

Heaven on earth - Ella, Sri Lanka

Ella ([Sinhalese](#): ඇල්ල; *Lit.* "water fall"; [Tamil](#): எல்ல) is a small town in the [Badulla District](#) of [Uva Province](#), [Sri Lanka](#) governed by an [Urban Council](#). It is approximately 200 kilometres (120 mi) east of [Colombo](#) and is situated at an elevation of 1,041 metres (3,415 ft) above sea level.^[2] The area has a rich bio-diversity, dense with numerous varieties of flora and fauna. Ella is surrounded by hills covered with [cloud forests](#) and [tea](#) plantations. The town has a cooler climate than surrounding lowlands, due to its elevation. The Ella Gap allows views across the southern plains of Sri Lanka.^[3]

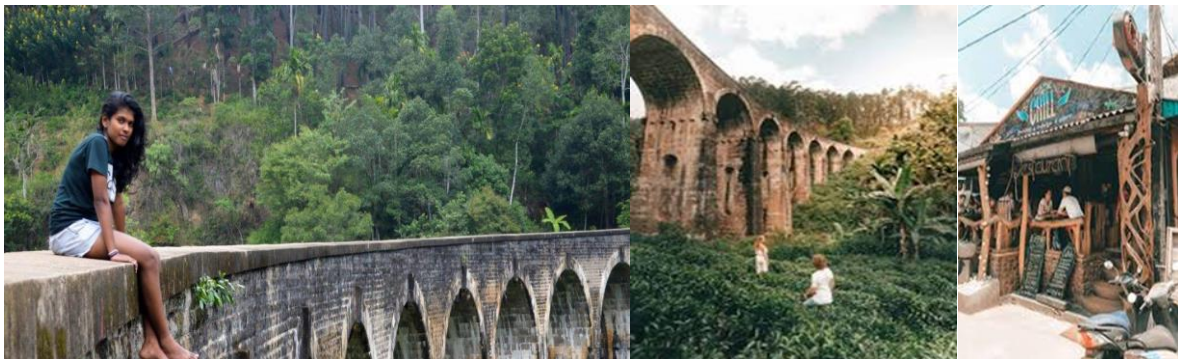
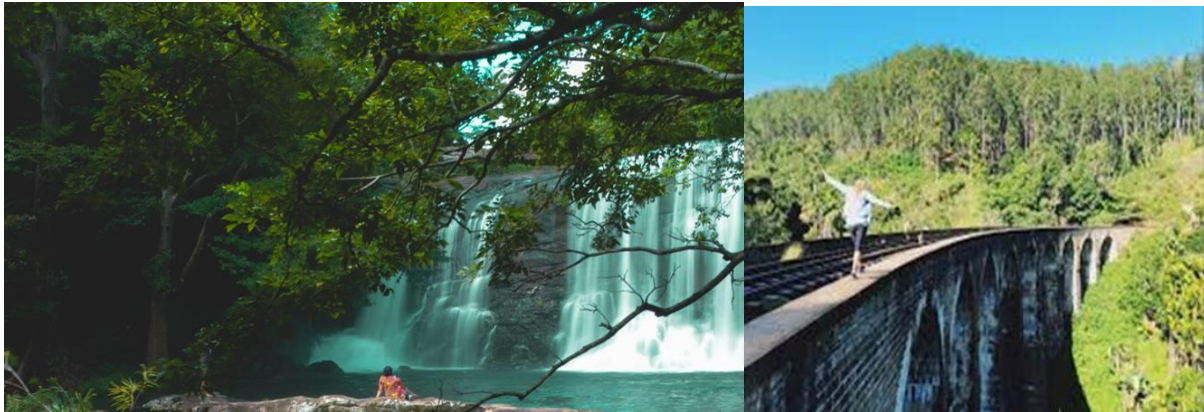


THINGS TO DO IN ELLA

Things to do in Ella, Sri Lanka:

- Little Adam's Peak
- Nine Arch Bridge
- Lipton's Seat
- Diyaluma Falls
- Ella Spice Garden
- Ravana Waterfall
- Ella Rock

1. Climb up Little Adam's peak



KANDY TO ELLA TRAIN: MOST SCENIC TRAIN RIDE IN SRI LANKA

The Kandy to Ella train journey is said to be one of the most scenic, epic train journeys in not only just Sri Lanka but the world. So with a few days to spare in Sri Lanka.

