



History of Afternoon Tea

Tea consumption increased dramatically during the early nineteenth century and it is around this time that Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford, is said to have complained of 'having that sinking feeling' during the late afternoon. At the time it was usual for people to only take only two main meals a day: breakfast in the morning and dinner at around 8 o'clock in the evening. The solution for the Duchess was a pot of tea and a light snack, taken privately in her boudoir during the afternoon.

Later, friends were invited to join her in her rooms at Woburn Abbey. This summer practice proved so popular that the Duchess continued it when she returned to London, sending cards to her friends asking them to join her for 'tea and a walk in the fields'. Other social hostesses quickly picked up on the idea and the practice became respectable enough to move it into the drawing room.

Before long, all of fashionable society was sipping tea and nibbling sandwiches in the middle of the afternoon.

Many visitors from overseas still imagine that we are a nation where, in the words of the well-known song, 'at half past three, everything stops for tea'. Sadly, these days, Afternoon Tea is usually only an occasional luxury for the British; a birthday treat in a country house hotel or a welcome break from a hectic day shopping 'in town'. Luckily the tourist is still able to indulge in a little bit of British tradition for themselves.



The Grand Afternoon Tea

The quintessentially English tradition of Afternoon Tea is experiencing something of a revival. We're only surprised it's taken so long! Our five star elaborate Afternoon Tea is a feast for the eyes as well as taste buds.

Offering lovely views of the historic City Walls of York, the relaxing atmosphere coupled with attentive, unobtrusive service from our staff will all combine to provide you with an unforgettable dining experience.

Grand Afternoon Tea

£25.50 per person

Sparkling Afternoon Tea

£30.50 per person

Hendrick's Afternoon Tea

£33.50 per person

Champagne Afternoon Tea

£34.50 per person

Children's Afternoon Tea

£17.00 per child



Sandwiches

Smoked salmon and dill crème fraiche on malted loaf

Roasted ham and grain mustard on white loaf

Cucumber and chive cream cheese on white loaf

Warm cranberry and fennel sausage roll

Scones and Cakes

Praline meringue

Dark chocolate mousse, coffee caramel and yoghurt

Apple and frangipane tartlet

Carrot cake, cream cheese and walnuts

Plain Scone

Blueberry Scone

Clotted Cream

Selection of Preserves

Some of our menu items contain allergens and there is a risk that traces of these may be in any other food served here.

We understand the dangers to those with severe allergies so have recorded which of these menu items contain any of the 14 named EU allergens as an ingredient.

Please ask to speak to a team member who can provide you with this information and may be able to help you make an alternative choice



Vegetarian Afternoon Tea Menu

Sandwiches

Egg and spring onion mayonnaise on white loaf

Cucumber and Chive Cream Cheese on white loaf

Cheddar and chutney on malted loaf

*Roasted Red Pepper, Red Onion and Hummus on
malted loaf*

Scones and Cakes

Praline meringue

Dark chocolate mousse, coffee caramel and yoghurt

Apple and frangipane tartlet

Carrot cake, cream cheese and walnuts

*Plain Scone
Blueberry Scone
Clotted Cream
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Gluten Free Afternoon Tea Menu

Sandwiches

(Served on gluten free bread)

Smoked Salmon and dill crème fraiche

Roasted ham and grain mustard

Cucumber and chive cream cheese

Egg and spring onion mayonnaise on white loaf

Scones and Cakes

Praline meringue

Dark chocolate mousse, coffee caramel and yoghurt

Apple and frangipane tartlet

Carrot cake, cream cheese and walnuts

Sultana Gluten Free Scones

Clotted Cream

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Children's Grand Afternoon Tea

Selection of Sandwiches

Ham, Jam, Cheese

Scones & Pastries

*Plain/Fruit Scone
Served with Jam and Cream*

*Chocolate Brownie
Ginger Bread Persons
Strawberry Jelly
Apple and frangipane tartlet*

Choice of Tea, Orange Juice or Apple Juice

£17.00 per child
(Up to 12 years)



Classic & Black Tea

The Grand Blend

The smooth blend of carefully selected Assam and Ceylon teas produces a strong, smooth tea that is refreshing at any time of day.

