



Described as the 'horsetail' waterfall, the **Bambarakanda Falls**, at a height of 240m is the highest waterfall in Sri Lanka and the 299th in the world. It is best visited from March through May. The waterfall is between Belihul Oya and Haputale.



Ravana Ella is the ideal place (25m) to visit if you enjoy listening to legends. Located in the Central Highlands along the Ella-Wellawaya Road, and in the Ravana Ella Wildlife Sanctuary, the cave behind the fall is at the centre of its fabled history.



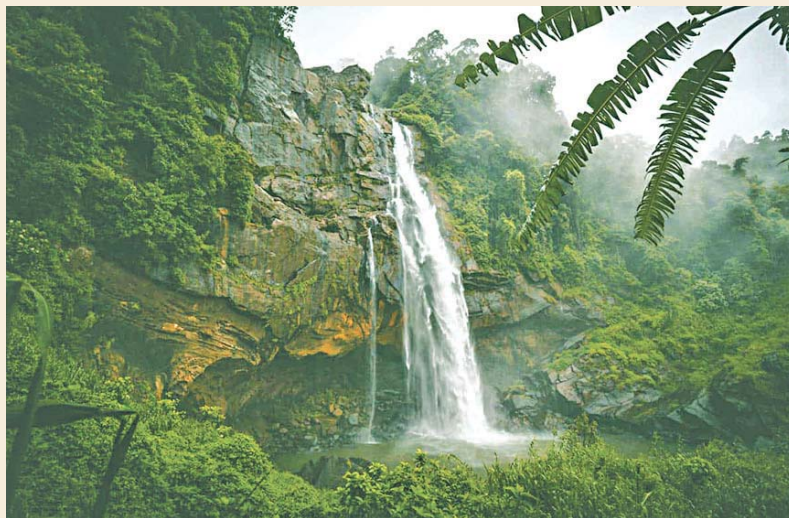
The waters of **Dunhinda** cascade like a mass of stream, from which it derives its name. Situated in the district of Badulla, the water that flows from a height of 64m has created a beautiful pool secluded by a boulder of rocks.

WONDERFUL waterfalls in Sri Lanka

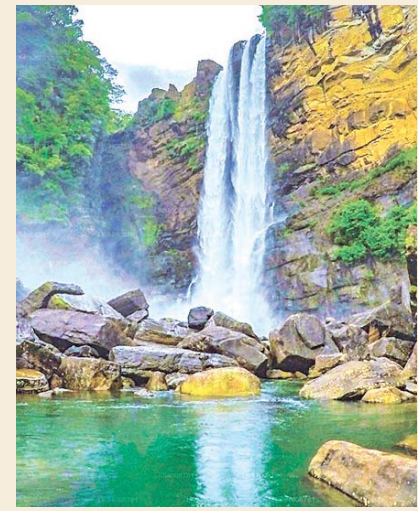
If you travel around Sri Lanka, make sure to visit some of the beautiful waterfalls with care.



Bopath Ella in Ratnapura at 30m is famous for two reasons – its name, derived from the shape of the *Bo* leaf and to attract the highest number of picnickers. The waterfall is formed in the Kuru Ganga which starts from the peak wilderness of the Sri Pada mountain.



Aberdeen Falls (98m) near Ginigathena in Nuwara Eliya is the ideal place for the energetic trekker, a journey through winding and uneven terrain surrounded by thick mountain forest and granite rocks. Sore feet can be immersed in crystal clear waters of two pools. The rocks leading down to the pools can be slippery and it's also important to keep in mind the depth of the pools.



Laxapana means a thousand lamps. It cascades from a height of 126m, the seventh highest waterfall in Sri Lanka. Ascending more than 700 steps, the beautiful train of water surrounded by rich wilderness is a site to behold. It is in the Nuwara Eliya district.



A great stopover on the way to World's End, the **Baker's Falls** is breathtaking in the backdrop of mountains and valleys of the Horton Plains. At 30m, the water is extremely cold and trekking there is a journey amidst the beauty of nature's bounty.



It's a glorious sight of nature standing at a height of 220m is the **Diyaluma Falls** in the Badulla district. The second highest waterfall in Sri Lanka, the climb takes you through lush fields. With a few rock pools and flat terrain, it is an ideal place for camping.

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