

## 5 Temples You Must Visit In Kerala

God's own country, Kerala has some of the oldest temples in India. Boasting a number of temples as old as 2000 years old, these are dedicated mainly to Lords Ayappa, Shiva and VIshnu who are most loved gods in the South Indian state. If you want to come to a place in India to fulfill your divine and spiritual desires then Kerala can be the ideal destination for you. Come here in the winters as the weather generally very hot during summers. Here are some famous temples in Kerala you must visit on your next vacation to the South Indian state.

- 1. Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple: One of the most popular temples in Kerala, Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple is arranged in Thiruvananthapuram. Adorning Dravidian style of engineering, the sanctuary is devoted to Hindu God Vishnu and goes back to eighth century. This prominent holy place is arranged in the East Fort in Thiruvananthapuram and it is amongst the 108 Vishnu temples or Divya Desam. Without a doubt, one of the finest examples of Dravidian design, Sree Padmanabhaswamy sanctuary is the most well known temple in Kerala. It is dedicated to Lord Vishnu who is seen leaning back on Anantha, the hooded Serpent. It is said that the establishment of the sanctuary is old to the point that it has mentioned in sacred Hindu models like Skanda Purana and Padma Purana.
- 2. Sabarimala Sastha Temple: A renowned temple in Kerala, Sabarimala Sastha Temple is arranged close to Periyar Tiger Reserve. It is one of those spots where pilgrimage is performed on an extensive scale. It is reported that around 50 million people visit here every year. Sabarimala is said to be the spot where Hindu God Ayyappan meditated after decimating demoness Mahishi. The pilgrimage performed in Sabarimala is quite different from other pilgrimages. The pilgrims to Sabarimala smear Sandal (chandan) on their forehead and stay unshaven until the excursion comes at an end.
- 3. Attukal Bhagavathy Temple: Arranged at short distance of 2kms from Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the temple is another celebrated spot of worship in Kerala. The presiding god of the temple is Goddess Kannaki (incarnation of Goddess Parvati) who is viewed as the Supreme Mother, the maker of every single living being. Attukal Bhagavathy Temple has a Guinness Book of World Record for holding the single biggest gathering of ladies for religious activities. The individuals who visit Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple ensure that they don't miss a great opportunity to come to this sacred place of worship in Thiruvananthapuram





- 4. **Ambalapuzha Sri Krishna Temple:** Built in seventeenth century, Ambalapuzha Sri Krishna Temple is committed to Lord Krishna. People come here to worship the Unni Krishna (the kid type of Lord Krishna). Because of a legend appended to the temple, Pal Payasam is served as an offering here, which by the way is to a great degree delicious. The sanctuary is likewise known for the divinity that has been brought from Guruvayoor amid the rule of Tipu Sultan to safeguard them from the raid.
- 5. Chottanikkara Temple: Chottanikkara Temple is one of the most renowned sanctuaries in Kerala with regards to the architecture of the Hindu places of worship. The temple is dedicated to Chottanikkara Devi who is revered in three diverse forms (as Saraswati in the morning; as Lakshmi at twelve; hung in dark red; and as Durga at night) at three distinctive times of the day. Master Shiva is likewise adored in this sanctuary. On the east side of Chottanikkara called 'Keezh Kaavu' sanctuary, the Guruthi Pooja is held each night to conjure the Goddess is an a significant thing to witness here.

With so many renowned temples in Kerala come here to calm your mind and lose yourself into deep meditation.

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