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in the Ella and
Bandarawela Region

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Bandarawela and the Ella Region

Orient Hotel is located in the center of Bandarawela, a rustic little town in the heart of the hill country with easy access to many tourist hotspots. It takes about five minutes to reach Bandarawela train station, a stop for the famous Ella Odyssey Train and a twenty minute drive takes you to Ella and famous spots such as Nine Arches Bridge, Ella Rock and Little Adam's Peak.

The Bandarawela and Ella region has become a must visit destination for travelers to Sri Lanka, known for its breathtaking mountain views,

majestic waterfalls and leafy green tea plantations. Due to its central location as a mid point between Kandy and the South Coast, Bandarawela also serves as the ideal rest stop, or even home base for those exploring Sri Lanka.

Orient Hotel is proud to be the leading adventure hotel in the region, with an in house trekking team capable of providing curated adventures for our guests. Read on to learn more about our unique unforgettable offerings.



Trek to Nine Arches and Little Adams Peak

This beginner friendly trek is also one of our most popular, as our team has incorporated two of Ella's most famous attractions: Little Adams Peak and Nine Arches Bridge.

The trek begins in Ella town and makes its way via a leafy forest reserve to Nine Arches Bridge. Nine Arches provides some of the most stunning photography spots in Sri Lanka and has become a world famous tourist attraction especially for instagrammers. We suggest planning your arrival to be there to view the iconic blue Ella Odyssey train as it passes over the bridge

We then make our way to Little Adam's Peak, walking along the rail tracks and passing some rustic local homes where friendly locals will offer you refreshing "thambili" (king coconut). It is a relatively easy climb to the top of Little Adam's Peak where you will have the opportunity for some more stunning photographs.



Climb Ella Rock

Ella Rock is one of the most popular challenging hikes in the region, with stunning views from its two viewpoints.

Our hike begins in a fragrant Eucalyptus forest and passes through a secluded forest monastery before arriving at the summit of Ella Rock. We then pause for snacks as we take in the stunning view of the mountains, before a more challenging climb down the rock. There is then a scenic trek alongside the rail tracks and over bridges before finishing our trek at Ella Town.

For explorers seeking a tougher challenge, this trek can also be done in reverse so that you climb up Ella Rock, which is a much more rewarding, yet challenging experience.



Explore Horton Plains Nature Reserve

One of only eight World Heritage Sites in Sri Lanka, Horton Plains national park is famous for its unique diversity of plants and animals.

Our guided Horton Plains trek incorporates all the stunning photo spots in the national park, such as Baker's Falls and World's End and stunning grassy plateaus and lakes. The route is well traveled, with good pathways and is beginner friendly.

Our guests often prefer to take the train from Bandarawela to Ohiya station, via scenic Haputale, before then taking transport from Ohiya to Horton Plains. Alternatively Horton plains is a 90 minute drive from Orient Hotel via scenic mountain roads.



Travel the Pekoe Trail

Sri Lanka's Pekoe Trail is a 300 kilometer long trail winding its way along the most scenic parts of the Tea Country.

Divided into 22 walkable segments, the trail creates a once in a lifetime trekking experience for visitors to Sri Lanka. Orient Hotel is conveniently located to provide easy access to stages 11 to 17 of the Pekoe Trail, which are some of the most stunning segments of the route. Some segments such as stage 15 are quite easy to do, while others can be quite challenging with hikes through untouched landscapes.

While the trail is mapped on popular trekking apps and can be navigated alone, Orient Hotel can also provide our expert trekking guides who can make sure you see all the key sights and photo spots while ensuring you don't get lost.





Sip a Tea at Lipton's Seat

Located in a tea estate high in the mountains of Sri Lanka, Lipton's Seat was the favorite look out point for Sir Thomas Lipton, a pioneer of Ceylon Tea. The viewpoint offers stunning panoramic views of the surrounding tea plantations, mountains and valleys and can be accessed by vehicle or via a scenic, yet challenging trek along the tea fields of Haputale.

Our trek to Lipton's seat is highly customisable based on your preferred length and difficulty, and we recommend trekking up to the viewpoint for the most scenic and rewarding experience. Once you arrive at the summit, pause to sip a tea as you take in the majestic view around you.



