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The Republic of Sudan is the third largest country on the African continent (1,861,484 km<sup>2</sup> or 718,723 mi<sup>2</sup>). Its population is around 34,850,000. Located in Northeast Africa, Sudan shares borders with ► [Egypt](#), ► [Eritrea](#), ► [Ethiopia](#), ► [South Sudan](#), ► [Central African Republic](#), ► [Chad](#), and ► [Libya](#) (Figure 1). Its 18 states are home to about 580 ethnic groups who speak hundreds of different languages and dialects (Hale 2009). Arabic and English are the official languages, while Bedawi, Fur, and Nubian are widely spoken as well. In the 2000s, oil production became the largest industry. Sudan's GDP rose to US\$58,769 million in 2012. About 3.1 % of Sudan's economy was generated by its tourism ► [industry](#) (WTTTC 2014).

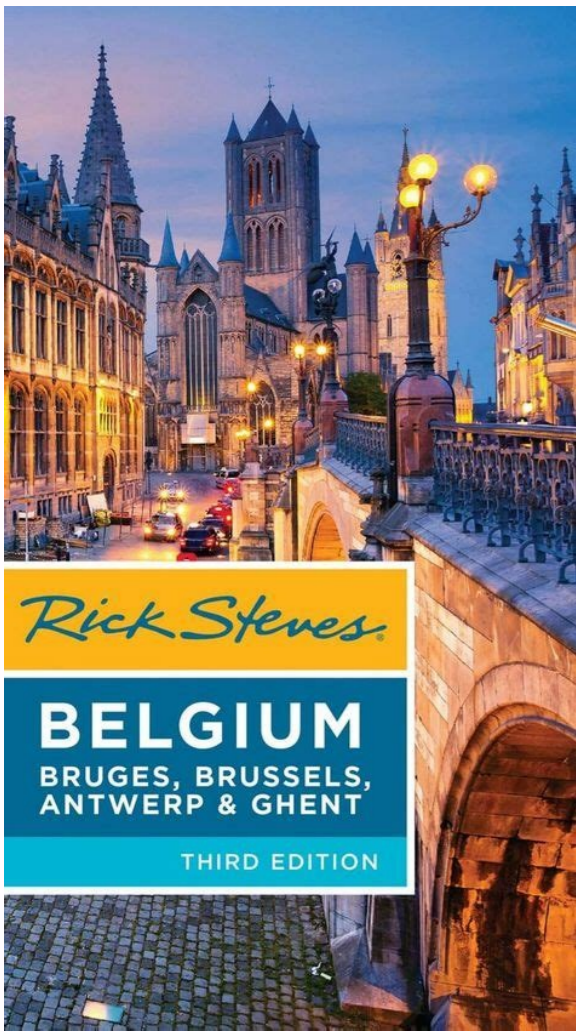
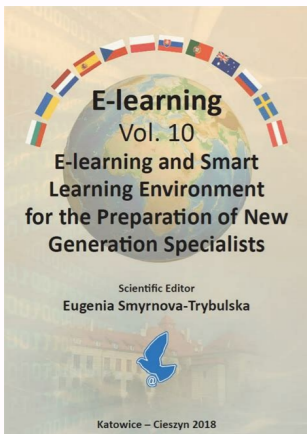
Between 1995 and 2013, the number of international tourists grew from 29,000 to 591,000. Traveling (TWB 2015) along the river Nile on a cruise boat, rafting, kayaking, and jungle and savanna trekking are among the most popular activities (Cooper 2009). The National Museum in Khartoum, the Dinder National Park, the volcanic highlands of Jebel Marra, and the Red Sea Coast are regularly frequented by tourists (Boniface et al. 2012). The variety of attractions

is complemented by archaeological sites, such as the pyramids of Meroe, the Karmah tombs, and the temple of Sdeinga. About 80,000 employees ► [work](#) in tourism, constituting only 1.3 % of the total Sudanese workforce (UNEC 2013). Despite substantial investment, Sudan lacks a solid infrastructure in comparison with most of its neighboring countries. As a result, the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife has pursued a strategy of development that primarily envisages bolstering the protection of wildlife and developing further national nature reserves. In 2010, the Sudan International University founded the Faculty of Tourism and Hotels to offer education in this field. Graduates bring accounting and management skills to the industry.

