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- **Location**

Built on seven hills by the coast and surrounded by the Western Ghats to its east and Arabian Sea to its west, Thiruvananthapuram

- **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**

Thiruvananthapuram has a tropical savanna climate with dry winters, although it is fairly pleasant throughout the year. The warm season lasts between March and May, while the cold season is from July to September.

- **Flying Time**

Flying time from Muscat : 2 Hours 30 Minutes

- **Time Difference**

GMT + 5.30 Hours

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