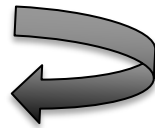




100 Ways to Celebrate Onam

Onam Celebration – Celebrating Gratitude, Family, Harvest Traditions, Floral Art, and Kerala's Biggest Festival



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Celebrate Harvest, Gratitude, and Indian Traditions By The Calendar

-  January – Makar Sankranti
-  March – Holi
-  August/September – Onam
-  October/November – Diwali
-  November – Guru Nanak Gurpurab
-  Throughout the Year – Indian Cultural Festivals

1. **Onam Pookalam Competition:** Engage in a friendly competition to create the most beautiful floral designs, known as pookalams, using colorful flowers and petals.
2. **Traditional Onam Sadhya:** Prepare and enjoy a traditional Onam feast, known as Sadhya, featuring a variety of vegetarian dishes served on a banana leaf.
3. **Onam Boat Race Spectating:** Attend or watch the thrilling snake boat races, known as Vallamkali, where teams row traditional snake boats in a spirited competition.
4. **Onam Folk Dance Performances:** Participate in or watch colorful folk dance performances like Thiruvathirakali, Kaikottikali, and Kathakali to celebrate the cultural richness of Kerala.
5. **Onam Athapookalam Making:** Create intricate floral rangoli patterns, known as Athapookalam, outside homes and public spaces to welcome King Mahabali.
6. **Onam Vallamkali Decorations:** Decorate traditional snake boats with vibrant colors, flags, and floral arrangements in preparation for the boat races.
7. **Onam Pulikali Procession:** Join the festive procession of performers dressed as tigers, known as Pulikali, dancing and entertaining spectators.
8. **Onam Flower Shopping:** Visit local markets to purchase fresh flowers and floral decorations to adorn homes and public spaces during the Onam festival.
9. **Onam Kathakali Performance:** Attend a captivating Kathakali performance, a classical dance-drama that depicts stories from Indian epics with elaborate costumes and makeup.
10. **Onam Cultural Competitions:** Participate in or attend various cultural competitions such as singing, dancing, and storytelling to showcase talents and celebrate Onam.

11. **Onam Folk Music Concert:** Enjoy live performances of traditional Kerala folk music genres like Oppana, Thayambaka, and Margamkali during the festive season.
12. **Onam Planting Ceremony:** Participate in a symbolic planting ceremony where rice and vegetable seeds are sown as a gesture of prosperity and abundance for the year ahead.
13. **Onam Sadya Sharing:** Extend the spirit of Onam by sharing Sadya meals with friends, family, and neighbors, fostering a sense of community and togetherness.
14. **Onam Shopping for New Clothes:** Shop for new clothes and traditional attire like Kerala sarees, mundu, and kasavu sarees to wear during the festivities.
15. **Onam Cooking Workshops:** Attend cooking workshops to learn how to prepare traditional Onam dishes like avial, olan, and parippu curry from expert chefs.
16. **Onam Floral Decoration Workshops:** Participate in workshops to learn the art of creating intricate floral decorations and rangoli patterns for Onam celebrations.
17. **Onam Cultural Exhibitions:** Visit cultural exhibitions showcasing traditional arts and crafts, handloom textiles, and artifacts from Kerala's rich cultural heritage.
18. **Onam Community Service:** Volunteer for community service initiatives such as cleaning public spaces, organizing charity drives, or helping the less fortunate during the festive season.
19. **Onam Family Reunion:** Gather with family members and loved ones for a joyous Onam reunion, sharing stories, laughter, and creating cherished memories together.
20. **Onam Movie Marathon:** Watch classic Malayalam movies and Onam-themed films with family and friends, immersing in the cultural heritage and traditions of Kerala.
21. **Onam Cultural Procession:** Participate in or watch vibrant cultural processions featuring traditional music, dance, and colorful floats depicting Kerala's cultural diversity.
22. **Onam Storytelling Sessions:** Listen to captivating stories and folklore about King Mahabali, Onam legends, and Kerala's rich cultural history told by elders and storytellers.
23. **Onam Art and Craft Workshops:** Engage in art and craft workshops to create Onam-themed decorations, rangoli patterns, and traditional handicrafts using local materials.
24. **Onam Photography Contest:** Capture the essence of Onam celebrations through photography, participating in or organizing contests to showcase Kerala's beauty and culture.
25. **Onam Community Feast:** Organize or attend community feasts where people from all walks of life come together to share meals, celebrate unity, and spread joy during Onam.
26. **Onam Pookalam Art:** Create intricate floral rangoli patterns using vibrant flowers and petals to decorate homes and public spaces during Onam.
27. **Paper Quilling Onam Greeting Cards:** Craft beautiful Onam-themed greeting cards using paper quilling techniques, featuring designs like Kathakali dancers or traditional Onam motifs.
28. **Coconut Leaf Weaving:** Learn the art of weaving intricate patterns using coconut palm leaves, a traditional craft often seen during Onam celebrations.
29. **Clay Onam Figurines:** Sculpt miniature clay figurines depicting Onam scenes such as King Mahabali, Vallamkali boats, or Kathakali dancers.
30. **Onam Rangoli Stencils:** Design and create stencils featuring Onam motifs like flowers, elephants, and lamps for easy rangoli making.
31. **Fabric Appliqué Onam Wall Hanging:** Make colorful fabric wall hangings with appliquéd designs inspired by Onam themes like pookalams or Kathakali dancers.

