

Waterfalls of Sri Lanka

Waterfalls are one of the most fascinating phenomena that occurs naturally. Sri Lanka is home to very large numbers of waterfalls compared to small size of the island. Most of the waterfalls are inaccessible making it all the more magical. However, the accessible ones are no less stunning with the water falling in a gush at high pressure from such heights that you will be left mesmerized. The waterfalls are situated in lush green forests and rocky mountains. Also, most of Sri Lanka's waterfalls are connected to interesting legends such as folk tales and legends. Doesn't this feel like a dream to live? Check out the following waterfalls in your first trip to Sri Lanka for a breath taking experience!

1. Baker's falls

Baker's falls located in the Horton Plains is very close to world's end, hence on your trekking and camping trip make sure you do not miss out this lovely waterfall. The icy waters glisten in the sunshine and is in the background of rocky terrains, deep valleys and patna that gives a contrast. You will also be able to spot the rare black monkey and rhododendrons in bloom. Baker's falls has been named after Sir Samuel Baker who discovered it first. It is a good stop over to relax and chill on your climb to world's end.



2. Bambarakanda falls

Sri Lanka which is home to over hundred waterfalls has the tallest at Bambarakanda falls at a height of 263m like liquid light. This waterfall is only four miles away from Colombo-Bandarawela road in a forest sanctuary and it is well worth the trip. This breath taking waterfall in the shape of a horsetail is one of Walawe River Tributaries.



3. Bopath ella

Bopath ella takes shape of the Bo leaf from the Bo tree which is a sacred tree in Sri Lanka. This shape makes it stunningly picturesque. It is amongst the busy surrounding in the village of Devipahala, off Kuruwita on A4 high level road close to Ratnapura. Bopath ella has the highest turn of enthusiasts seeking relaxation and peace from the busy monotonous life. It is an ideal place to spend the day having a picnic and bathing at the waterfall with your family.



4. Devon falls

Devon waterfall is named after its discoverer Devon, the coffee planter. It is also famous as the Veil of the Valley and is located amidst a lush tea plantation. If you are up for an adventure, you can walk down to the base of the waterfall through the tea estate. It has a peculiar appearance thanks to its formation by three continuous cascades.



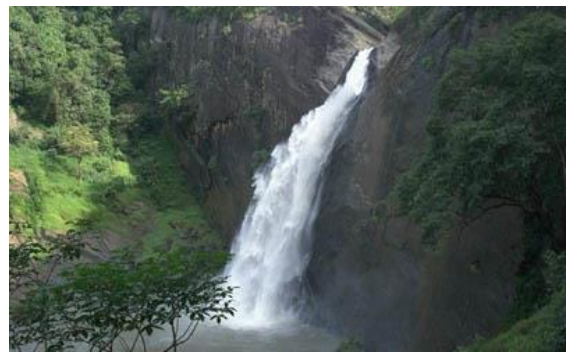
5. Diyaluma falls

In your visit to Ella in Sri Lanka make sure you do not miss Diyaluma falls which is the second highest waterfall in Sri Lanka at a height of 220m. This horsetail type fall formed by Pungala Oya is beautiful and stunning to watch specifically after a downpour as the monotonously undisturbed water trunk falling from head to foot with no immediate cascade.



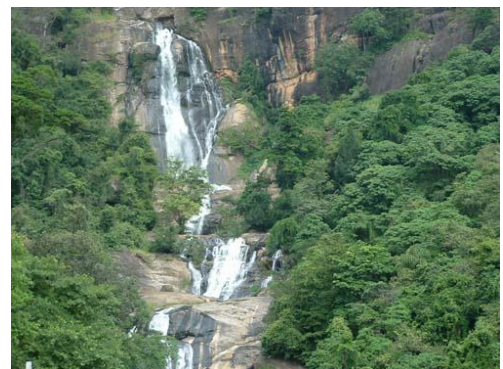
6. Dunhinda falls

Dunhinda is one of the most spoken about waterfalls in Sri Lanka for its natural beauty. It is located close to Badulla on Mahiyangana road. 'Dun' on its name refers to mist of vapour which is the ideal name for this waterfall as it creates wreath of mist in its fall. To view Dunhinda falls completely, you will have to walk along a foot path that way will take you past a smaller waterfall known as 'Kuda Dunhinda'. Keep walking till the edge of the path where a safe spot to view the waterfall completely will be.



7. Ravana ella

This spectacular attraction is one of the widest waterfalls in Sri Lanka. At a height of 25m, it is glorious to watch during rainy season. Ravana ella, located just off Ella is part of Ravana Ella Wildlife Sanctuary and named after the legendary King Ravana of famous Ramayana epic. It is said that King Ravana kidnapped Princess Sita and kept her hidden in a cave behind the waterfall. The cave is a major tourist attraction in the island.



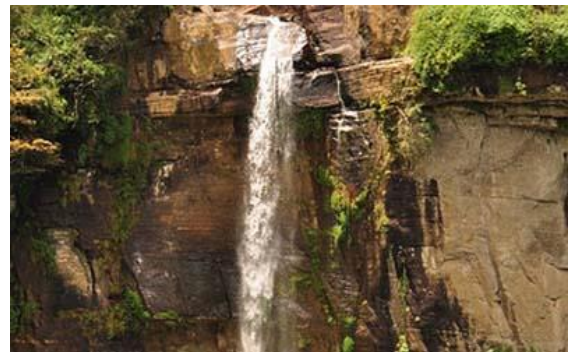
8. St. Clair's waterfall

Proudly known as Little Niagara of Sri Lanka, St. Clair's waterfall is formed by Maha and Kuda falls. It is located only 3km away from Thalawakelle on your way to Nuwareliya. It gets the name from the nearby tea estate and is one of the most breath taking waterfalls in Sri Lanka as it falls down in two cascades. It is an inviting site for regular bathers as it is easily reachable by a footpath downhill through green tea shrubbery.



9. Ramboda ella falls

This gigantic waterfall has three parts and is very close to 53km post along A5 trunk road. First part is above the road in the jungle (100m), second part is close to the road (3m) and the third part is below the road (100m). The famous Ramboda Inn is located at the base of Ramboda basin from where you can enjoy the stunning view of the whole waterfall. We recommend a stay at the Ramboda Falls Hotel for your soul to be blown away by the beauty of the scenery.



10. Kirindi oya falls

Kirindi oya falls is the third largest waterfall in Sri Lanka at a height of 200m. If you are up for the adventure, walk along the footpath just beyond a tea factory to go quite close to waterfall to view its scenic beauty as the cascading stream forms a magnificent pool at the base

