



UNVEILING THE BEAUTY OF TRIVANDRUM

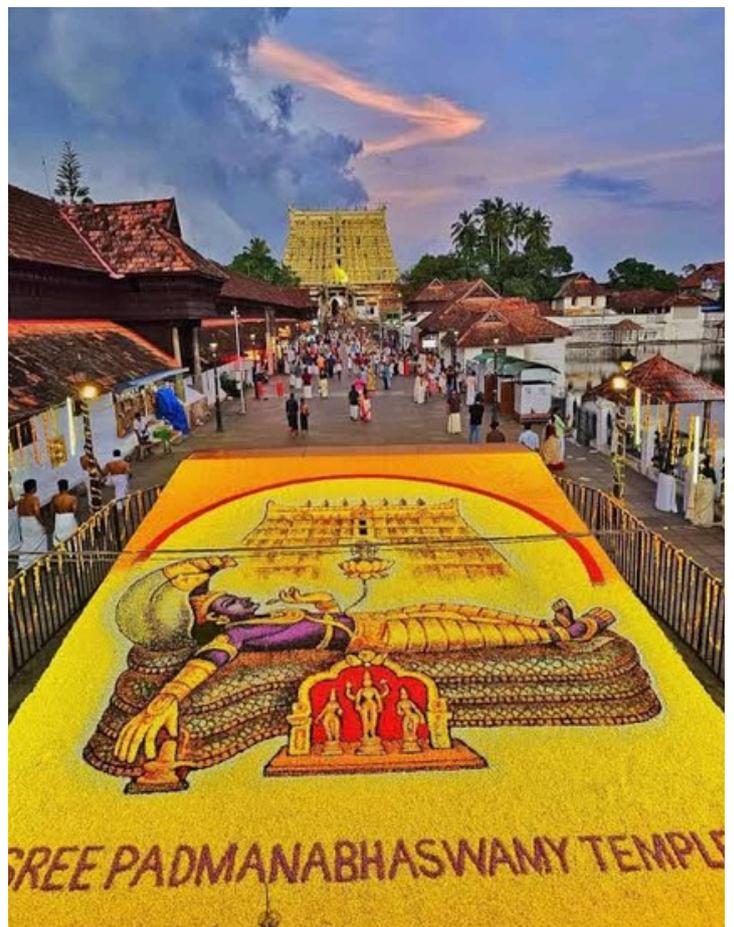
Jagadguru SriMan Madhwacharya Moola Maha Samsthana, Sri Uttaradi Matha is a significant Madhwa institution with various branches across BharataKhanda, that serves as a centre of spirituality, devotion, education and community activities.

INSIGHTS ABOUT THE TRIVANDRUM BRANCH:

Thiruvananthapuram, also known as Trivandrum, is a city of immense significance to Madhwas.

SRI ANANTHAPADMANABHA SWAMY TEMPLE:

Thiruvananthapuram has a rich history dating back over several thousand years. Its name, "City of Lord Anantha," is derived from its connection to the revered Sree Anantha Padmanabhaswamy Temple. This iconic temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, is one of the wealthiest temples in the world and a major pilgrimage site, attracting devotees and tourists alike. Its architecture and historical importance are immense.



Sri AnanthaPadmanabha Swamy Temple



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The Temple has references in Puranas and other works. Srimad Bhagavatha says that Balarama visited this temple, bathed in Padmatheertham and made several offerings. Sumadhwa Vijaya mentions Sriman Madhwacharya coming here and having darshan of Sri AnanthaPadmanabha Swamy.

Anantha Shayanam - Unique Reclining Posture:

Sri AnanthaPadmanabha Swamy idol is made up of twelve thousand and eight (12008) Saligramas, which is considered to be Nithya Sannidhana of Vishnu. One pradakshina to Sri AnanthaPadmanabha Swamy is equivalent to one thousand (1000) Teertha Yatra.

The presiding deity, Lord Vishnu, is enshrined in a rare and magnificent Anantha Shayanam posture. He is depicted in eternal yogic sleep on the multi-headed serpent Adishesha (Ananta). What makes this truly special is that the 18-foot long idol is viewed through three separate doors.

