

EVENT ITINERARY

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Here's a detailed itinerary for celebrating Onam, the traditional harvest festival of Kerala, India. This itinerary can be adjusted based on the number of days you wish to celebrate and specific activities you want to include.

Onam Celebration Itinerary

Day 1: Preparations

Morning:

- **Home Cleaning & Decoration:**

- Engage the family to clean the house thoroughly.
- Begin decorating with traditional items like banana leaves, flower garlands (Pookalam), and lanterns.

Afternoon:

- **Shopping for Onam Essentials:**

- Visit local markets to buy vegetables, rice, flowers, and traditional attire (Kasavu sarees for women and white mundu for men).

Evening:

- **Pookalam Creation:**

- Start creating the intricate floral designs at the entrance of your home.

- **Cooking:**

- Begin prepping dishes for the Onam Sadhya. Popular items include Aviyal, Sambar, Thoran, Kaalan, and payasam.

Day 2: Onam Celebrations

****Morning:****

- ****Pookalam Completion:****
- Finish the Pookalam design.
- ****Traditional Attire:****
- Wear traditional Onam clothes.
- ****Onam Greetings:****
- Exchange greetings with family and friends.

****Afternoon:****

- ****Onam Sadhya (Feast):****
- Serve the traditional vegetarian feast on banana leaves.
- Invite friends and neighbors to join the meal.
- Include dishes like rice, various curries, side dishes, and desserts.

****Evening:****

- ****Cultural Programs:****
- Organize performances of traditional art forms like Kathakali or Mohiniyattam.
- Enjoy music and dance, including Pulikali (tiger dance) performances.

Day 3: Community Engagement & Sports

****Morning:****

- ****Games & Sports:****
- Organize traditional games such as Tug of War, Ashada Mela, or Onam tug of war competitions.

- Include fun activities for children like banana-eating competitions or boat races.

****Afternoon:****

- ****Community Service:****
- Participate in community activities, perhaps helping local charities or organizing community meals.

****Evening:****

- ****Bonfire:****
- Light a bonfire to symbolize the end of the Onam celebrations.
- ****Storytelling:****
- Share stories about Onam traditions and the legend of King Mahabali.

Day 4: Family Time & Reflections

****Morning:****

- ****Family Outing:****
- Plan a day out with family to a local temple or scenic spot in nature.
- ****Photographic Session:****
- Capture moments with family in traditional clothing.

****Afternoon:****

- ****Reflection & Gratitude:****
- Gather everyone for discussions on what Onam means to different family members.
- Share gratitude for the blessings of the year.

****Evening:****

- ****Closing Ceremony:****
- Conclude the celebrations with a small pooja or prayer.

- Reflect on the festivities and enjoy leftovers or a simple meal together.

This itinerary provides a solid framework for celebrating Onam, emphasizing family, community, culture, and tradition. You can customize activities according to local customs, available resources, and the preferences of those attending the celebration.