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Former Tea Planter's Club

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About The Bandarawela Hotel

The foundation stone for what is today known as the **Bandarawela Hotel** was laid in 1893 for a tea planter's club. The hotel's illustrious origins date back to when the railway line was forged through the hills from **Nanu Oya** to **Bandarawela**. Although the hotel is in the town centre, its position on a bluff overlooking the town and its garden and foliage, give it seclusion.

Curiously, while other hotels revamp and refurbish themselves, the **Bandarawela Hotel** prospers because it seems never to have changed and remains reassuringly locked in a time warp somewhere between 1930 and 1950!

Rooms

The hotel has thirty four rooms, inclusive of the **Presidential Suite**, and three **Deluxe Rooms**, which are all equipped with TV, piped music, hot/cold water, hair dryer, telephone facilities, laundry service and room service. A charming reminder of those days are the beds with metal, adjustable frames and gold plated knobs, providing therapeutic comfort for a good night's rest.

Fine Dining

The hushed, measured tread of the sarong-clad staff convey a sense of restful calm. Tea on the lawn or in the long verandah lounge is a ritual, and the restaurant caters for those with a tea planter's healthy appetite.

The restaurant serves **European, Eastern** and **Chinese** cuisine. There is a **Lounge Bar** and **Public Bar** with piano music.



Bandarawela Hotel Lounge



Pure Ceylon Tea At The Bandarawela Hotel

Facilities And Excursions

There is a **Badminton Court** at the hotel. Tennis, billiards and golf can also be arranged at nearby **Diyatalawa**.

Bandarawela is at the centre of the **Uva Mountains** region of **Sri Lanka**. It is distinct in featuring numerous grassy plains, very much reminiscent of the 'downland' scenery of **England** especially around the cantonment town of **Diyatalawa**. At **Haputale** is a dramatic sight known as the **Haputale Gap**, from where a panoramic view of the entire lowlands can be seen on one side and the **Uva Mountain** basin on the other. The prettiest view in **Sri Lanka** can be seen at nearby **Ella**, from the **Ella Rest House** garden.



Colonial Era Courtyard At The Bandarawela Hotel

Note

The **Bandarawela Hotel** remains largely unrenovated from colonial times, so you need to be aware of peculiarities that for most people simply adds to its charm. It is certainly clean and well maintained for all of its age.

Hotel Website

<http://www.aitkenspencehotels.net/bandarawela/>