

Some Famous Sayings:

“Each cup of tea represents an imaginary voyage”

Catherine Douzel

“If you are cold, tea will warm you; if you are too heated, it will cool you;
If you are depressed, it will cheer you; if you are excited, it will calm you”

Gladstone (1865) Victorian British Prime Minister

“Tea, though ridiculed by those who are naturally coarse in their nervous sensibilities...will always be the favoured beverage of the intellectual”

Thomas DeQuincy (1875-1959)

“There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea”

Henry James

“In nothing more is the English genius for domesticity more notably declared than in the institution of this festival - almost one may call it - of afternoon tea... The mere chink of cups and saucers tunes the mind to happy repose”

George Gissing

Milestone Afternoon Tea



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“Tea! Thou soft, thou sober, sage and venerable liquid,
Thou female tongue-running, smile-smoothing,
Heart-opening, wink-tipping cordiale, to whose glorious
insipidity owe the happiest moment of my life, let me fall
prostrate”

“The soothing rite that calms the soul, lifts the spirit
and makes any afternoon an extraordinary event”

Colley Cibber – The Lady’s last Stake, 1708

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Herbal and Fruit infusions selection

Camomile

Camomile tea has long been cherished as a soothing antidote for life's complications. The infused flowers have a heady aroma of sweet hay and floral, grassy flavour.

Peppermint Tea

Peppermint tea combines the cool freshness of mint with 100% natural herb tea.

Decaffeinated

Expertly combined 100% caffeine free herbs and natural tea flavours to create a flavourful, black tea taste

Lapsang Souchong

A China black, pan-fired over pine to produce a very smoky 'tarry' flavour. Very distinct. Large leaf, clear bright 'tarry' flavour.

Jasmine tea

Jasmine Tea is a famous tea made from Green or Pouchong (Chinese Green) tealeaves that are scented with jasmine flowers.

Rooibos tea

South African tea is grown only in a small area in the Cederberg region of the Western Cape province.



Teas Available

Please choose from our finest selection of freshly brewed international teas served traditionally

Traditional Tea selection

Breakfast Tea

Choice Ceylon and China blacks blended for the morning hours

Darjeeling

A harmony of expertly blended Ceylon & Darjeeling teas yielding a delicate flavour and aroma

Green Tea

Green tea is a drink made from the steamed and dried leaves of the *Camellia sinensis* plant. Green tea is said to have many health benefits, including lowering your cholesterol, boosting your immune system and helping to prevent cavities and tooth decay

Earl Grey

Perhaps the world's most famous tea. A blend of fine Ceylon, Darjeeling and China teas, lightly scented with real oil of bergamot

Assam

The most flavourful tips form this fine black tea. Assam teas are especially good where water conditions overpower more delicate teas.

The Origins of Afternoon Tea

Afternoon tea as a specific meal did not evolve until the beginning of the nineteenth century, although the drink had been popular since its introduction in 1559. Anna, Duchess of Bedford, invented the meal to fill the time between early luncheon and late dinner, which she felt proved to be the low point of many, a country house party.

As time progressed, it became a meal surrounded by etiquette and very strange customs; silver teapots, delicate china, cake stands, starched napkins, whether to pour the milk before or after the tea.

The heyday of afternoon tea was in the days of the British Empire when the "Sahib" and his family, having taken early luncheon, would have to wait until the cool of the late evening to take dinner. Afternoon tea once again filled the gap, when they returned home they brought the ceremony back home with them. It was at this point that the fashionable hotels took whole-heartedly to the serving of traditional afternoon and Devonshire cream teas.

Afternoon tea is served daily in the Park Lounge and the Conservatory
3.00pm to 6.00pm

Afternoon Tea Menu

Cream Tea

Freshly baked scones with Devonshire clotted cream and preserves with a pot of tea of your choice served with milk or lemon
£ 15.50

Traditional Afternoon Tea

A selection of finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones with Devonshire clotted cream, preserves, French pastries, and a pot of tea of your choice
£ 29.50

The Milestone

Champagne Afternoon Tea

A selection of finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones with Devonshire clotted cream, preserves, French pastries, and a pot of tea of your choice served with a glass of chilled Champagne
£ 37.50

Afternoon Seduction

(For 2 people)

A selection of finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones with Devonshire clotted cream, preserves, French pastries, fruitcake, strawberries with cream and a pot of tea of your choice served with a half bottle of Champagne
£ 70.00

Ruinart Seduction

(For 2 people)

A selection of finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones with Devonshire clotted cream, preserves, French pastries, fruitcake, strawberries with cream and a pot of tea of your choice served with a half bottle of Ruinart Champagne
£ 100.00

Little Prince and Princess Tea

(For children under 12 only)

A selection of finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones with Devonshire clotted cream, preserves, French pastries, chocolate truffles and hot chocolate.
£ 12.50