Embark on a Bespoke Adventure

For our customers looking for a unique experience, our in house trekking team are experts in the hidden and off the beaten path trails in the region.

Our team has experience in accommodating a variety of group sizes from individual travelers to large groups of over 30 people. Whether you want scenic waterfalls, lunch in a tea estate with stunning mountain views, a long and challenging trek or an easy hike suitable for beginners, contact us to discuss the perfect curated adventure for your group



Dine Under the Stars

Enjoy a unique dining experience in our Tranquil Garden as you savour mouthwatering cuisine prepared by our expert chefs.

Experience the stunning beauty of the mountains in this romantic dining spot, which features beautiful mountain views and is especially popular with guests on honeymoon



Marvel at Majestic Diyaluma Falls

Diyaluma Waterfall, translating into “liquid light” for its awe inspiring fast flow of water, is Sri Lanka’s second tallest waterfall.

The trek to the peak of Diyaluma Waterfall is a short but challenging one with multiple smaller waterfalls and natural pools along the way. We recommend leaving early in the morning when the lighting is most ideal.

Depending on the weather there are also some natural pools where one can pause to swim in the natural mountain waters or enjoy a packed meal immersed in beautiful natural surroundings.

The Orient Temple Stay Experience

An authentic cultural experience providing guests with a real insight into Sri Lanka's distinctive cultural heritage.

You will be welcomed by friendly monks to an ancient temple in the misty mountains, where you will dine with them sharing a vegetarian meal. This will be followed by a sermon and meditation lesson.

If you wish we can also arrange for you to spend the night in the temple, getting a truly immersive experience into a pure and simple way of life, unchanged for centuries.





Visit a Local Communal Farm and Village

Immerse yourself in the local culture with a scenic hike through a local agricultural community.

You will trek through lush vegetable plantations, where you will be able to interact with friendly local farmers as they work on their crops. This is a very simple beginner friendly trek with a lot of interaction with local villagers and farmers and is thus a very family friendly experience.

An optional village lunch can also be arranged where you will be taken to a village home and eat an authentic home made lunch with a local family.



Experience Ceylon Tea

As the home of best Ceylon tea, the Uva province has many tea factories that are happy to welcome visitors.

We can arrange a bespoke visit with a tea factory, where you will have the opportunity to walk among the tea fields, interacting and plucking tea with the tea pluckers. A tour of the Factory will follow, where visitors can learn about the entire production process before going on to taste a variety of factory fresh Ceylon Tea.



Travel on the Ella Odyssey

Known as one of the most scenic train rides in the world, the Ella Odyssey is a special train traveling from Colombo to Ella. The train also stops at Bandarawela station, just five minutes from The Orient Hotel. Travelers on the train are treated to stunning views of mountain vistas and leafy green tea plantations as the train winds its way up the beautiful mountains.

While the journey from Colombo is quite long at ten hours, alternatively guests can board at Demodara Station, and disembark at Ohiya. This two hour journey captures the essence of the trip with the best stunning views, while being more comfortable. Orient Hotel is located conveniently in the middle of this route, creating the perfect departure and return point once you have done your journey.



Camp in Nature

Experience the true bliss of nature in our campsite in Eagle Rock, with a scenic view over the regions mountains.

We offer a premium camping experience, with large tents, on-site hotel staff and a BBQ dinner around a firepit. The campsite is also ideally located as the perfect starting or finishing point for treks to key Ella landmarks such as Ella Rock or Little Adams Peak.



Tour Our Organic Garden

At Orient Hotel, we are proud that a large proportion of our restaurant's vegetables are supplied by our own on site organic farm, lovingly cared for by our gardening team.

We grow our food without any chemical fertilisers or pesticides to ensure delicious, fresh and healthy meals. For guests interested in organic agriculture who would like a closer look, a tour with our staff can be arranged.



Learn to Cook Traditional Sri Lankan Cuisine

Enjoy a private and interactive session with our expert chefs who will take you on a culinary journey through Sri Lanka.

Take back home the tastes and memories of your travels by learning traditional yet simple recipes and surprise your friends when you next host them. After the lesson and meal preparation, you will get to enjoy the meal prepared by your own hands. This family friendly activity is also highly popular with our younger guests.





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