32. **Palm Leaf Thoranam:** Craft decorative Thoranam (door hangings) using dried palm leaves adorned with beads, sequins, and traditional motifs for Onam decorations.
33. **Kerala Mural Art Painting:** Learn and practice the vibrant Kerala mural painting style to create Onam-themed artworks featuring gods, goddesses, and nature.
34. **Onam Clay Diyas:** Mold clay into diya (lamp) shapes and decorate them with intricate designs to illuminate homes during the festive season.
35. **Onam Paper Lanterns:** Make colorful paper lanterns in traditional Kerala designs like Kathakali faces or elephant motifs to adorn homes and streets.
36. **Kasavu Saree Tassel Earrings:** Craft stylish tassel earrings using threads in the colors of the Kasavu saree, a traditional attire worn during Onam.
37. **Onam Kolam Stickers:** Design and print stickers featuring Onam kolam (rangoli) patterns to decorate floors or windows with ease.
38. **Kerala Boat Model Crafting:** Build miniature models of traditional Kerala boats like snake boats or fishing boats using wood or clay.
39. **Banana Leaf Painting:** Paint intricate designs inspired by banana leaves on canvas or paper, incorporating traditional motifs and colors.
40. **Kerala Elephant Paper Crafts:** Create 3D paper crafts of majestic Kerala elephants adorned with vibrant decorations for Onam festivities.
41. **Onam Sadya Menu Cards:** Design and decorate menu cards featuring the elaborate Onam Sadhya dishes, perfect for showcasing the feast spread.
42. **Kathakali Mask Making:** Craft colorful masks resembling Kathakali characters using paper mache or clay, adding intricate details for authenticity.
43. **Kerala Mural Pot Painting:** Paint clay pots with intricate Kerala mural art motifs and patterns, suitable for displaying flowers or rangoli.
44. **Onam Kolam Embroidery:** Practice traditional embroidery techniques to create Onam kolam designs on fabric, adding a touch of elegance to clothing or decor.
45. **Kerala Lampshade Decorating:** Decorate plain lampshades with Kerala-inspired designs like Kathakali faces or traditional patterns using paints or fabric.
46. **Papier-Mâché Onam Decorations:** Make papier-mâché sculptures or decorative items inspired by Onam symbols like elephants, flowers, or Vallamkali boats.
47. **Kerala Mural Art Coasters:** Design coasters featuring intricate Kerala mural art motifs, protecting surfaces while adding a touch of cultural flair.
48. **Onam Paper Flower Bouquet:** Craft colorful paper flowers in traditional Kerala designs and arrange them into bouquets for festive decorations.
49. **Kathakali Bookmark Making:** Create bookmarks shaped like Kathakali faces or dancers, adding ribbons or tassels for a decorative touch.
50. **Kerala Mural Art Tote Bag:** Personalize tote bags with hand-painted Kerala mural art designs, making stylish and unique accessories for Onam celebrations.
51. **Onam Treasure Hunt:** Organize a treasure hunt game where participants follow clues to find hidden Onam-themed treasures or prizes.
52. **Thiruvathira Dance Competition:** Host a friendly dance competition featuring the traditional Thiruvathira dance, where participants showcase their skills and grace.
53. **Onam Rangoli Design Contest:** Invite participants to create intricate rangoli designs inspired by Onam themes, with prizes awarded for the most creative and beautiful designs.