Tourism ► [development](#) has been negatively affected by the long-standing conflict in Sudan, and the country remains one of the lesser visited destinations in ► [Africa](#). Recent investments have, however, boosted the tourism industry. Very little research has been carried out to understand tourism in Sudan. Future contributions can examine how archaeological heritages are constructed as major tourism products and assess nature reserves as veritable bids to bolster ► [sustainable tourism](#).

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This event has been celebrated for centuries and devotees crowd the streets in large numbers. Rather it is a part of the identity the locals of the region proudly bear. Nearest airport: Cochin International Airport, around 87 km. The entire town comes to life and the merriment covers its landscape. The festival is believed to be the birthday of the presiding deity of Nellikulangara Bhagavathy and falls on the 20th day of the Malayalam month of Meenam. And on the Ekadasi day after the evening pojas the famous Ekadasi Vilaku with elephant procession takes place. Watch the video Nearest railway station: Thrissur, about 21 km Nearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 58 km Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. Here is a unique festival where masculine dons the feminine. This unique practice is known as Ayudha Pooja (worshipping of vocational tools). On Vijayadashami day, Keralites have their own special tradition. Accordingly, this Ayurvedic tradition of rejuvenation is extended towards Elephants as well. 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The ritual can only be performed by women and the streets of the city are known to be jam-packed with faithful devotees during the time of the festival. Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. The festival draws to a close with the daily rituals. Read more Nearest railway station: Mavelikkara, about 6 km away.Nearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 85 km from Alappuzha Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. It starts with kodiyyettu - the hoisting of the ceremonial flag. As part of this ritual that takes place in the Malayalam month of Karkkidakam (that falls during July or August) people at homes and on the premises of temples, perform special rituals. Legend has it that this practice dates back to the times of the ancient Zamorin and the King of Cochin. Students at this time keep their books and other study materials in the pooja room and temples for worship. Nearest railway station: Thiruvananthapuram Central, about 1 km Nearest airport: Trivandrum International Airport, about 6 km Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. Scores of people throng the temple premises to feed the elephants. It is an important moment for the 13 'karas' or regions that comprise the area. Various cultural programmes are also held on the festival days. The devotees strike the temple rafters with sticks and hurl offerings over the roof and on to the inner quadrangle. And on this day devotees can witness a sea of red overruns the premises as a flurry of oracles (velichappad) dancing in a trance offer their prayers to the deity. The festival is celebrated in the months of March/April. The two competing villages, the Nemmara and the Vallangi, have their own temples but converge at the common Nellikulangara Bhagavathy Temple for the Vela. Page 24 Venue: Pattambi MosqueLocation: PattambiDistrict: PalakkadThe annual feast at the Pattambi Mosque, the Pattambi Nercha, is a grand event which sees a spectacular display of colours and sounds. The entire Thiruvananthapuram city lights up in festive fervour and the number of devotees has increased to the point that it has been recorded in the Guinness World Book of Records. The temple, dedicated to Lord Viswanatha or Shiva and built over 700 years ago, usually celebrates the festival during November. The entire town comes alive bejewelled in lights and colours. These are taken to the temple via city roads and the populace along with visitors joins in on the celebration. One of the major highlights of the festival is the procession in which all the serpent idols in the Temple and the sacred grove are taken to the Illam (the Brahmin ancestral home) that manages the Temple. Duryodhana, considered a villain in the Indian epic Mahabharata, is the mythical figure worshipped in this Temple, which also stands out for the absence of an idol or a sanctum sanctorum. The friendly competition between the villages to outdo each other spices up the entire festival and many a unique sight are on display during this time. Legend has it that it represents the welcome ceremony accorded to the Goddess of Kodungalloor who arrives to visit her sister, the Goddess of Elamkavu. People are also enamoured by the beautifully decorated aanapandal which are used to