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Thekkady to Palaruvi Destinations

Perunthenaruvi Waterfalls



With woods wrapped in mystery, idly flowing dreamy streams, captivating waterfalls and an exuberant wilderness, Perunthenaruvi is a lesser known gem waiting to get discovered!

Situated in the forest region of Sabarimala in Pathanamthitta district, one of the major pilgrim centres of South India, Perunthenaruvi allures tourists with its breathtakingly beautiful waterfalls and the dazzling stream that flows to merge with the sacred Pamba

River. The locality is the home turf of beehives which have bestowed the place with the title Perunthenaruvi meaning the “River of Honey”.

There is no better place to have a pleasant peaceful time than when you are romancing with nature and surround yourself with its purity to cleanse your soul. Perunthenaruvi offers you just that.

You can either choose a 5-minute walk or a 20-minute trek through the tea plantations to reach the waterfalls here. The music of the cascades welcomes you even from afar. The hike leads you to a luxuriant waterfall with a luscious swimming hole that tempts one to leap into its deep waters. The stream gushes further beyond through the rocky bed to unite with the holy Pamba. The river Pamba is attributed with divine grace because of its connection with Kerala’s largest pilgrim center [Sabarimala](#).

Located on the lap of the majestic Western Ghats, Perunthenaruvi adorns herself with her ever gorgeous waterfalls and the mystic lush forest glides that wrap her in their serene arms. Kudamurutty and Vechoochira are the two shores of the waterfall.

There are two waterfalls at Perunthenaruvi - the 300 feet Panamkudantha and the 200 feet Padivathil – both of these originate from the dense woods of Sabarimala.

In every sense Perunthenaruvi is the ideal spot to recharge and rejuvenate your tired soul.

Adavi Bow boat riding/Coracle boating



With a 5-km stretch broadened by the Kallar River, Adavi welcomes you to experience nature at its best. The package is available in two slots – one is short ride and the other long ride. The place is best during monsoon as the river is full and you can experience the fresh air, and soak yourself in the scenery of pristine greenery, and clear waters of the Kallar River.

08.30 AM to 05.30 PM

Elephant Kraal



Konni, famous for the elephant training happening in the state, attracts a huge number of visitors every year. People visit here to see the biggest animal on land in close quarters without fear. One of the major attractions at Konni is the giant wooden cages or the elephant kraals used to house the elephants. Locally known as Aanakoodu, they can house up to 3 to 4 elephants at a time. The place also has a children's park. The centre is closed on Mondays.

07.30 AM to 05.00 PM

Achankovil River (Achankovil Aar)



The confluence of the Rishimala, Pasukidamettu and Ramakkalteri Rivers on the peninsula of the country gives rise to the breathtaking Achankovil River. The river originates from the hills of Achankovil in the Pathanamthitta, from where it flows through Mavelikkara, Thiruvalla and Karthikappally Taluk into the left of river Pamba, which lies near the Vembanad Lake. Also known as Achankovilaaru, the river is about 128 kilometres long and is brimming with flora and fauna on its either bank. The river is a scenic spot that tourists especially love to visit to enjoy the splendid views of nature.

The word Achan Kovil means the shrine of Achan, or in other words, the shrine of the Supreme Deity. One can thus find numerous ancient temples and religious places of great importance along the river route, such as Pandalam, which is considered to be the native place of Lord Ayyappa. The presence of these temples has dramatically served to enhance the popularity of the Achankovil River since tourists who visit the area get to witness not only some picturesque views but also to seek blessings from the Almighty and pray for their loved ones. The tranquillity and serenity that the place offers make it one of the most famous and loved tourist spots in all of Kerala. Besides, Edappon, a spot famous for its flora and fauna, also lies on the banks of the river, and this haven is also a must visit place.

Thenmala Ecotourism Destination



Thenmala in Kerala is the first planned ecotourism destination in India. Predominantly a forest area, Thenmala is a small village, located at the foothills of the Western Ghat Mountains . Thenmala is about 72 km from Thiruvananthapuram, the capital of Kerala, the southernmost state of Kerala. The name Thenmala is derived from two words - "Then & Mala", in local parlance. "Then" means honey and "Mala " means hillock i.e. honey hills. The honey collected from Thenmala forest area is of good quality and of high medicinal value because of the unique floristic composition of the forests.

This premiere eco-tourism destination, is gaining popularity due to its unique vistas, bio-diversity and functioning. Situated about 72 kms from Thiruvananthapuram, in the District of Kollam, the Thenmala Eco-Tourism shares its resources with the famous Shenduruny Wildlife Sanctuary at the foothills of the Western Ghats

Thenmala Eco-tourism

Managed by Thenmala Ecotourism Promotion Society, which is an undertaking of the Government of Kerala, Thenmala Eco-tourism is a unique destination from a visitors point of view. It has equal opportunities for fun, adventure, leisure and for learning the significance and necessity of eco-friendly measures for promoting tourism related activities.

Thenmala is blessed with a large number of rubber and tea plantations. Timber of all varieties is exported from here to all parts of the country. Thenmala Dam site is open for

the tourists. An Eco tourists centre operates at Thenmala enabling the travellers to enjoy nature at its very best.

The Leisure zone at Thenmala is a good area to relax as it brings the tourists close to appreciating nature and ecotourism. Indulge in Pathways, the winding trails leading to various sites; Riverine, 250 m riverfront walkway; Sway Bridge, an unsupported bridge made of wooden planks; Sculpture Garden; Parappan Dam, the main dam of Thenmala, built across River Kallada and Resting Points

The soulful culture zone provides a window to get in touch with the lifestyle of the indigenous people at Thenmala, the history of those people, their art, architecture, flavours and other elements that helped shape their way of life. Things to try here are Facilitation Centre, Butterfly Safari, Nakshatravanam, Children's Park, Musical Dancing Fountain, Amphitheatre, Food Outlets and Shop Court.

For nature tourists who prefer to explore the nature trails through forests, this zone would be paradise. There is scope for tours and trips taking you close to the unspoiled charms of nature. Soft trekking - Guided trekking through the outskirts of Shenduruni Wildlife Sanctuary, Deer Rehabilitation Centre, Boat Ride - boating to explore the greenery of Shenduruni Wildlife Sanctuary and one hour boat services are available in one hour intervals. Timing: 09.00 am to 04.00 pm

Palaruvi Waterfalls



It is difficult to draw a parallel between the breath-taking locales in God's Own Country. Each one of them are unique and picturesque in their own ways. While there are plenty of stunning locales to explore in Kerala during your brief visit, choose your favourite destinations smartly. It is a great idea to select exotic destinations that are crowd-pullers in Kerala.

Palaruvi waterfall is an example of an exotic destination unspoilt by urbanisation. Plan your visit to this cascading waterfall. Palaruvi in Malayalam literally means a stream of milk – a local name allocated to the splendid waterfall. As the name suggests, you will find the waterfall to be a cascade of milk bursting amidst the high rocks of Kollam forest. Palaruvi is among the highest waterfalls in Kerala and the 32nd highest in India. The total height of the waterfall is 91 metres or 299 feet

Palaruvi Waterfalls, which literally translates to 'Stream of Milk', comes down through rocks from a height of 300 feet. This has turned into a delightful picnic spot where one can enjoy a spectacular view uninterrupted. The rocky terrain one has to traverse before reaching it can be cumbersome but once these majestic waterfalls come into sight, any kind of fatigue disappears immediately. The cool water is frequented by those seeking a refreshing dip and it regularly attracts people in large numbers.