The first door reveals the Lord's face and a Shiva Lingam beneath his right hand.

The second door shows Lord Brahma seated on a lotus emerging from Vishnu's navel, symbolizing creation and hence the name Padmanabha.

The third door displays the Lord's feet. This tri-door darshan offers a complete yet segmented view of the magnificent deity

UTSAVAMS @THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Every year many Utsavams take place in Thiruvananthapuram. The Ananta Padmanabha Swamy Utsavam, specifically the Arattu procession, goes through the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport runway.

This is a unique and centuries-old tradition. Twice a year, during the Alpashi festival (October-November) and the Painkuni festival (March-April), the Thiruvananthapuram airport suspends flight operations for several hours to allow the idols from the Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple to be carried in a ceremonial procession across the runway to Shanghumugham Beach for a ritualistic holy bath.

This tradition predates the establishment of the airport in 1932, and the route has been preserved, with the airport authorities making arrangements to accommodate this cultural and religious practice.



Thiruvananthapuram Airport during Arattu Utsavam



Alpashi Utsavam

LAKSHADEEPAM FESTIVAL



Visual of Temple during Laksha Deepam

VEDIC CHANTING

The festival also features the ceremonial chanting of four Vedas and processions of the deities. Renowned Pundits of all faiths Madhwas, Smarthas and SriVaishnavas take part in the Vedic Chantings.

Lakshadeepam Festival, literally means one hundred thousand lamps (or one lakh lamps), is a major festival celebrated here. The entire temple is adorned with lamps, held on the concluding day of Murajapam, commences once in 6 years, celebrated on 1st of malayalam month Makaram.

Lakshadeepam typically coincides with Makar Sankranti, a Hindu festival marking the end of winter. The festival is a major event for the temple and attracts large crowds. Next Lakshadeepam is from late Nov 2025 to mid Jan 2026, We will post details separately.

ABOUT THE BRANCH:

Sri Uttaradi Matha has a branch in the divine abode of Sree Anantha Padmanabha Swamy. Sri Matha is just 100 metres away from the Padmanabha Swamy temple and is thus very convenient for devotees.

ACCOMMODATION & TEERTHAPRASADA

Accommodation and Teerthaprasada facility are available for devotees at UM, Thiruvananthapuram. Please call in advance to avail rooms or teerthaprasada.

LOCATION & HOW TO REACH:

- Flights are available. The Airport in Trivandrum is 6 Km from Sri Matha.
- Train Services are also there. The railway station is 1.2 Km away from Sri Matha.
- Buses are available and the bus stand is just 1 Km from Sri Matha.

DARSHAN FACILITIES

Devotees are hereby advised to contact the UM branch manager for availing VIP Darshan of Sri AnanthaPadmanabha Swamy.

Phone number is given in Contact section.

CONTACT:

PHONE NUMBER: 9082953153

NEARBY PLACES TO VISIT:

- **Shangumugham Beach(6 Km away from Trivandrum) :** Arattu Mandapam is there in which the Padmanabha Swamy Utsavam takes place.
- **Varkala (44 Km away from Trivandrum) :** Bhagavanta is there in the form Janardhana. Performing Shraddha here is very significant since Sri Hari is in the form of Janardhana. SriManMadhwacharyaru observed Chaturmasya Vrata at this place.
- **Thotadri (118 Km from Trivendrum) :** It is a SwayamVyakta Kshetra of Bhagavan Vishnu. The temple here is dedicated to Thothadri Nathan (Vishnu) and is renowned for its daily oil abishekam (sacred bath) offered to the deity.
- **KanyaKumari (86 Km from Trivandrum) :** It's a revered pilgrimage site and a Shakti Peetha, where the goddess Kanyakumari, an incarnation of Parvati, is believed to have performed penance.



Arattu Mandapam, Shangumugham Beach

AN APPEAL TO THE DEVOTEES

Sri Uttaradi Matha's branch at Trivandrum is in the developing process. For the convenience of bhakthas, some building renovations are also planned. Anna dhana seva is also special here since it is a divya kshetra. Donations in cash or kind are accepted, with receipts provided. The mathadikari / manager can be contacted on 9082953153 for details of specific sevas that can be offered.