house the elephants. For those yearning to witness this spectacle head off to Elankavu Bhagavathy Temple during the Attuvela Mahotsavam. Attuvela Mahotsavam is a water carnival. This practice is meant to introduce them to the world of knowledge and letters and is known as Vidayarambham. It takes place during the Malayalam month of Meenam (March-April). Thousands work to make these 90 to 100 ft. On the fourth day of Onam festival, artists paint their bodies like tigers with stripes of yellow, red and black and dance to the rhythm of traditional percussion instruments such as thakil, udukku and chenda. Nearest railway station: Shoranur, about 18 kmNearest airport: Coimbatore International Airport (Tamil Nadu), about 55 km from Palakkad Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. Nearest railway station: Palakkad, about 3 kmNearest airport: Coimbatore in the neighbouring State of Tamil Nadu, about 55 km Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. Nearest railway station: Pattambi, walking distance from the mosque.Nearest airport: Coimbatore, in the neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu, about 55 km from Palakkad. Getting there Nearest railway station: Guruvayur, around one km. Some dancers even pierce their cheeks with lances and dance in a trance. Villagers from both sides stand facing each other beneath the utsavapandal (festival stage) and enthusiastically perform several traditional percussion ensembles in a bid to outshine each other. Special prayers and offerings are performed at the Illam. Page 22 Venue: Sree Padmanabha Swamy TempleLocation: East FortDistrict: ThiruvananthapuramSree Padmanabha Swamy Temple has got its own significance when it comes to the history of Travancore (erstwhile princely state in south Kerala). This arresting procession of canoes starts from Attuvela kadavu, 2 km away from the temple. Nearest railway station: Ernakulam, about 30 km. Also known by the name Poruvizhi Peruviruthi Malanada Malakkuda Utsavam, up to 70 to 80 ft. Wisdom, adaptability, and strength, maybe, but rarely are the majestic elephants mentioned in speed races. Page 13 Start date: 14-11-2022End date: 16-11-2022Venue: Sree Viswanatha Swamy TempleLocation: KalpathiDistrict: PalakkadMost people wouldn't expect giant chariots sweeping through their city streets. Page 2 Start date: 15-06-2022End date: 16-06-2022Venue: Ochira Parabrahma TempleLocation: OchiraDistrict: KollamA temple without a definite layout or idol of worship, the Ochira Temple situated near the National Highway connecting Kollam and Alappuzha districts is well renowned for its festival - the Ochira Kali. Of the 24 Ekadasis in a year, the Vrishchika Ekadasi in the Malayalam month of Vrishchikam (corresponding to November/December) has got special significance. These are giant structures that are decorated with cloth, flowers, and ornaments. The main theme of this folk art is tiger hunting with participants playing the role of tiger and hunter. Plan your trip to Munnar with TravelTriangle now to make your journey a memorable one. Here, the whole concept of worship revolves around the Parabrahma or the universal consciousness. The final three days of worship revolves around the universal consciousness. The final three days of Navaratri - Durgashtami, Mahanavami and Vijayadashami are set apart for the worship of Goddess Saraswati - the Goddess of wisdom and learning. This temple, dedicated to Lord Krishna, is home to a great amount of cultural programmes during the festival, making it among the most visited sites in all of Pathanamthitta district. There is a magnificent procession representing that of the King and his entourage. A memorial of Sheikh Fariuddin, the Kanjiramattom Mosque is renowned for the Kodikuthu festival. The chandanakkudam ritual is one of the main attractions of this festival. Visit the famous Guruvayur Sree Krishna Temple in Thrissur, where these tuskers participate in the jaw-dropping Guruvayur Aanayottam (elephant race). The winner gets to carry the Thidambu (the replica of the idol of Guruvayoorappan) on all special occasions for one year. Ceremonies are performed in many places across the State to mark these festivities. The devotion of the believers as they dance along with the oracles with spiritual euphoria is a truly riveting sight. The Adoor Gajamelam forms the cornerstone of the ten-day annual celebration held at the Parthasarathy Temple in Adoor. Nearest railway station: Kollam, about 13 km.Nearest airport: Trivandrum International Airport, about 71 km from Kollam town. Being a sacred animal, feeding elephants is also considered auspicious according to Hindu mythology and culture. Page 11 Venue: Guruvayur Sree Krishna TempleLocation: GuruvayoorDistrict: ThrissurThe largest land mammal on planet Earth isn't necessarily known for its speed. The effigies are welcomed in a riot of colours, splendour, cheers and