Boat races are among the grandest traditions still alive and thriving in Kerala. People go to these events in large numbers to watch these snake shaped beauties go head to head in rhythm to the old boat songs sung in full volume. These snake boats or 'chundan vallam' are up to 100 feet long and bring the serene backwaters to life.  There are many important races that occur during these events and we have listed below some of the most famous boat races that happen in Kerala. These are spectacles that need to be experienced in person to know their true beauty.