castes and creeds are allowed to enter the temple, the entry of women from the age group of 10 to 50 is restricted in this holy site. The temple opens only during Mandalakalam (November to Mid-January) and remains closed the rest of the year.

Nearest Airport: Thiruvananthapuram Airport: 191 KM & Kochi International Airport: 210 KM. **Nearest Railway Station:** Kottayam, Thiruvalla & Chengannur: All of them are around 90 KM from Pamba.

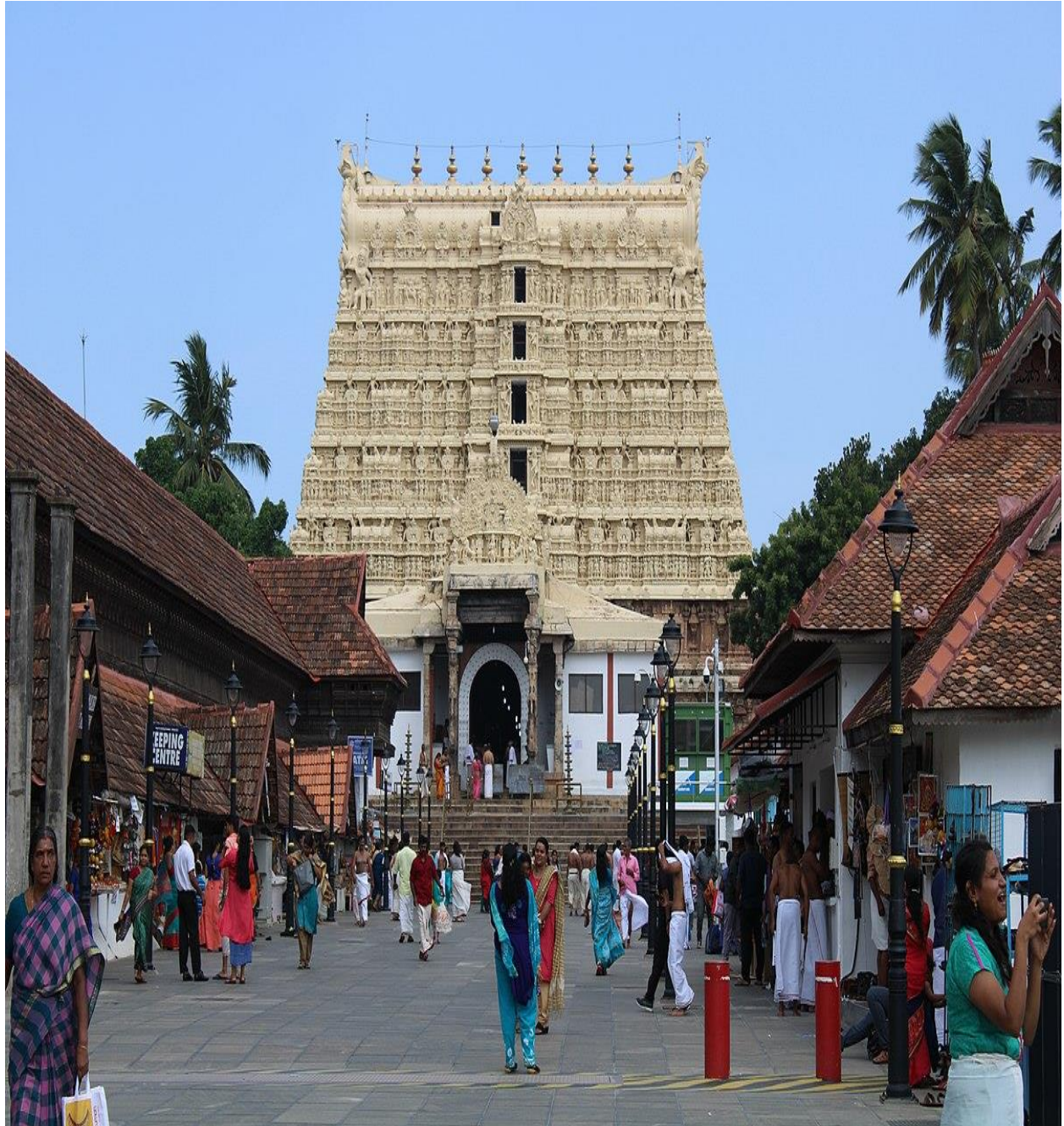
2. Guruvayoor Sree Krishna temple



Guruvayoor temple is also known as “Bhuloka Vaikunta” is one of the five popular Krishna temples in the country. People love to visit this pristine destination in order to experience the holy bliss. Thousands of Hindu devotees travel to this temple every year to offer prayers to Lord Krishna. Guruvayoor temple is considered as the Dwaraka of the South and among the most famous religious places in Kerala.

How to reach: Nearest Airport: Cochin International Airport: 80 KM & Calicut Airport: 100 KM. Nearest Major Railway Station: Thrissur: 27 KM.

3. Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple



If you want to see the exquisite Dravidian style of architecture, then plan a trip to the well-known Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram. This richest temple in the country is dedicated to Lord Vishnu and believed to be built in the 8th century. Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple is one of the 108 Vishnu temples. The 100-feet gopuram built in the typical Dravidian style is worth watching. The temple has three doors from where devotees can observe the gold-plated idol. These three doors of the sanctum sanctorum are symbolizing three phases of times. The murals inside the temple are worth watching and it is truly a holy site to enjoy the marvelous Dravidian temple architecture.

How to reach: Nearest Airport: Thiruvananthapuram International Airport: 6 KM.
Nearest Railway Station: Thiruvananthapuram: 1 KM

4. St. Mary's Forane Church, Kuravilangad



Kerala is not only famous for its beautiful Hindu temples, but also for its sacred Christian tourist destinations. The state boasts several ancient churches worth visiting for people who plan some pilgrimage holidays in this South Indian state. St. Mary's Forane Church at Kuravilangad is one such must-visit Christian pilgrim center located in the Kottayam district in Kerala.

How to reach: Nearest Airport: Cochin International Airport: 48 KM. Nearest Railway Station: Kottayam: 18 KM

5. Thirunelli Temple



Located in Wayanad at an altitude of around 900 feet on the charming side of Brahmagiri, visiting the Thirunelli Maha Vishnu Temple can be a mesmerizing experience for each devotee. This ancient temple has been mentioned even in the Hindu Puranas. According to the Puranas, this temple is believed to be built by Brahma. Apart from the historical importance, this temple fascinates travelers with its unique location. It is certainly one of the must-visit temples in Kerala.

How to reach: Nearest Airport: Kozhikode Airport: 150 KM. Nearest Railway Station: Thalasserry: 108 KM & Kozhikode: 130 KM