AROUND ELLA

★98 Acres Passara Rd (next to 2km post) 1057 205 0050, 1250 resort98acres.com; map. Gorgeous eco-resort set amid the rolling tea-bushes of the Uva Greeland Estate. Accommodation is in a string of rustic-chic stone-thatched cabanas, perched on the ridge at the top of the estate, with stylish rooms up and down and stunning views of nearby Little Adam's Peak and Ella Rock. Facilities include the eye-catching Cafe 98, plus gym, spa and a skinny little pool, while activities include yoga, archery, birdwatching, trekking and biking. B&B \$190

Amba Estate Ambadandegama (30–40min drive south of Ella) 0057 357 5489, 00 ambaestate.com; map. Idyllic rural retreat, far from the madding crowds of Ella, set in an organic farm amid stunning scenery. Accommodation is in either the old estate bungalow, full of wonderfully time-warped country-house character, or the modern Clove Tree Cottage, while activities include cooking lessons and some great local hikes. Advance reservations essential. \$65

COOKING CLASSES IN ELLA

Virtually every guesthouse in the village now seems to offer **cookery**