

# The Afternoon Tea Tradition

Anna, 7th Duchess of Bedford, is reputed to have originated the idea of afternoon tea in the early 1800s. She conceived the idea of having tea in the afternoon to ward off the hunger pangs between lunch and dinner.

The Duchess started having a tray of tea with bread and butter served to her in the mid-afternoon.

It became a regular occurrence and she began to invite other high society ladies to join her. Along with tea, there would be small pastries with clotted cream or preserves, delicate sandwiches and scones.

These habits soon became a good reason for social gatherings, and started a trend that is still very much a part of British life.



# Laurent Perrier Rosé Afternoon Tea

*The house of Laurent-Perrier was founded in the early 1800's  
at a time which saw the birth of the tradition of taking afternoon tea.*

*Laurent-Perrier Rosé Champagne with its fresh berry bouquet  
and elegant fruity character makes the perfect accompaniment to  
The Dorchester's classic afternoon tea*

A glass of Laurent-Perrier Rosé Champagne served from a Magnum

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A selection of finger sandwiches:

Cucumber with cream cheese on caraway seed bread

Egg mayonnaise with shiso cress on white bread

Chicken with wholegrain mustard mayonnaise on basil bread

Smoked salmon on granary bread

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

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A selection of French pastries

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Tea or coffee

£55.00

Additional glass of Laurent-Perrier Rosé Champagne at £19.50

# The Dorchester Champagne Afternoon Tea

A glass of Champagne Laurent-Perrier NV or Charpentier Réserve Rosé NV

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A selection of finger sandwiches:

Cucumber with cream cheese on caraway seed bread

Egg mayonnaise with shiso cress on white bread

Chicken with wholegrain mustard mayonnaise on basil bread

Smoked salmon on granary 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 French pastries

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Tea or coffee

£44.00

Additional glass of Champagne at £14.00

## Traditional Afternoon Tea

Enjoy all the above, without the Champagne

£34.50

# The Dorchester Oriental Afternoon Tea

A selection of open sandwiches:

Caviar on blinis with sour cream

Chicken tikka and tomato chutney in pita bread parcels

Roast lamb on caraway bread, harissa mayonnaise and tabouleh

Grilled Mediterranean vegetables and houmus on spiced tortilla

Gravalax and dill cream cheese on rye toast

Glazed goats cheese with pickle and raspberry on walnut and raisin bread

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

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A selection of French and Oriental pastries

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Tea or coffee

£45.00

# The Dorchester Tea Selection

## Our most popular choices

### **The Dorchester Blend**

A blend of silvery Ceylon and golden Assam. A truly elegant tea

### **Earl Grey Supreme**

A traditional blend of Chinese Ceylon, Assam and Formosa Oolong enlivened by silver tips and accented by Bergamot

### **Dragon Pearl Jasmine**

Finest Jasmine from the inventor of these attractive balls of green tea scented Jasmine flowers. Truly a treat  
(supplement of £2.00 per pot)

### **English Breakfast**

This is a strong, clean blend ideal for the mornings or at any time

### **Sencha**

Japan's most popular green tea, it is loved for its lightly vegetative flavour

### **Bangkok**

The flavours of Thailand are found in this green tea blend  
lemon grass, ginger and coconut

### **Big Red Sun**

A new blend of full leaf teas from Kenya and Kenilworth  
this tea is light and invigorating

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## China

### **Keemun Mao Feng**

A version of China's most famous black tea, Keemun Mao Feng has large leaves which make a light brew with a toasty finish

### **Wuyi Shan Lapsang Souchong**

This elegant tea is from the original Lapsang producers  
This black tea is flavourful with just the correct amount of smoky flavour

### **Chinese Bai Mei**

A very rare white tea tied into the shape of a star. It has a nice, almost nectar flavour. This beautiful white tea will please your senses!  
(supplement of £3.00 per pot)

### **Ti Quan Yin**

This is one of China's best oolongs  
The greenish tea is light in colour with a light peach flavour

## India

### **Assam**

An Indian black tea which is strong with a malty flavour

### **Darjeeling**

This is a consistently excellent blend of first flush and autumnal teas from Darjeeling's premier gardens. It is a light and bright tea

### **Indian Nimbu**

Nimbu is hindi for lemon and what is found in this Darjeeling blend  
It is softened by the sweetness of caramel

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## Specialty and Flavoured Black Teas

### **East Frisian Blend**

Our strongest black tea blend that is designed to drink  
with cream and brown sugar

### **Ceylon Pekoe**

This is a high grown tea that is clean and bright. It is a traditional favourite

### **Russian Country**

This is a blend of four teas accented by smoky Lapsang Oolong.  
A blend reminiscent of the caravans that crossed the deserts of Russia

### **Paris**

This black tea blend is flavoured with fruit, Bergamot and caramel.  
You will think that you are in the city of lights

### **Vanilla**

A black tea blend full of vanilla aroma and taste

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## Caffeine Free Teas

### **African Autumn**

Caffeine-free Rooibos from South Africa accented by refreshing cranberry and orange flavours

### **Strawberry and kiwi**

A caffeine-free blend of dried fruit that are flavoured with the bright flavours of ripe strawberries and tropical kiwis

### **Decaffeinated Black**

Ceylon black tea with caffeine removed, yet the flavour retained

### **Camomile**

Flowers from Egypt, this caffeine-free drink is prized for its slightly apple flavour

### **Lemon Herbal**

This is a caffeine-free blend of lemon grass, lemon rind and lemon flavours that is very refreshing

# Coffee Selection

## **Espresso**

Short sharp shot of coffee

## **Cappuccino**

Shot of espresso with frothy milk and a dusting of chocolate

## **Café Latté**

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**

## **Iced coffee or tea**

Any coffee or tea served over ice

£5.50 each

## **The Dorchester Hot Chocolate**

Thick, creamy hot chocolate

£6.00

# Drinks

Fruit juices £4.50

Freshly squeezed orange or grapefruit juice £5.00

Soft drinks from £4.00

Mixers from £2.50

## **Mineral Water**

Speyside (330ml), still or sparkling £4.00

Speyside (750ml), still or sparkling £5.00

Evian (500ml) £4.50

Evian (750ml) £5.50

## **Smoothies and fresh juices £8.00**

Create your own smoothie which will be made to order

A minimum charge of £15.00 per person will be applicable  
A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill  
All prices include VAT