

PLACES TO VISIT NEAR THIRUVANANTHAPURAM CITY

- Padmanabhaswamy Temple



The Padmanabhaswamy temple, also known as the Sri Padmanabhaswamy temple, is a famous Hindu temple of Lord Vishnu, located inside the Fort in the city of Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India. The temple is one of the 108 divya desam, the holiest abodes of Lord Vishnu. The main deity, Padmanabhaswamy, is a form of Vishnu in Ananathasayanam posture (in eternal sleep of yognidra). This is an ancient temple and the city of Thiruvananthapuram derives its name from the name of the presiding deity enshrined in the temple.

- Pazhavangadi Ganapathy Temple



The Pazhavangadi Maha Ganapathy temple is situated at East Fort in the heart of Thiruvananthapuram City. The main Deity of the temple is Sri Mahaganapathy (Ganesha). The main idol is installed in a seated posture with the right leg in a folded stance. The temple is situated in close proximity to the Sri Padmanabhaswamy temple. Other Deities worshiped at the temple include Dharmasasta, Goddess Durga and Nagaraja. The temple sculptures include 32 different forms of Lord Ganesha.

- Shankumugham Beach



Shankumugham Beach is a beach in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala, south India. The beach is on the western side of Thiruvananthapuram (Trivandrum) city and very near to Trivandrum International Airport. The vast stretch of white sand and the serene atmosphere, away from the crowd in the city, provide all the ingredients for relaxation and for spending an ideal evening. There is also a 'Star Fish Restaurant' with eating kiosks and open air theatre with car parking facilities. Good food can be enjoyed at the Indian Coffee House, just across the beach, which is also a vantage point for enjoying the sunset. The beach is noted for its cleanliness. The famous Pilgrim center, the Vettucadu Church (Christ the King church), is also near Shangumukham.

- Veli Tourist village



Veli tourist village is designed by Kanayi Kunhiraman, a renowned sculptor from Kerala. Veli tourist village is connected with the Veli beach by a floating wooden bridge. There is also a floating restaurant in Veli. Veli Tourist village is one of the popular tourist spots located at the outskirts of Thiruvananthapuram, at a distance of 8 km away. Veli Tourist village lies at the spot where Veli Lake is separated from the Arabian Sea by a sand bar. The clear water of Veli Lagoon offers water sports activities.

- Veli Beach



Veli Beach is just within 3 Km from Shanghumukham beach. It is an attractive tourist destination in Trivandrum. Veli tourist village lies in between Arabian sea and Veli lake. Boating is available in Veli lake for tourists.

- Zoological Park



One of the first zoos in India, the Zoological Park in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala, was established as early as 1859. A reptile house with different species of snakes and a vulture house are also located within the premises. Plastic is banned inside the park. The park is open daily from 0900 to 1815 hrs. It is closed on Mondays

- Planetarium



Opened in 1994 to the public, this is one of the most versatile planetariums in the country. The main GM-11 star field projector here can project almost all the constituents of the visible universe. It can also simulate the star-studded night sky over any location on the earth, on any day up to 12,500 years back or 12,500 years into the future. Planetarium will be closed on Mondays.

Show time: 1030 hrs, 1200 hrs, 1500 hrs and 1700 hrs