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- **Exploring Thiruvananthapuram**

Shri Padmanabhaswamy Vishnu Temple, Napier Museum, Zoo, Sri Chitra Art Gallery, Zoological Gardens and backwater stretches of Thiruvallam and Veli.

- **Shopping**

Kerala's famous polished metal mirrors or Aranmula kannadi, rosewood artefacts, coir floor coverings and tablemats, old dowry boxes from Travancore, gold jewelry exclusive to Southern India, cotton saris, traditional khadi (handspun and handwoven) attire and antiques from Jew town, aromatic spices and exotic cashews, ornaments made of coconut shells or bamboo cane, miniature models of snake-boats.

- **Special Attractions**

Kathakali dance performances and Kalari Payattu demonstrations of physical exercises and mock duels.

- **Major Festivals**

Onam - Kerala's new year and harvest season celebrated between August and September and Temple Festival.

- **Currency**

Indian Rupee (INR)

- **Language**

English is widely spoken and understood in all cities and Tourist areas. Hindi is the official language.

- **Climate**

The best time to visit India is in the winter. 3 major seasons. Winter summer and monsoon.

- **Flying Time**

Flying time from Muscat : 2 Hours 30 Minutes

- **Time Difference**

GMT + 5.30 Hours