



AFTERNOON TEA





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Afternoon Tea ~ A brief history

Nobody knows the exact origins of the afternoon tea but one lady features in all theories, Anna, Seventh Duchess of Bedford (1783–1857), Lady-in-waiting to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria.

Traditionally, dinner was not served until 8.30 or 9.00 in the evening and the Duchess often became hungry, especially in the summer when dinner was served even later.

Every afternoon, she experienced a “sinking feeling” and requested sandwiches & cakes between 3pm & 4pm in the afternoon. Soon others followed the Duchess’ lead. In 1842, a well known actress named Fanny Kemble heard of afternoon tea, and began to invite some guests to join her.

Soon all of fashionable London was sipping tea with a variety of sandwiches on the side. The custom of “taking tea” in the afternoon had become well established, along with a complex set of rules and etiquette.



Afternoon tea prices are subject to change for special occasions.
All prices are inclusive of VAT. A discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to groups of 8 people or more.

CURRENCY IS IN EUROS



*"There is no sincerer love than
the love of food."*

George Bernard Shaw

At InterContinental Dublin, we consciously purchase our food from sustainable sources, and we support local growers and producers where possible. The best quality meat and fish is hand-selected by our team of chefs from Irish farms and harbours. Certain items on our menu may contain allergens or trace allergens, which may cause an allergic reaction. If you have an allergy, or need any assistance with our menu, please contact a member of our team.

Champagne

Brut Champagne

| | GL 125ml | BTL 750ml |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Perrier-Jouët Grand Brut, NV | 20 | 95 |
| Taittinger Brut, Reserve, NV | | 105 |
| Deutz Brut, NV | | 120 |
| Laurent-Perrier, Brut, NV | | 130 |
| Bollinger Special Cuvée, NV | | 160 |
| Ruinart, Blanc de Blancs | | 175 |

Rosé Brut Champagne

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| Perrier-Jouët Blason Rosé, NV | 23 | 110 |
| Ruinart, Rosé, NV | | 150 |
| Taittinger Prestige Rosé, NV | | 135 |
| Laurent-Perrier, Cuvée Rosé, NV | | 180 |
| Dom Pérignon Rosé 2004 | | 595 |

Vintage Champagne

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| Bollinger Grande Année 2005 | | 180 |
| Perrier-Jouët Belle Epoque 2008 | | 170 |
| Taittinger Comtes de Champagne, Blanc de Blancs 2006 | | 335 |
| Louis Roederer Cristal 2009 | | 420 |
| Dom Perignon 2009 | | 395 |

The Lobby Lounge

Afternoon Tea

Selection of Delicate Finger Sandwiches

Smoked Irish Salmon and Dill Cream Cheese (1,2,3,4,13)

Lemon Scented Chicken Salad (1,2,3,10,13)

Egg Paprika (1,2,3,10)

Ham, Cheese and Mustard (1,2,3,10,13)

Plain and Raisin Buttermilk Scones

Clotted Cream Accompanied with Homemade
Mango and Raspberry Preserves (1,2,3)

Assortment of Tantalising Afternoon Tea Pastries

Yuzu and Almond Gâteau (1,5,6,9,10)

Raspberry Meringue Tart (1,5,6,9)

Valrhona Orelys Mille Feuille (1,5,6,9)

Milk Chocolate Cup (5,6,9,10)

Offered with your choice of Shibui Loose Tea

40 per person

Champagne Afternoon Tea with a glass of Perrier-Jouët Grand Brut Champagne 55 per person

Rosé Champagne Afternoon Tea with a glass Perrier-Jouët Blason Rosé Champagne 58 per person

The Lobby Lounge

Children's Tea

Sandwiches

Ham and Cheese (1,2,3,10)

Banana and Peanut Butter (1,2,3,6,8)

Strawberry Jam (1,13)

Plain and Raisin Buttermilk Scones

Clotted Cream accompanied with Homemade

Mango and Raspberry Preserves (1,2,3)

Treats

Chocolate Brownie (1,2,3,7)

Mini Vanilla Cup Cake (1,2,3)

Fruit Skewer

Offered with your choice of
Hot Beverage or Fresh Juice



15 per child

ALLERGEN GUIDE

1 Gluten / 2 Dairy / 3 Egg / 4 Crustaceous / 5 Fish / 6 Peanut

7 Soybean / 8 Nuts / 9 Celery / 10 Mustard /

11 Sulphites / 12 Sesame / 13 Lupin / 14 Shellfish



"I wanted real adventure to happen to myself. But real adventures, I reflected, do not happen to people who remain at home: they must be sought abroad."



