**Trivandrum**

**Trivandrum International Airport (TRV)**

Trivandrum International Airport is located in Kerala's capital city of Thiruvananthapuram. It is the first airport in the beautiful southern state of Kerala and was the fifth international airport declared in 1991 by the then Prime Minister Shr. V. P. Singh.

Spread over an area of 750 acres, Trivandrum International Airport is situated very close to the city at approximately 3.7 km from the city center and 13 km from Technopark. The airport is an international gateway and preferred airport to tourists who travel to Sri Lanka and Maldives.

**Flight Information**

Trivandrum airport is connected to major cities in India including Bangalore, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Kochi and Dehradun. Air India, Air Pegasus, Jet Airways, and IndiGo are the domestic flights that ply to and from the airport. Trivandrum is well connected to all majors cities of the Middle East that include Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Riyadh, Sharjah, Bahrain, Doha, Muscat, Kuwait and Dammam and other international cities such as Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Male and Colombo. International flight operators at Trivandrum airport include Air Arabia, Etihad, Emirates, Gulf Air, Qatar Airways, SriLankan Airlines and SilkAir.

**Terminals**

Trivandrum airport has two terminals. Terminal 1 handles domestic arrivals and departures and Terminal 2 caters to international flights. The airport operates over 40 international and national flights and witnesses over 1000 passengers on a daily basis. The domestic terminal is equipped to handle 400 passengers at any given time while the international terminal can handle 1600 passengers at a time.

**Traveling in and around**

Trivandrum International Airport is in close proximity to several important hubs of the city. The city bus stand is located at a distance of 6 km from the airport, from where you can board a bus or hire a taxi to reach the terminals. Trivandrum railway station is located at about 4 km from the airport and connected by road.

**Services and Facilities**

All essential services and facilities can be found at the Trivandrum airport. Baggage services at the airport include baggage carousels, scanners and trolley services. The airport has wheel chair facilities and escorts to help ferry luggage for the aged and the physically challenged. The terminals also have cafes where you can grab a quick bite, in addition to pre-paid taxi service counters and currency exchange offices.

**Things to Do**

The Trivandrum airport has limited but adequate recreational options to make your transit time relaxed and enjoyable. The airport offers plenty of shopping options and duty-free stores from where travelers can purchase clothes, jewelry and artifacts that are unique to Kerala.

**Hotels**

Trivandrum is home to a number of hotels and resorts that cater to domestic and international tourists as well as business travelers. There are many business hotels in the city such as Keys and Ginger. The city also has many five star accommodations that include Vivanta By Taj, Hycinth, Hotel Lake Palace and Hilton. The more budget friendly options include Classic Avenue and The Grand Central.

**Helpful Tips**

The city of Trivandrum is located along the Arabian Sea and hence experiences a tropical climate. The monsoon season starts in the month of June and July is when the city receives maximum rainfall. It is imperative for travelers to Trivandrum to check for flight schedules during the monsoon months.

**Nearby Attractions**

Trivandrum is home to some of the best beaches in the country. The Shankumugham Beach is situated in the heart of the city and is not too far away from Trivandrum airport. Also, the very famous Kovalam Beach is quite close to the city. It is a great idea to hire a taxi and visit these beaches while you are at Trivandrum. The Padmanabhaswamy Temple is another must-visit attraction in the city.