applauses. It is a mystical experience for all who have a chance to view it. Page 21 Venue: Nellikulangara Bhagavathy TempleLocation: NemmaraDistrict: PalakkadA festival celebrated annually in the Nellikulangara Bhagavathy Temple in Palakkad, Nemmara Vallangi Vela is among the most beautiful celebrations held on these shores. During this festival, the elephants are lined up in a row in the temple premises and are offered delicious and healthy food. Page 18 Venue: Ponuvazhi Malanada TempleDistrict: KollamMost say history favours the victor at all times, but at the Ponuvazhi Malanada Temple in Adoor, one sees the absolute opposite come to life and the antagonist is revered. On the ninth day, the head of the Travancore Royal Family performs the palli vetta (royal hunt) ritual, near the Vettakorumakan Temple in the Fort area. The festival enjoys a huge



Attukal Bhagavathy Temple, Thiruvananthapuram is the largest congregation of women for a festival in the world. The celebrations start seven days before the Aiyilam asterism and special rituals are conducted on these days, the highlight being a ceremonial procession from the temple to Meppallil Ilam which is an ancient Brahmin home. The entire town gets soaked in myriad hues during the festive occasion which is held in the memory of Aloor Valiya Pookunjikoya Thangal, a Muslim saint from the Malabar region. The rituals at the temple are believed to have originated from the ancient ties between Kodungalloor and Thondi; a region under Chera rule that also contained their second capital. This is an extremely important festival, especially in Northern Kerala. Visuals of devout followers, swaying to the mythical beats of the chenda and 'to loud shouts of 'harohara', is an ethereal experience one can only have in God's Own Country. Page 16 Venue: Kottangkulangara Devi TempleLocation: KollamDistrict: KollamHave you ever imagined changing your gender by putting on attires to look like a beautiful lady? Nearest railway station: Trinjalakuda, about 20 kmNearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 30 km Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. The main event of Bharani festival is the Aswathy Kaavutheendal, held on the day prior to Bharani asterism. Nearest railway station: Palakkad Town, about 27 kmNearest airport: Coimbatore in the neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu, about 55 km from Palakkad Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. Words symbolising the name of God are written on the tongue of the child with a golden ring. The festival provides a unique opportunity for spectators to watch traditional Muslim art forms like the Duffmuttu and the Kolkali in all its splendour. Nearest railway station: Ernakulam, about 25 kmNearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 45 km Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. Page 7 Venue: Elankavu Bhagavathy TempleLocation: VaikomDistrict: KottayamPicture this- A vibrantly decked up and illuminated replica of a temple drifting across the waters accompanied by an entourage of brilliantly decorated small canoes with the temple percussion music resounding in the background. Nearest railway station: GuruvayoorNearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 81 km Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. Page 15 Venue: Kodungalloor Bhagavathy TempleLocation: KodungalloorDistrict: ThrissurThe annual festival at the Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy Temple situated at Kodungalloor is famous across Kerala and is known as the Kodungalloor Bharani. The vivid colours, lights, fireworks and art forms on display make for an entertaining and unforgettable experience. There are three categories - the Theru (chariot), Kuthira (horse) and three other figures of Bhima, Hanuman and Panchali (popular characters from Indian epics). The Bharani festival celebrates the birth of Bhadrakali (Hindu Goddess) who as per legend was born from the third eye of Lord Shiva and was the one who went to finish off the demon Darika. Oracles, both men and women, dash around the temple and smite their heads with their swords, proclaiming their communion with the Mother Goddess. Page 25 Event date: 11-09-2022Venue: Swaraj Round, ThrissurLocation: Swaraj RoundDistrict: ThrissurPulikali (Tiger Dance) is one among the folk art forms of Kerala. Come witness the Machattu Mamangam to be amazed! Kuthirakolams are elegantly decorated effigies of horses that are taken out in a grand procession. Several folk art forms are showcased and add to the vibrancy of the procession which winds up in the evening on the banks of the River Bharathapuzha. It is among the most extraordinary sights that God's Own Country has to offer. Page 12 Event date: 04-12-2022District: ThrissurVenue: Guruvayur temple, Thrissur district Ekadasi, the eleventh day of a lunar fortnight, is considered auspicious by the