James Joyce

Selection of Loose Tea

Black Tea

Irish Breakfast – India

A strong full bodied tea with good flavour, this second flush golden-tipped black tea is from tea gardens in Assam.

Earl Grey – India / Sri Lanka

A flavoursome blend of rich Assam and Ceylon black teas flavoured with citrusy bergamot.

English Breakfast – India / Sri Lanka / Tanzania

Invigorate your day with this robust and flavoursome tea. A traditional blend of Assam, Ceylon and Tanzanian teas.

Lapsang Souchong – China

There is nothing subtle about this robust black tea with a smoky flavour similar to a Islay malt whisky. There seem to be plenty of stories how this unique tea flavour came to be. Our favourite is that the culprit was trying to dry their tea fast over an open fire and accidental smoking occurred. A nice mistake.

Masala Chai – India

Based on a full-bodied Assam tea with a balanced blend of spices gives a lovely warming drink for those quiet moments.



Should you wish for any assistance when selecting your tea, please feel free to ask our Tea Sommelier for recommendations.

Vanilla Black Tea – China

A bold mixture of black tea leaves and vanilla pieces.
Great with desserts or a treat on its own.

Wild Cherry – China

Beautifully decorated with dark red chunks of cherry, this Chinese-Ceylon black tea blend gives a robust fruity cherry drink.

Yunnan – China

A speciality from the highland region of Yunnan. Large, golden-brown leaf and golden tips yield a copper-brown infusion with a well-balanced taste. Slightly sweet, spicy notes and a soft, delicate smoky finish.

Darjeeling – India

An aromatic blend of first and second flush leaf tea. Blended on site in the Happy Valley Estate located close to the city of Darjeeling, India.

English Breakfast Decaf – Sri Lanka

A flavoursome and light decaffeinated Ceylon Breakfast tea.



Green Tea

Genmaicha – Japan

A bancha green tea platform mixed with whole roasted and popped grains of rice which gives it a roasted flavour.

The Japanese bancha is naturally low in caffeine.

Jasmine Pearls – China

Delicate leaves are deeply infused with fresh jasmine flowers and then hand rolled into tight pearls. When steeping see the aromatic full leaf pearls unfurl in front of your eyes. This fine green tea with sweet aromatic jasmine blossoms give an exquisite champagne coloured cup.

Gunpowder – China

A very popular tea in China called Zhucha – meaning pearl tea. Green tea leaves are rolled into small pearls which keeps the leaves fresher for longer. A wonderfully smooth green tea with a hint of smokiness.

Moroccan Mint – China

Chinese gunpowder green tea blended with a melange of mints gives a lively all-day infusion. Add sugar for an authentic Moroccan experience.

Sencha Rose – China

A Chinese Sencha forms the base for this cherry flavoured and rose scented classic.

White Tea

Silver Needle – China

Young tender buds are picked just before opening in a meticulous harvesting process lasting only a couple of days each spring. This white tea gives a delightfully smooth nectar like cup and is a very popular white tea.

White Peony – China

The Chinese name is Pai Mu Tan and a light, refreshing and slightly sweet tea is produced from the hand picked bud and first two leaves of the tea plant.

Oolongs

Milky Oolong – China

This fine Oolong from the Chinese Fujian Province is produced in a complex process. While the leaves wither they are exposed to steam from milk, which infuses the leaf giving an incredible soft and mellow note to the tea. A rare luxury.

Ti Kuan Yin – China

A classic Chinese Oolong tea with floral notes. In flavour lying somewhere between a green and a black tea. A meditative cup. Also known as Iron Goddess Oolong.

Herbal Tea

Aloe Verbena – Germany

Aloe vera and smooth verbena form a soothing and calming tisane.

Lemongrass & Ginger – Thailand

The citrus flavours of the lemongrass together with the orange peel blend perfectly with the spicy ginger. A refreshing and soothing cup.

Rooibos – South Africa

South African redbush is an organic rooibos with no added flavourings. Can be enjoyed with or without milk.

Peppermint – USA

A simple refreshing and soothing infusion of chopped peppermint leaves.

Orange Ginger Organic – Germany

Organic ginger and orange pieces combine to form this delicious spicy and fruity gem.

Chamomile – Croatia

A relaxing and soothing herbal infusion of whole chamomile flowers. Perfect just before bedtime.



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