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## Temple Etiquette & Dress Code Card

A Practical Guide for Visiting Kerala Temples

What to wear • footwear • photography • behaviour • temple-specific checks

### Before You Enter

Kerala temples are active places of worship, not simply tourist attractions. Rules vary by temple, so follow the current instructions displayed at the entrance or given by temple staff.

For a first visit, dress modestly, remove footwear where required, keep your voice low, avoid intrusive photography and never assume that every temple permits non-Hindu visitors.

## 1. What Should I Wear?

For most Kerala temple visits, modest, clean clothing is the safest choice. Avoid very short clothing, revealing tops and beachwear. Individual temples can have stricter requirements.

| Recommended                                                 | Avoid / Check First                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Mundu / dhoti, long trousers or modest traditional clothing | Shorts, very short skirts or revealing clothing  |
| Kurta, shirt, blouse or modest top                          | Beachwear or clothing unsuitable for worship     |
| Shawl / light covering when useful                          | Anything prohibited by the temple's posted rules |

Important: Some temples prescribe traditional dress more specifically than this general guide. Check the current rules of the temple you plan to visit.

## 2. Footwear

Expect to remove footwear before entering many temple areas. Use footwear that is easy to remove and follow designated storage or counter instructions where available.

## 3. Photography & Mobile Phones

Photography and video may be restricted or prohibited in temple interiors or particular areas. Never photograph people during prayer or ceremonies without permission. Keep your phone silent.

## 4. Behaviour Inside the Temple

Speak quietly, queue patiently, follow staff directions, do not touch sacred objects unless specifically permitted and avoid blocking worshippers who are praying.

## 5. Padmanabhaswamy Temple — Thiruvananthapuram

Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple has specific visitor rules. Traditional dress is required for eligible visitors, and entry is restricted according to temple rules. Check current arrangements before visiting because procedures can change.

Practical preparation: dress conservatively, allow time for any required change of clothing and follow current security restrictions.

## 6. Guruvayur Temple

Guruvayur Temple also follows specific dress and entry practices. Check the temple's current rules before travelling, especially around busy festivals or special ceremonies.

The safest approach is to treat temple-specific instructions as more important than general tourist advice.

## 7. Families & Older Travellers

Explain temple etiquette to children before entering: quiet voices, no running, no touching sacred objects and no photography where prohibited. Older travellers should consider queues, steps and barefoot walking and check accessibility in advance.

## Quick Temple Checklist

| Before entering                             | Done |
|---------------------------------------------|------|
| I am wearing modest clothing                | ■    |
| I checked the temple's current dress code   | ■    |
| I know whether footwear must be removed     | ■    |
| I checked visitor eligibility               | ■    |
| I checked photography / mobile restrictions | ■    |
| I will follow staff and temple instructions | ■    |

## Plan Your Kerala Temple Visits

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- **Kerala Tour Packages** — build a cultural Kerala itinerary.
- **Kerala Family Tour Packages** — plan temple visits around family travel.
- **Kerala Honeymoon Packages** — combine cultural visits with a couple-focused trip.
- **Kerala Houseboat Packages** — combine temples with the backwaters.
- **Troper Tours** — request a customised Kerala itinerary.

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## Useful Reference

Kerala Tourism — Do's and Don'ts in Temples: <https://www.keralatourism.org/faq/do-and-donts-in-temples-in-kerala>

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Temple rules can change and may differ between temples, festivals and special events. Always follow the current instructions issued by the temple authorities.

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