I have now taken the train in both directions. From Kandy to Ella and in reverse from Ella to Kandy. On both occasions, I just arrived at the train station and bought the cheapest ticket and walked on. I didn't sit in a seat, I preferred to an open door and hang my legs over the edge for the entire journey.

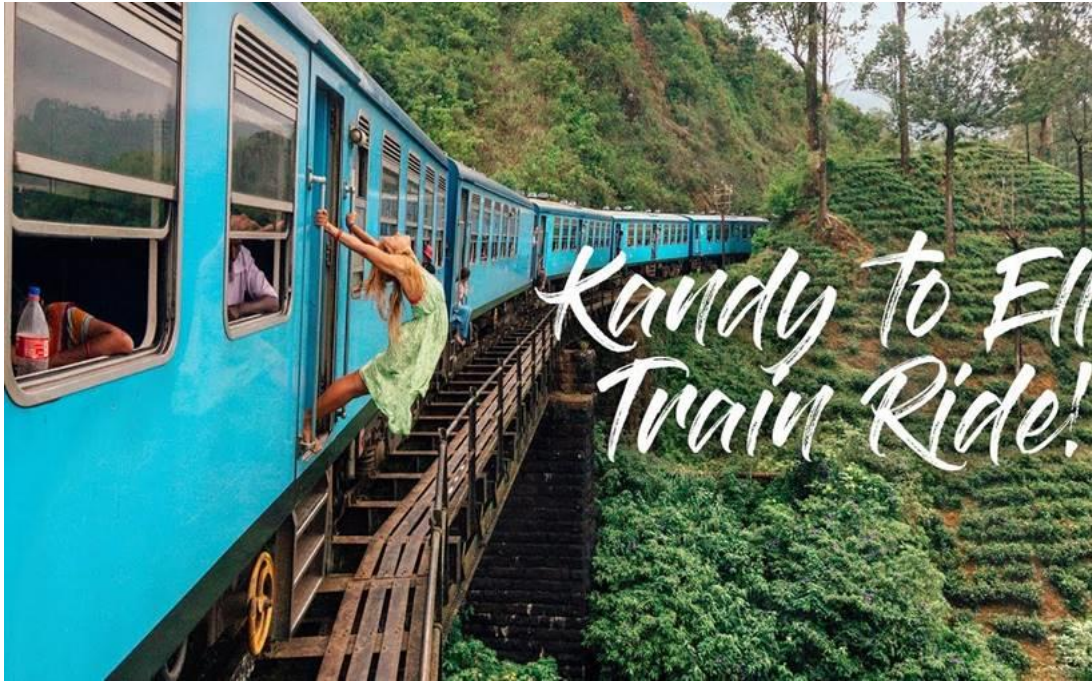


Why is the Kandy to Ella train journey so amazing?

The views on both sides of the rail are breathtaking. The train winds through the mountains overlooking farms and villages and of course vast tea plantations. The scenery changes throughout the trip. Often at times, you are looking out at an entire green view then the next minute you are in the middle of a woodland forest.

The train also passes through multiple tunnels. The kids on my train thought it was a great game to scream the entire time we were inside the tunnel until the train finally emerged.

Hanging out of the train gives you the best views and is an awesome feeling but be careful not to leave your limbs out of the train at the wrong time as there are trees and tunnels that come close to the train. The Kandy to Ella Train is just one of many bucket list items to add to your [Sri Lanka Itinerary](#).



Cost: five day package - Quote: NZ \$1,250 pp, twin share, includes transport, hotel accommodation (breakfast and dinner), train fares.