



FESTIVE  
AFTERNOON TEA

at

The Dorchester

Christmas in London is a magical time of year. Whether you're looking to bring the family or book a romantic break, celebrate the holiday season with a luxury stay. From the moment you arrive, enjoy a sense of festive spirit with our beautiful gingerbread house and a spectacular Christmas tree, covered in colourful decorations and twinkling lights.

For over 80 years, The Dorchester has enjoyed the enviable reputation of serving one of the finest afternoon tea experiences in the country. Similar to fine wine, tea has its own language and mystique. For your enjoyment, we have selected a range of teas from some of the finest estates in the world, all of which have been ethically sourced.

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# Festive Afternoon Tea

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

*alternatively*

Under the Mistletoe (*non-alcoholic cocktail*)  
*Pomegranate, gingerbread and lime garnished with mint and redcurrant*

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A selection of homemade finger sandwiches on artisan bread

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

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A selection of festive inspired pastries

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A choice of our specially selected grand and rare teas

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£68 per person

£35 per child (5–12yrs)

Additional glass of Laurent-Perrier La Cuvée Champagne NV £14

Additional glass of Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé Champagne NV £21

*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.*

# Exclusive tea blends

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## 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.

## 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.

# Speciality seasonal tea

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## Spiced Rooibos

Christmas in a cup with this spicy and fruity infusion. Full bodied nutty rooibos mixed with orange peel, clove, star anise, cranberry and cinnamon combine their warming flavours to make a perfect infusion for those wanting to stay naturally caffeine free.

## Spiced Caramel

Reminiscent of Christmas Pudding this black leaf tea is a delightful blend of naturally sweet vanilla pieces, dried fruit, cinnamon, clove and zesty orange peel with a touch of almond, making it an aromatic and warming winter's brew.

## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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

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## 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

## 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.*