54. **Vallamkali Boat Race Simulation:** Set up a boat race simulation game where teams compete to paddle their way to victory, mimicking the excitement of the traditional Vallamkali boat race.
55. **Onam Quiz Challenge:** Test participants' knowledge of Onam traditions, history, and culture with a fun and engaging quiz competition.
56. **Kathakali Makeup Challenge:** Challenge participants to recreate Kathakali makeup looks using face paint and accessories, with judges awarding prizes for the most authentic and creative interpretations.
57. **Onam Memory Match Game:** Play a memory match game with cards featuring images of Onam symbols, such as flowers, elephants, and traditional attire.
58. **Pulikali Dance Off:** Organize a Pulikali dance-off where participants dress up as tigers and perform energetic dance routines, with judges selecting the most entertaining performances.
59. **Onam Cooking Contest:** Host a cooking contest where participants showcase their culinary skills by preparing traditional Onam dishes, with prizes awarded for the most delicious and authentic recipes.
60. **Kerala Folk Song Karaoke:** Hold a karaoke competition featuring popular Kerala folk songs and Onam-themed melodies, with participants singing their hearts out for a chance to win prizes.
61. **Onam Card Game Tournament:** Arrange a tournament of traditional Kerala card games like Thattu Kada, with players competing to demonstrate their card-playing prowess.
62. **Pookalam Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge:** Create jigsaw puzzles featuring images of elaborate pookalam designs, challenging participants to assemble the pieces and complete the puzzle in record time.
63. **Onam Word Search Puzzle:** Distribute word search puzzles containing Onam-related words and phrases, challenging participants to find and circle all the hidden words within a time limit.
64. **Kerala Folk Dance Flash Mob:** Organize a surprise flash mob featuring energetic Kerala folk dances like Thiruvathira or Kaikottikali, delighting onlookers with spontaneous performances.
65. **Onam Tambola Game:** Play a game of tambola with tickets featuring Onam symbols and motifs, calling out numbers and awarding prizes to lucky winners.
66. **Kerala Traditional Dress Fashion Show:** Host a fashion show where participants showcase traditional Kerala attire like Kasavu sarees and Mundu, with judges selecting the best-dressed contestants.
67. **Onam Photography Scavenger Hunt:** Organize a photography scavenger hunt where participants capture images of Onam decorations, symbols, and festivities, competing to take the most creative and compelling photos.
68. **Kerala Folk Dance Workshop:** Conduct a workshop where participants learn the steps and movements of traditional Kerala folk dances like Oppana and Margamkali, culminating in a lively group performance.
69. **Onam Bingo Game:** Play a game of bingo with cards featuring Onam-themed images and symbols, calling out items related to the festival and awarding prizes to winners.

