

Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple

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Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple Latest News

A 'Maha Kumbhabhishekam' was recently performed at the famed Sree Padmanabhaswamy temple in Thiruvananthapuram after 270 years.

About Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple

- It is a **Hindu temple** dedicated to Lord Vishnu located in Thiruvananthapuram (**Trivandrum**), **Kerala**.
- The name of the city of Thiruvananthapuram in Malayalam translates to "The City of Lord Ananta," referring to the deity of Padmanabhaswamy Temple.
- The **earliest recorded mention** of the temple is from the **8th or 9th century CE**, although the **temple is likely older**.
- The temple was **built and rebuilt over the centuries**, most **recently by Martanda Varma, king of Travancore**, who **in 1750 donated the kingdom to the deity**.
- **Architecture:**
 - It is a blend of **Kerala and Dravidian styles** of architecture.

- The **idol** of Vishnu is in the **Anantha shayanam posture**, the eternal **yogic rest posture on his serpent Adisheshan**.
- It has a **seven-tier-high gopuram**, which is decorated with delicate designs and carvings.
- Along with exquisite and intricate works on stone and bronze, the interior of the temple is adorned by **exquisite paintings and murals**, most of which are life-sized depictions of Lord Vishnu in the reclining posture, Lord Ganapati, Gaja Lakshmi, and Narasimha Swamy (half-lion, half-man incarnation of Lord Vishnu).
- The **flag post** of the temple (dhwaja stamba) is **covered with gold-plated copper sheets** and is about 80 ft high.
- The temple has around **3 million palm leaf manuscripts** dating back to the **14th century CE**.
 - **Known as Mathilakam records**, they contain the **administrative and financial details** of the temple town and **Travancore kingdom** spread over six centuries.
- **In 2011** the temple was the subject of international news when an **exploration of its vaults revealed** a wealth of jewels, precious metals, and other **treasures**.
- It is also widely believed to be the **world's richest temple**.

Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple FAQs

Q1. Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple is located in which Indian city?

Ans. Thiruvananthapuram

Q2. The architectural style of the Padmanabhaswamy Temple is a blend of which two traditions?

Ans. Kerala and Dravidian

Q3. Which ruler is credited with renovating and donating the Travancore kingdom to Lord Padmanabha?

Ans. Marthanda Varma

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