

AFTERNOON TEA

at

The Dorchester

We are delighted to welcome you to enjoy the very best in tea, created to delight, intrigue, inspire, surprise and refresh. Discover authentic Earl Grey and orange pekoe, brisk Assam and muscatel Darjeeling, spicy chai and floral jasmine, along with herbal infusions, green teas, white teas and more.

Granted a Royal Charter by Queen Elizabeth I in 1600, the East India Company was founded to explore the mysteries of the East, returning with gifts of exotic goods, spices, fabrics – and of course, tea. It is from this discovery we draw our inspiration, taking you on a sensory journey from the misty hills of China to the lush tea gardens of India.

Your journey begins here. We hope you enjoy your afternoon tea experience.

Traditional Afternoon Tea

£60 per person

A selection of homemade finger sandwiches on artisan bread:

Organic eggs with truffle and chives on white bread

Prawn cocktail, baby gem lettuce and lemon balm on brown bread

Baby cucumber, pear and cream cheese on walnut bread

Norfolk Black Leg Coronation chicken on white bread

Pastrami with watercress, chardonnay mustard mayonnaise on multigrain bread

Warm raisin and plain scones from our bakery, served with homemade strawberry jam, a seasonal jam and Cornish clotted cream

A selection of pastries:

Mango and Passion Fruit Tart

A sweet pastry tart filled with a mango and passion fruit cremeux and Alphonso mango compote

Jasmine Honey

Caramelised honey and jasmine mousse with a milk chocolate and hazelnut glaze

Raspberry Rose

A vanilla sponge with a cranberry white chocolate ganache, raspberry rose cremeux and pink white chocolate glaze

Plum Star

A plum compote and plum mousse, sitting on shortbread biscuit with gold chocolate stars

A choice of our specially selected grand and rare teas

Our menu contains allergens. If you suffer from a food allergy or intolerance, please let a member of the team know upon placing your order.

Champagne Afternoon Tea

House of Laurent-Perrier was founded in the early 1800s at a time which saw the birth of the tradition of 'taking tea'. Laurent-Perrier makes the perfect accompaniment to our own classic afternoon tea.

£70 per person with Laurent-Perrier La Cuvée Champagne NV
Additional glass of Laurent-Perrier La Cuvée Champagne NV £14

£77 per person with Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé Champagne
Additional glass of Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé Champagne £23

£88 per person with Laurent-Perrier Grand Siècle Champagne
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Exclusive tea blends

The Dorchester Breakfast Blend

Delicious breakfast teas are balanced by aroma, colour and body, in equal measure. This blend, crafted for The Dorchester, includes teas selected from the misty hills of Ceylon and the lush estates of Assam in India. Classic and robust, this rich blend makes a strong cup for the perfect start to the day and is best enjoyed with milk.

The Dorchester Afternoon Blend

A special blend of single estate teas from Sri Lankan orange pekoe, and specially selected leaves from Assam. The result is a beautiful black tea, which is the perfect accompaniment to your afternoon tea.

The Dorchester Seasonal Flower Blend

To complement The Promenade's beautiful flower arrangements, our tea master takes inspiration from seasonal flowers to create a delicate flower-scented tea for each season of the year.

Speciality seasonal tea

Darjeeling First Flush

From the Himalayan foothills, this first harvest spring tea captures the spirit of muscatel; light, bright, floral and delicate with tantalising sweet notes. This particular first flush is one of the finest teas from the region – a connoisseur's delight. (*Supplement of £10 per pot*)

Assam Second Flush

This Assam tea is notable for its beautiful leaves. The rich black tea comes from a single estate with the highest tip leaves, brewing a deep copper liquor with a smooth and malty body.

Ceylon Pedro Pekoe

A single estate black tea grown at an elevation of 5,600ft in Nuwara Eliya, one of Ceylon's finest tea-producing provinces. Selected from bushes that are over 100 years old, this tea offers a beautiful golden liquor that is light, bright and smooth with a delicate floral aroma.

Rare and limited tea

Silver Dawn

This prized white tea from Namunukula Mountain in Ceylon is kept tender by the gentle mist that shrouds the mountain. It is collected by expert pickers using a velvet cloth to preserve the buds' silvery-white fur. It has a sweetish background with a mild taste that lingers on the palate. Precious Persian saffron, known for its vibrant colour and extraordinary aroma and flavour, is blended to enhance the soft sweetness of this fine tea. *(Supplement of £10 per pot)*

Golden Tips

From a rare, reddish tea bush, cultivated near Ceylon's Adam's Peak, the buds are untouched throughout processing to maintain purity. Golden scissors are used to cut the young buds, still enveloped in golden down, early in the morning before the sun heats up and the bud unfurls. The leaf is then withered and dried naturally on velvet. This golden tea dazzles with its savoury aroma, rich body and light notes of pine and honey. *(Supplement of £10 per pot)*

Black tea

The Campbell Darjeeling Second Flush

Named after the East India Company's superintendent of Darjeeling, Dr Campbell, the second flush of this light and fragrant Darjeeling black tea has a signature muscatel flavour, as well as fruity and earthy notes.

Lapsang Souchong

This black tea from the Fujian province of China is dried over a smoking pine fire, imparting a sweet and rich smoky flavour.

Decaffeinated Ceylon

Our decaffeinating process uses carbon dioxide, a completely natural resource found in the air we breathe. Far better for the environment than using chemical solvents, it does not leave any unnatural chemical residues; just fresh tasting tea.

