



Session of the Codex Committee on Spices & Culinary Herbs



The Leela Kovalam
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

INDIA

21st to 25th January 2019



World Health Organisation



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OVERVIEW OF CCSCH4

The fourth session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary (CCSCH) will be held from 21st to 25th January 2019 at The Leela Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram, India.

The plenary session will open on Monday, January 21 at 9.30 hrs. All meetings, registrations and working groups will take place at the venue hotel.

Session will be simultaneously interpreted in English, Arabic, French and Spanish.





REGISTRATION

Delegates are requested to use the codex [online registration system](#) (ORS) to register for CCSCH4.

We would encourage all delegates attending CCSCH4 to register by December 21, 2018. Please contact your Codex Contact Point for assistance in registering online.

Onsite registration at the venue hotel will open from 17:00 to 20:00hrs on 20th January and from 8:00 to 18:00 hrs on 21st January for collecting badges and other materials.

For additional information or questions on the online registration system of the upcoming session, please contact the CCSCH Secretariat: <http://ccsch.in.codex.sb-ker@nic.in>:

ABOUT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM



Thiruvananthapuram, also known as Trivandrum, is the capital and the largest city of Kerala. Thiruvananthapuram is built on hills by the sea shore and sandwiched between the Western Ghats and the Arabian Sea. Thiruvananthapuram is ranked first in the number of foreign tourists visiting Kerala and is a fascinating destination.

[Read more](#)

ABOUT KOVALAM

Kovalam is an internationally renowned beach with three adjacent crescent beaches. It has been a favourite haunt of tourists since the 1930s. A massive rocky promontory on the beach has created a beautiful bay of calm waters ideal for sea bathing [Read more](#)



ACCESSIBILITY

By Air

The nearest airport to the venue is Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, about 15 km from the venue hotel. The airport is well connected to all the cities of the world as well as India. Pre-paid taxis are available from the airport. Taxi aggregators Uber and Ola is with in service area.



By Rail

Railway stations-Kochuveli & Thiruvananthapuram Central - are well connected with different regions of the country.

By Road

The National Highway 66 connects it to other cities like Kozhikode, Kochi and Mangalore. Private and public transport services are also available from all major cities of India

CCSCH4 VENUE HOTEL

The venue for the conference, The Leela Kovalam is located 15 kilometers from Thiruvananthapuram Airport.

The Leela Kovalam is built on a rock-face and is cradled between two wide sweeping beaches and has a panoramic view of the famous Kovalam coastline. The Leela sits on a cliff, offering panoramic views of the Kovalam shoreline and the Arabian Sea.

Address: Beach Road, Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala 695527

For reservation of rooms at venue hotel, visit the [hotel's website](#). Also see the [CCSCH website](#) for further details.



OTHER HOTELS NEAR THE VENUE

Hotel Samudra, KTDC

Hill & Sea View Beach Resort

Searock Beach Resort

Hotel Neelakanta

Sagara Beach Resort

Hotel Sea Face

Samudratheeram Beach Resort

Swagath Holiday Resort

Hotel Jasmine Palace

Maharaju Palace

Park International



GENERAL INFORMATION

Local Currency: The official currency of India is the Indian Rupee (1 US Dollar = Rs. 68.36, as on 2-Aug-18, for more details [click here](#)). ATMs are available at the Airport as well as near the Venue Hotel. International credit cum debit cards are accepted almost everywhere. Please keep in mind that only cash is accepted at traditional markets or at street food carts.

Language: Languages spoken in Thiruvananthapuram are Malayalam and English.

Time Zone: Thiruvananthapuram is in the Indian standard timezone (IST) UTC/GMT + 5:30 hrs and day light saving is not applied.

Climate: During January, Thiruvananthapuram has warm sunny days and nights. The average temperature 27°C (80.6°F) which varies between 22 to 29°C.

Electrical system: India uses 230 volts, 50 Hz alternating current as the power source. The two pin plug used is also called the Euro plug. It has two round 4 mm (0.157 in) pins. The three pin plug is rated at 6A/250V. It has three round pins in a triangular pattern.





LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Sree Padmanabha Swamy Temple (20 Km)

Kovalam Beach (5 Km)

Varkala Beach (59.6 Km)

Sankhumugham Beach (17.3 Km)

Neyyar Dam (33 Km)

Aruvikkara Dam (31 Km)

Museum And Zoo (18 Km)

Sree Chithira Art Gallery (15 Km)

Veli Tourist Village (19.6 Km)

Ponmudi Hill Station (69 km)

For more information visit:

[Thiruvananthapuram tourism](https://www.thiruvananthapuramtourism.com)



CUISINE

Kerala is the land of exotic spices and is known for its spicy dishes and curries. Breakfast is grand in Kerala cuisine; there are dishes like appam, idiyappam, dosa, puttu, pathiri and many more for breakfast that goes well with any vegetarian and non vegetarian curries. Major staple food of Keralites is rice.

Main component of all savory dishes would be coconut which is added in grated, chopped, ground forms or as coconut milk. Another speciality is curry leaves, which go into all the major dishes. The scent of

these leaves gives the 'Kerala touch' to any dish. Turmeric, Tamarind, Cumin, Fenugreek etc are the exotic ingredients that are added to the Kerala dishes for giving the punch of spiciness.

Kerala cuisine is a blend of both vegetarian and non vegetarian dishes and its spiciness and taste lingers long in your mind. Along with the spicy curries and biryanis, there are desserts like payasam, halwa of different varieties.



VISA REQUIREMENTS

e-Tourist Visa Facility is available for holders of passport of following countries:

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon Union Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Cayman Island, Chile, China, China- SAR Hongkong, China- SAR Macau, Colombia, Comoros, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Montserrat, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger Republic, Niue Island, Norway, Oman, Palau, Palestine, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saint Christopher and

Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Island, Tuvalu, UAE, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, USA, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vatican City-Holy See, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe
Foreign nationals travelling to India are required to possess a valid passport of their country and a valid Indian visa. However, nationals of Nepal and Bhutan do not require visas to enter India.

Nationals of Maldives do not require visa for entry in India for a period up to 90 days (a separate visa regime exists for diplomatic/ official passport holders).

For further details, visit the following link:.

<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>

In case of problems with visa applications or if you need a personalized invitation, please write to codex.sb-ker@gov.in.



MAP OF THIRUVANANTHAPURAM



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**We look forward to
meet you in
Thiruvananthapuram**