Devotees are encouraged to utilize the temple facilities, have darshan and receive blessings of Sri Hari.

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Union Bank of India

Account details: IFSC CODE: UBIN0900699

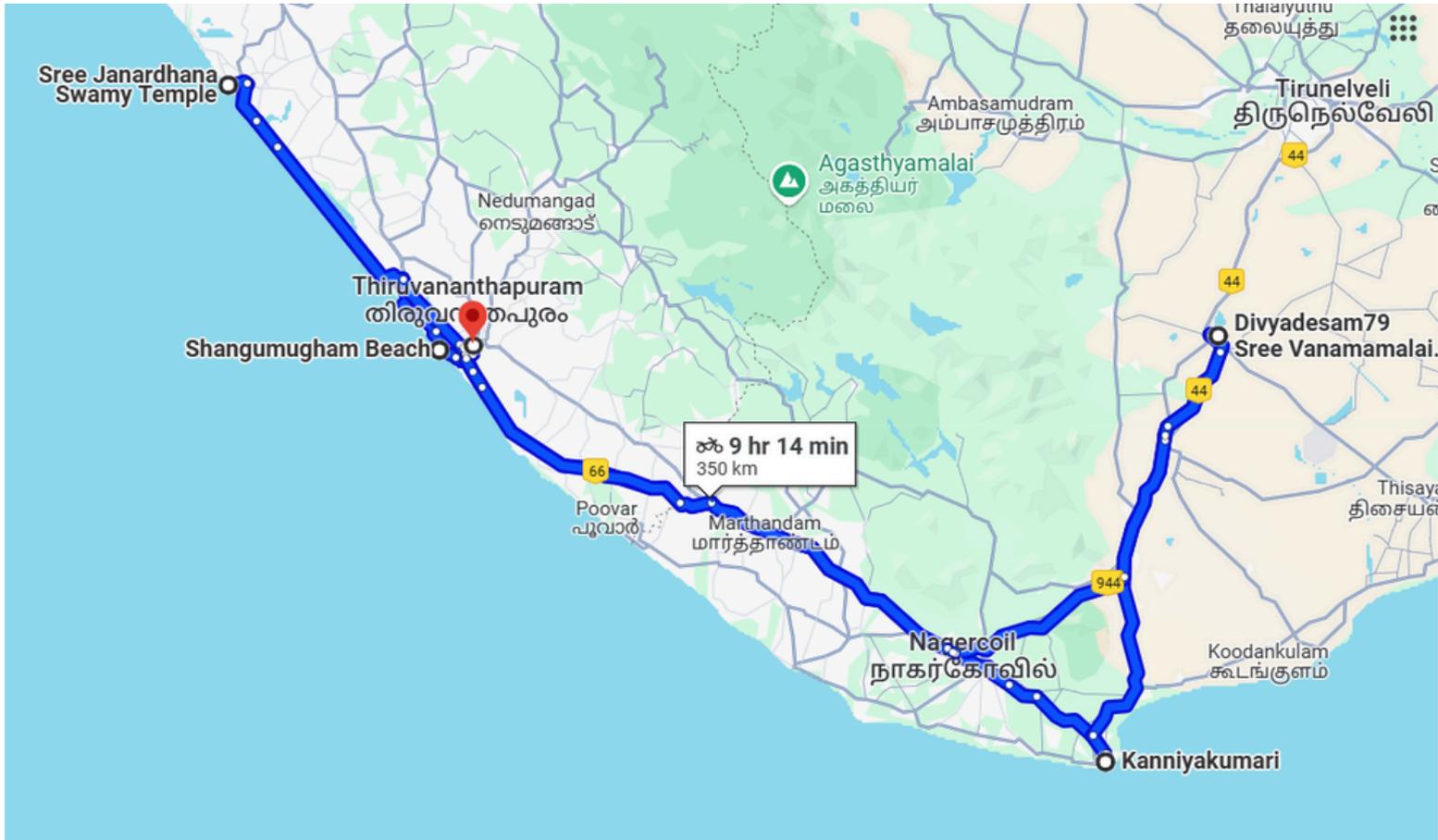
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MAP FOR PLACES AROUND TRIVENDRUM



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