

AFTERNOON TEA

at

The Dorchester

Granted a Royal Charter by Queen Elizabeth I in 1600, The East India Company was established to explore the mysteries of the East. The result was the discovery of new and exotic goods, including teas, spices and coffees, as well as the founding of Singapore, Hong Kong and Mumbai. Over a 400 year history, the Company has influenced the customs and tastes of countries all over the globe. This legacy endures today.

The Company's first tea arrived in London in the 1600's. Legend has it that, in 1664, the directors presented a gift of tea to King Charles II and his Portuguese Queen, Catherine of Braganza. The drinking of tea soon took the royal court by storm, and it is thanks to this young foreign princess that the British have such a taste for it.

Today, The East India Company remains proud to offer the very best teas from around the world. From the mist-kissed Himalayan foothills to the Sri-Lankan rainforests and the volcanic lands of the Pacific come flavourful oolongs, muscatel Darjeelings, brisk Assams, smoky Lapsangs and fragrant green and white teas. Each are attentively developed and curated by The Company's Tea Master. These hand-picked teas, masterfully brewed by The Dorchester to extract the most exquisite flavours, will create an unforgettable Afternoon Tea experience.



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Traditional Afternoon Tea

A selection of homemade finger sandwiches on artisan bread:

Smoked salmon with sweet mustard and dill on granary bread

Roast chicken with Pommery mustard on basil bread

Cucumber with mint cream cheese on caraway seed bread

Egg mayonnaise with shallot confit and shiso cress on white bread

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

A selection of French pastries

A choice of our specially selected grand and rare teas

£58 per person

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 afternoon tea. Laurent-Perrier makes the perfect accompaniment to The Dorchester's classic afternoon tea.

A glass of Laurent-Perrier Champagne NV
or Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé Champagne

A selection of homemade finger sandwiches on artisan bread:

Smoked salmon with sweet mustard and dill on granary bread

Roast chicken with Pommery mustard on basil bread

Cucumber with mint cream cheese on caraway seed bread

Egg mayonnaise with shallot confit and shiso cress on white bread

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£68 per person with Laurent-Perrier Champagne NV

£75 per person with Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé Champagne

Additional glass of Laurent-Perrier Champagne NV £14

Additional glass of Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé Champagne £23

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Dom Pérignon Afternoon Tea

Each vintage wine is created from the best grapes grown in one single year. To reinvent itself by interpreting the unique character of the seasons. To dare to not release the vintage when the harvest does not meet its ideal. Such is the commitment of Dom Pérignon.

A glass of Dom Pérignon Vintage Champagne

A selection of homemade finger sandwiches on artisan bread:

Smoked salmon with sweet mustard and dill on granary bread

Roast chicken with Pommery mustard on basil bread

Cucumber with mint cream cheese on caraway seed bread

Egg mayonnaise with shallot confit and shiso cress on white bread

Warm raisin and plain scones from our bakery
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A selection of French pastries

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£90 per person

Additional glass of Dom Pérignon Vintage Champagne £54

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Dalreoch Tea

The Highlands serve as the birthplace for these fine teas, the first ever grown in Scotland, thanks to the region's altitude, mountain spring water and fresh air. Harvested from spring to late summer, the teas have distinct and inviting flavours which earned top honours at the *Salon de Thé* awards in Paris.

Dalreoch Smoked White

This soft, fruity tea possesses a uniquely sweet-smoky aroma, complemented by hints of peat and smoked wood, making it unique amongst white teas and an unrivalled flavour experience for the connoisseur. Best enjoyed without milk, with a squeeze of fresh lime.

Dalreoch White

Cultivated in the misty Scottish mountains, this tea possesses a light fruity aroma, with delicate notes of honey and heather and a gentle nuttiness. Best enjoyed without milk.

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 ideally enjoyed with milk.

The Dorchester Afternoon Blend

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

The Dorchester Seasonal Flower Blend

To complement The Promenade's beautiful flower arrangements, our Tea Master will take 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 TGFOP

This Assam tea is notable for its beautiful leaf-style. The rich black tea comes from a single estate in Assam and 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 5,600 ft in Nuwara Eliya, one of Ceylon's finest tea producing regions. 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. Silver Dawn tea is collected by expert pickers using a velvet cloth to hold the tea buds, preserving the 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 Adams Peak, the buds are untouched through processing to maintain purity. Golden scissors are used to cut the exquisite 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 - 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 the 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.

Black Tea with Flavour

The Staunton Earl Grey

Using an authentic recipe, first described by The East India Company's Officer, George Staunton, during the 1700s in China, this tea 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, this tea produces 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. A unique variety of tea bush found only in Shizuoka, the 'gokoh' was 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 revitalize 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.

Green Tea with Flavour

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

The East India Company established trading relationships with the Persian empire in 1622, when it helped Shah Abbas II expel the Portuguese from the Straits of Hormuz. The Company traded with Persia for over 200 years and brought many Persian customs to the West, including mint to enhance the flavour of tea.

Matcha

From the tea garden of the renowned Hattori Family, Matcha provides a unique flavour and experience. The base 'Tencha' must be grown by alternating the time the tea is shaded and in sunlight, which gives our Matcha its distinct character and fresh, lime green colour. Hattori-san grinds the Tencha in a traditional stone mill just before shipping, ensuring freshness. Its scent is a subtle mix of floral, grassy, nutty, and earthy tones. Its mouthfeel is velvety with a hint of bitterness. The last sip of the concentrated, intense tea is thick and creamy.

Experience Matcha as a booster shot in the morning in place of an espresso or with milk as a latte.

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 Wu Dong 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.

Oolong Tea with Flavour

Yuzu Oolong

Japanese Yuzu's soft, clean mandarin citrus flavour balances this mild, buttery Taiwanese Oolong. *(Supplement of £5 per pot)*

White Tea with Flavour

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.

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 that is completely caffeine-free.

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 Mitcham Black 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

Blend of hibiscus, rosehip and orange peel tangled with sweet aromas of pineapple, mango, passionfruit 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 Chamomile

Originating from Egypt, where it has a history going back to the Pharaohs, Chamomile has an apple-like taste and has been used for centuries for its medicinal properties and health benefits. This naturally caffeine-free 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 refreshing and will help overall wellbeing.

Coffee

Espresso

Short sharp shot of coffee

Cappuccino

Shot of espresso with frothy milk and a dusting of chocolate

Caffé 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

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