Afternoon Darjeeling

Fragrant tea from the gardens in the Himalayas. A cool misty climate and rich soil gives it a subtle muscatel flavour.

China Rose Petal

China Congou black leaf tea layered with pink rose petals for a mellow sweet-tasting tea with a wonderfully perfumed aroma.

English Breakfast

A special blend of teas from India and Africa. Full-bodied, rich and refreshing, with a bright inviting colour.

Earl Grey

Fine black tea with fragrance of Bergamot. This elegant tea was first invented as a Mandarin's gift to the second Earl Grey in the 1880s.

Lapsang Souchong

Unusual smoky flavor. Plucked leaves are withered in baskets over smoking wood. Perfect with spicy, salty or smoked foods.

Pure Assam

Finest Assam tea grown in the Brahmaputra Valley, North East India. Rich flavor with a distinctive malty taste.

Pure Ceylon

Mellow, golden tea with an aromatic bouquet. Slow – growing tea from the highlands of the Dimbula region.



Infusions (Teabags)

Peppermint Tisane

Finest, purest, mintiest peppermint leaves, bursting with flavor and rich in essential oils, then gently dried to make a delightful refreshing tasty infusion. Peppermint is traditionally used to help aid digestion and clear your head.

Lemon & Ginger

The fragrant zing of lemon and the deep warmth of spicy ginger root are a perfect pair. It makes a deliciously invigorating infusion.

Kew Sweet Rhubarb

The tangy- sweet flavour of natural rhubarb partnered with the refreshing sharpness of apple and the peppy zing of blackberry leaf makes a wonderful vibrant infusion.

Organic Chamomile

A soothing infusion of pure chamomile. Chamomile is traditionally used to help you relax and aid a good night's sleep.

Our tea selection has been carefully selected using only the finest teas sourced by Taylors of Harrogate



Green Teas

Gun Powder

A green China tea made from tightly rolled young leaves. It has its own distinct, strong taste with a smoky flavor and an aftertaste that is slightly coppery.

Jasmine

A flowery orange pekoe leaf tea is mixed with freshly opened jasmine flowers leaving a light and sweet flavor with a subtle perfume.

Coffee (Cafetiere)

Hot Java Lava Extra Dark Roast

This is an extra dark and super strong roast. A rich, fierce smoky blend.

Lazy Sunday Medium Roast

This is a coffee for lie-ins and lazy Sundays. A medium roast blend.

Rich Italian Roast

This is a coffee with class, a sophisticated roast that takes its cues from the elegant blends of northern Italy.

Our freshly ground house coffee

Americano, Flat White, Café Latte, Cappuccino, Mocha, Macchiato, Espresso

Hot Chocolate

Classic Hot Chocolate

A perfectly smooth hot chocolate. Sweet, creamy comfort in a cup.



Water

<i>Mineral Water Still/Sparkling</i>	<i>330ml</i>	<i>£2.95</i>
<i>Mineral Water Still/Sparkling</i>	<i>750ml</i>	<i>£4.95</i>

Minerals

<i>Appletiser</i>	<i>275ml</i>	<i>£3.00</i>
<i>Coca Cola</i>	<i>200ml</i>	<i>£3.00</i>
<i>Diet Coca Cola</i>	<i>200ml</i>	<i>£3.00</i>
<i>Fanta Orange</i>	<i>330ml</i>	<i>£3.00</i>
<i>Belvoir Presse</i>	<i>250ml</i>	<i>£3.50</i>
<i>Sprite</i>	<i>330ml</i>	<i>£3.00</i>
<i>Fever Tree Lemonade</i>	<i>200ml</i>	<i>£3.00</i>

Sparkling Wine & Champagne

<i>Prosecco, Fiabesco, Treviso, DOC, Italy</i>	<i>125ml</i>	<i>£5.95</i>
<i>Mumm, Gordon Rouge, Reims</i>	<i>125ml</i>	<i>£9.25</i>
<i>Mumm, Rose, Reims</i>	<i>125ml</i>	<i>£10.25</i>

For our full, extensive range of Wine, please ask for our Wine List.