Hindus. VIBGYOR Munnar Travel App guiding your tour Post COVID-19, tourists who are planning to explore the top tourist attractions in Munnar in Kerala Idukki, the district administration has launched a guiding mobile app named VIBGYOR which will guide light to promote tourism in Munnar for the visitors at an international level. It is an experience that is extremely unique and must be soaked in first-hand to understand its magnificence. The Goddess-fondly referred to as 'Attukalamma' is said to be appeased by this ritual. Suggested Read: 20 Places To Visit Near Munnar For 2022 That Are Pretty As Well As Exciting! Munnar Travel App Will Help You Plan Your Trip With Ease The app will be a boon for the travellers as it embraces the distance from Munnar to each place they will be visiting, along with the fundamental tourist destinations on these routes. Giant crowds are witness to the 9 mighty tuskers being paraded, adorned with a plethora of special decorations. The event features boys and men, spill in two groups, who jump into the field, to engage in a mock battle. Page 10 Event date: 22-07-2022Venue: Njangattiri Bhagavathi TempleLocation: PattambiDistrict: PalakkadA grand ceremony wherein a special feast is prepared for the elephants, the Njangattiri Ananyoottu ritual is held in the Njangattiri Bhagavathi Temple at Pattambi in the Palakkad district. In the evenings, a ritual called Sarpabali is performed to appease the serpent Gods. Moreover, travellers can access the VIBGYOR app through a website or an app. But like most things, you're always greeted by the unexpected in God's Own Country. Machattu Mamangam or Machattuvela festival is not just a temple festival. Page 8 Event date: 22-09-2022Venue: Sree Nagaraja Swami TempleLocation: VettikodeDistrict: AlappuzhaThe Aiyilam Mahotsavam is an annual festival at the Sree Nagaraja Swami Temple, an ancient shrine at Vettikode in Alappuzha district dedicated to the serpent Gods. Recitations of Vedic rituals and cultural programmes are held. This is the unique Mannarasala Sree Nagaraja Temple in Alappuzha District. The ceremony is based on the principles of Ayurveda which consider the Malayalam month of Karkkidakam as a month of rejuvenation. Page 3 Event date: 28-07-2022All over KeralaVenue: All over Kerala The Vavu Bali is a Hindu ritual to appease ancestors. But there is a one day festival at the Sree Subrahmanya Swamy Temple in Alappuzha that is said to trump all other festivals, when it comes to the sheer vibrancy and ecstasy on display. The Swaraj Ground in Thrissur district plays host to this carnival that has people appearing in various unique hues and masks, with the locals and visitors alike joining in on the revelry. The ever-growing region was and still is popular for its hospitality, otherworldly charms and best of all, touristic experiences that'll serenade your wandering mind. Thanks to VIBGYOR – an all-inclusive Munnar travel app, we can now enjoy exploring the hill station like a local a lot more easily. Pongala, which means 'to boil over', is the ritual in which women prepare sweet payasam (a pudding made from rice, jaggery, coconut and plantains cooked together) and offer it to the Goddess or 'Bhagavathy'. It is a grand celebration which marks the beginning of the ten-day Onam Festival. What supposedly began as an issue among leaders has now transformed into a beloved tradition. Chendamelam (traditional percussion music) converge at the temple courtyard in the evening, unfolding an extravagant spectacle. This is done as an offering by the devotees. The primary attractions during the festival are the Kettukazha. As soon as you step into the premises of the temple you will be welcomed by a group of beautiful young ladies. Page 17 Venue: Machattu Thiruvankavu TempleLocation: VadaikkancherryDistrict: ThrissurHave you ever seen a horse effigy (Kuthirakolam)? tall and exquisitely designed structures called Edupu Kala and Edupu Kuthira are seen leading massive processions, with traditional percussion instruments providing the perfect accompanying orchestra. But there can be changes in the dates according to the customs and rituals associated with each place of worship. For the convenience of the travellers, the Munnar travel app will also offer the stay amenities, nearby hospitals, petrol pumps, the appropriate time for visiting the specific destination and police assistance as well. The child is also made to write letters on a plate of rice with the help of elders. At the Guruvayur temple, the presiding deity of which is Lord Krishna, Ekadasi Vilakku (vilakku means lighted lamp) starts a month before the Ekadasi day. The app was designed with an aim to guide families as well as solo travellers within their comfort zone. The highlight of the festival is that during the festival night, these men turned women holding traditional lamps, walk in procession to the temple to the accompaniment of