



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 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 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!

Afternoon Tea is served 12:00pm – 3:45pm.

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

(up to 12 years)



Sandwiches

Smoked Salmon and Dill Crème Fraîche 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

Cakes

A selection of cakes and patisserie items hand crafted by our Chef Team

Scones

Plain Scone

Fruit Scone

Clotted Cream and Strawberry Jam

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.

A discretionary service charge of **12.5%** will be added to the total bill.



VEGETARIAN AFTERNOON TEA

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

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GLUTEN FREE AFTERNOON TEA

Sandwiches (*served on gluten free bread*)

Smoked Salmon and Dill Crème Fraîche on White Loaf

Roasted Ham and Grain Mustard on White Loaf

Cucumber and Chive Cream Cheese on White Loaf

Egg and Spring Onion Mayonnaise on White Loaf

Cakes

Pecan Pie

Dark Chocolate Fudge Finger

Classic Victoria Cake

Toffee Cup Cake

Scones

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VEGAN AFTERNOON TEA

(please provide at least 5 hours' notice prior to your visit for this menu)

Sandwiches

Cucumber and Mint on White Loaf

Roasted Red Pepper, Red Onion and Hummus on White Loaf

Tomato and Basil on White Loaf

Mushroom Pâté on White Loaf

Cakes

Chocolate Cherry Tart

Victoria Sponge Cake

Lemon, Elderflower and Poppy Seed Cake

Chocolate Orange Finger

Scones

Plain Scone

Fruit Scone

Strawberry Jam

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CHILDREN'S AFTERNOON TEA

Selection of Sandwiches

Ham, Jam, Cheese

Scones and Pastries

Chocolate Brownie

Ginger Bread Persons

Strawberry Jelly

Treacle Tart

Plain / Fruit Scone

Served with Jam and Cream

Choice of Tea, Orange Juice or Apple Juice

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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 give it a subtle muscatel flavour.

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 flavour. 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 flavour with a distinctive malty taste.

Pure Ceylon

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

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



INFUSIONS (teabags)

Peppermint Tisane

Finest, purest, mintiest peppermint leaves, bursting with flavour 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.

Organic Chamomile

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

GREEN TEAS

Gun Powder

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

Jasmine

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

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C O F F E E (c a f e t i è r e)

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.

Our Freshly Ground House Coffee

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

H O T C H O C O L A T E

Classic Hot Chocolate

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

