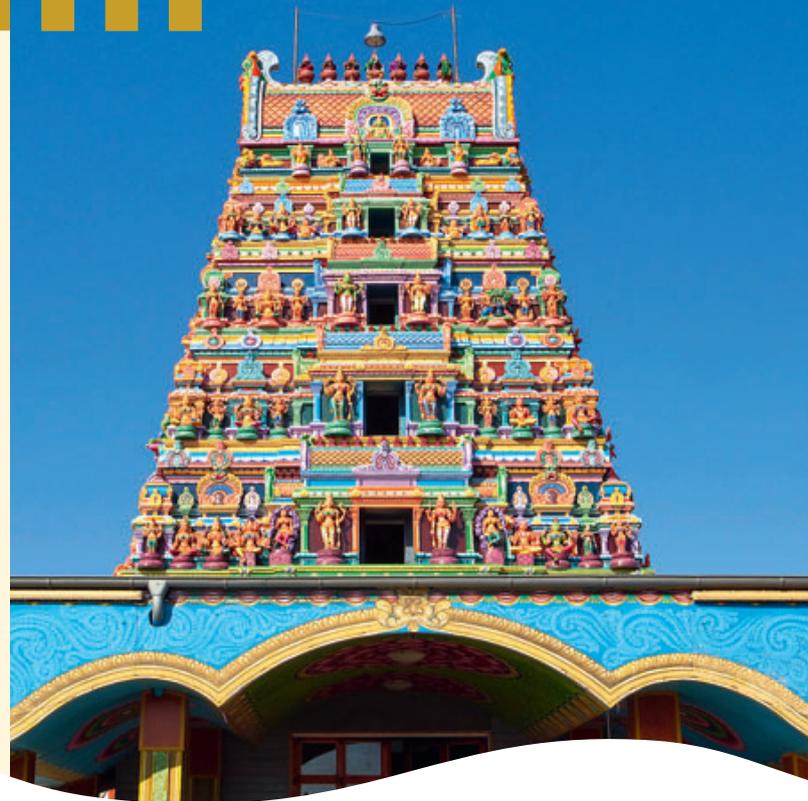
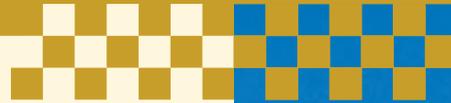


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At the end of May, the beginning of June. (The date is astrologically determined) the Temple Festival takes place- with thousands of guests.

« Karvati-Dancers at the front of the Procession

A view of the Mandapam (the hall) »

How did the temple originate in Hamm?

The history of the temple is closely connected to the fleeing of the Tamils from Sri Lanka. Some of them came to Hamm, and in 1989 founded their Hindu Community here with a Temple. Four years later they celebrated their first Temple Festival with a public procession.

The Goddess Sri Kamadchi was taken from the temple in a procession around both the temple and the surrounding streets. This was so that she could be seen by many, and according to the Hindu Belief to bless the Town and the people who live there. As the original Temple became too small, the faithful then built a Hindi Temple in area of Hamm Uentrop.

The important factor being the need to be near to water, in order carry out the rituals of cleansing

The Biggest Temple in Continental Europe

The Foundation Stone for the 27 x27 metre Building Construction was laid down in March 2000. The impressive Portal Entrance of the Gopuram Tower alone is 17 metres high. For the building work, as well as the many sculptures and decorative aspects, many Temple Stone-masons from India were involved in the project. Many other granite statues, not only of the namesake Goddess, are integrated into the building. There are more than 200 additional figures of Hindu Deities.

The Deity Sri Kamadchi Ampal

The blessed Statue of the Hindu Goddess Sri Kamachi Ampal (photo below) is placed in the central shrine. 'Sri' is a term of great respect and the term of address. 'Ampal' is the Tamil word for Goddess or Deity. And 'Kamadchi' is the Goddess with the Eyes of Love.



« Krishna and Radha on a boat



« Sri Kamadchi Ampal, The central Deity and Namesake of the Temple



The entrance Tower (Gopuram)
and The Tower above the central
Shrine

Opening times

Daily 8:00 until 14:00
and 17:00 until 20:00

Services daily at:
8:00, 12:00 and 18:00



Some things must be adhered to when visiting:

A Hindu Temple is a blessed and holy place. According to the Hindu Belief, the gods reside within the Temple. Nothing that could uncleanse or affect this place, should be taken near or into the Temple. Therefore we ask that:

- No shoes are worn within the Temple
- No alcohol is drunk, no smoking is allowed and no meat is eaten
- Do not step within the shrine area of the Gods – (Only Priests are allowed to enter this area)
- No animals are allowed (dogs, cats etc.)
- Mobile phones are to be switched off
- We ask for the special understanding that women are asked not to enter the temple at times of their menstruation, this is for religious reasons
- Taking photographs is allowed, but not during the times of prayers – or services

Tours and Information

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At present a privately financed cultural centre is planned, and donations are very welcome (see the above contact partners)



Flagstaff and Palipedam
in front of main shrine »

« shrine of the planetary gods