traditional orchestras. Nearest railway station: Kottayam, about 11 km Nearest airport: Trivandrum International Airport, about 147 km Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. The highlights of the month-long Ekadasi festival at the temple are the udayastamanapoja (dawn-to-dusk pooja); a memorial service for the famed temple elephant Gajarajan Kesavan and the eleven-day Carnatic music festival held in memory of Chembai Vaidyanatha Bhagavatar, legendary Carnatic musician. As such, these should be considered only as approximate dates and have to be confirmed with the local authorities. Page 4 Venue: Sree Parthasarathy TempleLocation: AdoorDistrict: PathanamthittaLovers will get to feast their eyes on a veritable pageant of the magnificent creatures at the heart of Kerala. Large crowds gather to either carry the structures on their shoulders or see them placed on gigantic chariots. In a show revelry that matches just about any across God's Own Country. The Kuthirakolams are made to accompany the procession which also comprises the display of several folk performances as well. In the Aanayottu (Aanayottu meaning feeding of elephants) ceremony, the elephants are fed specially medicated food. The occasion is celebrated with a host of festivities and rituals. The Munnar travel app will also showcase the details of the destination, which will be displayed when the tourist will scan a QR code as the app has different QR (quick response) codes for other places. The Munnar travel app incorporates seven routes, namely Munnar-Marayoor-Kanthalloor-Chinnar (Violet route), Munnar- Adimali (Indigo route), Munnar-Chokramudi Peak-Suryanelli-Kolukkumalai (Blue route), Munnar-Meesapulimala (Green route), Heritage Route (Yellow route), Munnar-Mankulam-Anakulam (Orange route) and Munnar-Mattupetty-Vattavada (Red route). Once they reach the temple, the two sides perform the panchavadyam (traditional Kerala orchestra). Closely associated with the Royal Family of Travancore, the history of the temple dates back to centuries. During the Painkuni Festival, huge fibre glass figures of the Pandavas (the five sons of Pandu in the Indian epic Mahabharata) will be placed at the eastern entrance to the temple. Please Note: Any information published by TravelTriangle in any form of content is not intended to be a substitute for any kind of medical advice, and one must not take any action before consulting a professional medical expert of their own choice. This battle commemorates the historic battle, fought between the erstwhile Kayamkulam and Ambalapuzha kingdoms. The temple has Goddess Bhagavathy as its presiding deity. The male members of Royal Family of Travancore, including the king, will escort the deities in the procession. The temple, dedicated to Serpent Gods, is also unique in that a Brahmin woman is the priestess of this temple. These nearly 12,000 pound beauties race head to head to mark the beginning of the annual Guruvayur Festival, celebrated in the month of Kumbham (February-March). Doesn't that sound interesting? Known as the Dakshina Mookambika (Mookambika Temple of the South), it is dedicated to Saraswati, the Goddess of Knowledge. Well, to this day, one can view exotic, colourful chariots during the annual Ratholsavam (chariot festival) at Sree Viswanatha Swamy Temple at Kaipathi in Palakkad. The Vela festival of Nemmara and Vallangi villages of Chittur taluk, situated on the lap of the hills surrounding the Nellyampathy forest, is famous for its grandeur and rituals. Nearest airport: Trivandrum International Airport, about 92 km from Adoor Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. The major festival here is the Aiyilam Festival that falls on the Aiyilam asterism in the Malayalam month of Thulam, which roughly corresponds to the months of October / November. There is no denying the fact that the biggest travel trend this summer will be a hill-station getaway, and hands down, Munnar is surely going to be one of the top destinations on the list. If Munnar Tour & Travel Brochure / Guide is a copyright material we will not be providing its PDF or any source for downloading at any cost. It is accompanied by caparisoned elephants, floats, musical ensembles and a variety of folk art forms. Watch video Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. Among the holiest sites for this ritual is the Panachikkadu Saraswati Temple, where it takes place during the Panachikkadu Festival, on the last day of the Navaratri Festival, Vijayadashami. The event which is held at night witnesses pilgrims carrying pots in a procession to the mosque. We have calculated the festival dates based on these. The 20th day sees magnificent processions with caparisoned elephants being taken out from the two villages to the Nellikulangara Temple. Caparisoned elephants are made to join the procession to the accompaniment of colourful tableaux and traditional