Flavoured black tea

The Staunton Earl Grey

This tea was first enjoyed in China in the 1700s by George Staunton, an officer in the East India Company. It blends the finest neroli and bergamot oils to create a distinct Earl Grey, with an exceptional aroma and flavour profile that is light, sweet, floral and delicate, to produce a deliciously fragrant cup.

First Romance

A colourful selection of delicious fruits and flower petals, brought together to create a very special fruit tea. Sweet exotic flavours will delight your senses and stir the excitement of a first romance. Laced with strawberry, mango and orange.

Traditional Karak

The Karak tea has become an integral part of the Emirati culture. Our strong Karak tea is specially created for intense flavours by blending ginger with natural spices of peppercorn, cardamom and cloves for a distinctive, dusky, honey-hay flavour. Best enjoyed with milk and sugar.

Green tea

Premium Gyokuro

Gyokuro is a type of shaded green tea, hand-picked from Japan and developed exclusively for the production of Premium Gyokuro. The area is now famous for producing one of the finest teas in all of Japan. Green tea connoisseurs will enjoy its lovely condensed, sweet taste with a characteristic ambrosial fragrance.

Saemidori Sencha

Our Saemidori Sencha, from the estates of Otsuka San, has sweet and grassy notes and is an ideal drink to revitalise your mind and refresh your spirit.

(Supplement of £5 per pot)

Jade Sword

These dark, wiry, rolled leaves from China have fruity and grassy notes that are soft and delicate on the palate. A beautiful classic green tea.

Imperial Pinhead Gunpowder

From the heart of Zhejiang Province in China, the leaves of this green tea are hand-rolled into the shape of little pinhead pellets resembling gunpowder. This gunpowder green is bold and lightly smoky with a sweet and fresh finish.

Flavoured green tea

Jasmine Pearls

Beautiful in form and fragrance, each pearl is individually crafted by hand-rolling high-grade, white needle, green tea leaves, naturally scented using fresh jasmine flowers. The harmony between fresh aromatic jasmine and the soft creamy notes of young tea buds produces a gentle and fragrant green tea.

Prince Sultan Green Tea with Mint

This tea was first enjoyed when the East India Company discovered the Persian custom of adding mint to enhance the flavour of green tea, resulting in a light, refreshing flavour.

Matcha

From the garden of the renowned Hattori family, this tea is grown in shade and sunlight to give it its distinct character and lime green colour. It has a subtle floral, grassy scent with earthy tones, and a velvety, slightly bitter finish. The last sip is intense, thick and creamy.

Oolong tea

Mi Lan Dan Cong (black oolong)

With subtle fruit notes, this smooth oolong comes from a plantation on the lower slopes of China's Wudong Mountain. The leaves are thoroughly fermented and baked to produce a rich liquor with floral and honeyed characteristics.

White Oolong

Meticulously handled to vary the oxidation process, the result is an exquisite silvery-white tea from Nepal with an oolong character. A beautiful glowing, golden cup with fruity notes.

Flavoured oolong tea

Yuzu Oolong

Japanese Yuzu's soft, clean mandarin citrus flavour balances this mild, buttery Taiwanese oolong. It's our favourite drink for sipping throughout the day, or for enjoying as an iced tea. *(Supplement of £5 per pot)*

Flavoured white tea

White Silver Needle with Jasmine Flower

A blissful combination of Chinese white tea with fragrant jasmine, this is an ideal blend for relaxing and unwinding. A light, calming tea to be enjoyed in the evening, without milk

Caffeine-free infusions

Whole Rosebuds

Rosebuds were historically thought to boost the circulation and provide the skin with a luminous glow. This infusion of natural rosebuds has an entrancing, perfume-like aroma that boasts similar rejuvenating qualities. A tranquil, refreshingly light and fragrant infusion with a sweet rose aroma, this is a delicate, light drink.

English Peppermint

Officers and sailors in The East India Company would famously brew peppermint leaves as a herbal digestive on long voyages. Made from the finest English Black Mitcham peppermint, our infusion is fresh, aromatic and bright. Valued for its digestive and calming qualities, it is wonderfully refreshing any time of the day.

Tropical Punch

A blend of hibiscus, rosehip and orange peel tangled with sweet aromas of pineapple, mango, passion fruit and banana, Tropical Punch is a thirst-quenching infusion. With its deliciously fruity taste and a striking reddish tint, this flavourful blend is as uplifting as an island breeze.

Nile Camomile

Originating from Egypt, where it has a history going back to the Pharaohs, Camomile has an apple-like taste and has been used for centuries for its medicinal properties and health benefits. This herbal infusion has a calming effect that makes for a perfect evening drink, and is also good for your skin.

Lemongrass & Ginger

A soothing base of spicy ginger with uplifting lemongrass, this full flavoured infusion is uplifting, refreshing and helps boost overall wellbeing.

Coffee

Espresso

Short sharp shot of coffee

Cappuccino

Shot of espresso with frothy milk and a dusting of chocolate

Caffè latte

Shot of espresso with hot milk

Macchiato

Shot of espresso with a drop of milk froth

Mocha

A smooth mixture of coffee and chocolate

Filter coffee

Artfully roasted and freshly brewed

Iced coffee or tea

Any coffee or tea served over ice

The Dorchester hot chocolate

Thick, creamy hot chocolate

Matcha

Enjoy as a booster shot as an alternative to an espresso

Matcha latte

Matcha with milk as a latte

A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill. All prices include VAT.

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