

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.

Vintage Champagne Afternoon Tea

The family run house of Gabriel-Pagin has been making champagne since 1946. Their wine making philosophy is simple; with minimal intervention they let the terroir shine through. We are serving their 2000 1er Cru for your enjoyment with our Dorchester Afternoon Tea. This champagne is exclusive to The Dorchester.

A glass of chilled Gabriel-Pagin 1er Cru 2000

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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 Devonshire clotted cream

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A selection of French pastries

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Tea or coffee

£ 55.00

Additional glass of Gabriel-Pagin 1er Cru 2000 £20.00

Champagne Afternoon Tea

A chilled glass of The Dorchester Champagne

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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 Devonshire clotted cream

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A selection of French pastries

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Tea or coffee

£44.00

Additional glass of The Dorchester Champagne £12.50

Traditional Afternoon Tea

Enjoy all the above, without the Champagne

£34.50

The Dorchester High Tea

A chilled glass of The Dorchester Champagne

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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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Pan seared breast of duck with
caramelised pears and roasted chestnuts

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Cep and confit white onion tart
with brie and a mixed herb salad

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Smoked haddock and an organic poached
egg served with a champagne sauce

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A selection of French pastries

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Tea or coffee

£49.50

Additional glass of The Dorchester Champagne £12.50

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.

The Dorchester Tea Selection

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.

WuyiSan 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.

The Dorchester Tea Selection

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.

The Dorchester Tea Selection

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

The Dorchester Hot Chocolate

Thick, creamy hot chocolate

£5.50 each

Drinks

Fruit juices £5.00

Freshly squeezed orange or grapefruit juice £6.00

Soft drinks from £4.00

Mixers from £2.50

Mineral Water

Speyside (330ml), still or sparkling £4.50

Speyside (750ml), still or sparkling £5.50

Evian (500ml) £5.00

Evian (750ml) £5.50

Smoothies and fresh juices £9.00

Create your own smoothie which will be made to order

A minimum charge of £20.00 per person will be applicable
A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill
All prices include VAT