orchestra like the Panchavadyam and Thayambaka. Held during the Malayalam month of Kumbham (February-March), the festival is dedicated to Goddess Bhagavathy. Typically falling in either September or October, these 9 days are reserved for the special worship of the nine forms of Goddess Shakti / Devi. Page 23 Start date: 26-09-2022End date: 05-10-2022Venue: Panachikkadu Saraswati TempleLocation: KottayamDistrict: KottayamVidyarambham, literally translating to 'beginning of education', is among the most important traditions for Hindus across the State. Followers worship their work tools by keeping them in the pooja (worship) room and temples. In this mock battle, sticks replace swords and the participants splash muddy water at each other. The festival is held on the first two days of the Malayalam month of Mithunam (Mid June). How about getting all the details of your tour via an app or live updates, details of trained guides and complete information about the place? It is this uniqueness that makes this temple stand apart from the rest. The highlight of the festival, at this temple, is the mock battle between two groups, to the sound of drums, in a waterlogged field called padanilam. The festival falls in the Malayalam month of Kanni (roughly September / October). For more details, visit www.vetticodenagarajatemple.com Nearest railway station: Kayamkulam Junction, about 9 kmsNearest airport: Trivandrum International Airport, 101 kms Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. Some of the important destinations for the same include Panachikkadu Saraswati Temple in Kottayam and Thunchan Parambu in Malappuram, Attukal Bhagavathy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram, Guruvayur Sree Krishna Temple in Thrissur and Chottanik卡拉 Devi Temple in Ernakulam. Page 5 Event date: 30-08-2022Venue: ThiripunithuraLocation: ThiripunithuraDistrict: ErnakulamAthachamayam is a cultural fiesta which provides one the rare opportunity to witness almost all the folk art forms of Kerala. Nearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 50 km away. Nearest railway station: Thiruvananthapuram, about 3 km awayNearest airport: Trivandrum International Airport, about 5 km away Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. We try to link back to original sources whenever possible. One of the main annual festivals of Sree Padmanabha Swamy Temple is the Painkuni Festival. Do not be allured by their looks. Set amidst the warm hues of the Western Ghats in Kerala, it is a highly recommended staycation, perfect for trekking, and also somehow brings a cultural balance into the mix perfectly. Young children are initiated to the magical world of letters in a sacred temple ceremony, which is traditionally considered a major epoch in their life. Nearest railway station: Harippad, about 5 km Nearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 85 km from Alappuzha Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. Vavu Bali is held as a mass event in certain parts of Kerala, of which the most notable are the ones that take place on the banks of the Periyar near the Shiva temple in Aluva and on the Papanasam beach in Varkala. If you own the rights to any of the images, and do not wish them to appear on TravelTriangle, please contact us and they will be promptly removed. We believe in providing proper attribution to the original author, artist or photographer. The make-up for the same is applied using oil paints and is said to be extremely hard to remove. Regardless, every year during Onam, the streets of Thrissur attract people from across the State and the world to view this special event. Nearest railway station: Thrissur, about a kilometerNearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 58 km from Thrissur. Have a close watch and you will be surprised to know that these beautiful ladies are actually men dressed up in women's attire as part of a special temple ritual during the festival. tall structures. Nearest railway station: Ochira, at walking distanceNearest airport: Trivandrum International Airport, about 105 km Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs. Cultural programs run throughout the night, with Kathakali based on the story 'Nizhalkuthu' being among the highlights of the entire event. Nearest railway station: Chengannur, about 30 km away from Malanada. Painkuni is a ten-day festival in which special rituals are offered every day. The Navaratri celebrations here are colourful events, with a multitude of cultural programmes taking over the entire place. The reason for its popularity is the legendary colourful ritualistic dance - the Kavadyattom. For more details, visit: www.mannarasala.org Nearest railway station: Harippad, about 4 kmNearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 100 km Disclaimer In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and the local traditions and customs.