70. **Kerala Folk Tale Storytelling Session:** Arrange a storytelling session where participants share traditional Kerala folk tales and legends associated with Onam, captivating listeners with their narratives.
71. **Onam Musical Chairs:** Play a musical chairs game with traditional Kerala music playing in the background, adding a cultural twist to this classic party game.
72. **Kerala Art and Craft Competition:** Host an art and craft competition where participants create Onam-themed artworks using various mediums like paint, clay, and paper, with prizes awarded for creativity and skill.
73. **Onam Dance Off:** Organize a dance competition featuring various dance styles, including classical, folk, and contemporary, with participants showcasing their talent and passion for dance.
74. **Kerala Cuisine Tasting Contest:** Hold a tasting contest where participants sample and identify different Kerala dishes blindfolded, testing their knowledge of the region's culinary delights.
75. **Onam Relay Race:** Arrange a relay race with teams competing in traditional Kerala attire, completing tasks and challenges inspired by Onam customs and traditions, fostering teamwork and camaraderie.
76. **Onam Sadhya:** Prepare a grand feast featuring a plethora of traditional Kerala dishes served on a banana leaf, including rice, sambar, avial, thoran, and more.
77. **Palada Payasam:** Cook a creamy and delicious dessert made with milk, rice ada, sugar, and flavored with cardamom and nuts.
78. **Ada Pradhaman:** Indulge in a rich and aromatic dessert made with jaggery, coconut milk, rice ada, and garnished with cashews and raisins.
79. **Olan:** Enjoy a mild and flavorful curry made with ash gourd, pumpkin, coconut milk, and seasoned with curry leaves and coconut oil.
80. **Avial:** Savor a mixed vegetable curry cooked with coconut, yogurt, and seasoned with curry leaves and coconut oil, offering a delightful blend of flavors.
81. **Pulissery:** Delight in a tangy and creamy curry made with ripe mangoes, yogurt, coconut, and seasoned with mustard seeds, curry leaves, and red chilies.
82. **Parippu Curry:** Relish a comforting lentil curry made with moong dal, coconut, and flavored with cumin, garlic, and curry leaves.
83. **Sambar:** Enjoy a hearty and flavorful lentil stew made with mixed vegetables, tamarind, and aromatic spices, perfect with rice or dosa.
84. **Kalan:** Indulge in a tangy and creamy curry made with yogurt, raw banana, coconut, and seasoned with mustard seeds, curry leaves, and green chilies.
85. **Pachadi:** Taste a sweet and tangy side dish made with yogurt and vegetables like cucumber or pineapple, flavored with mustard seeds, curry leaves, and red chilies.
86. **Thoran:** Enjoy a dry vegetable stir-fry made with finely chopped vegetables like cabbage, beans, or carrots, tempered with mustard seeds, curry leaves, and coconut.
87. **Kootu Curry:** Try a delicious and nutritious mixed vegetable curry made with black chickpeas, coconut, and flavored with tamarind and spices.
88. **Ulli Theeyal:** Experience a tangy and spicy curry made with shallots, coconut, tamarind, and seasoned with mustard seeds, fenugreek, and curry leaves.
89. **Rasam:** Relish a comforting and tangy soup made with tamarind, tomatoes, lentils, and flavored with garlic, cumin, and black pepper.

90. **Chakka Pradhaman:** Delight in a luscious dessert made with ripe jackfruit, coconut milk, jaggery, and flavored with cardamom and ghee.
91. **Pineapple Pachadi:** Enjoy a sweet and tangy pineapple curry made with coconut, yogurt, and seasoned with mustard seeds, curry leaves, and red chilies.
92. **Nei Payasam:** Taste a rich and creamy dessert made with rice, jaggery, ghee, and flavored with cardamom and cashews.
93. **Koottukari:** Try a flavorful mixed vegetable curry made with yam, raw banana, pumpkin, and flavored with coconut, tamarind, and spices.
94. **Moru Kachiyathu:** Experience a tangy and spicy buttermilk curry made with coconut, shallots, and seasoned with mustard seeds, curry leaves, and red chilies.
95. **Chena Mezhukkupuratti:** Enjoy a simple and flavorful stir-fry made with yam, tempered with mustard seeds, curry leaves, and red chilies.
96. **Cabbage Thoran:** Savor a crunchy and aromatic cabbage stir-fry made with coconut, mustard seeds, curry leaves, and green chilies.
97. **Ada Prathamam:** Delight in a creamy and flavorful dessert made with rice flakes, jaggery, coconut milk, and flavored with cardamom and nuts.
98. **Koottucurry:** Taste a spicy and tangy mixed vegetable curry made with chickpeas, coconut, tamarind, and flavored with spices.
99. **Sarkara Varatti:** Enjoy a sweet and crispy snack made with ripe plantains, jaggery, and flavored with cardamom and ghee.
100. **Cherupayar Thoran:** Relish a nutritious stir-fry made with green gram dal, coconut, and tempered with mustard seeds, curry leaves, and red chilies.

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