

THE STORY OF AFTERNOON TEA

Anna, the Duchess of Bedford, sighed, the sound swallowed by the opulent drapes of her Bedfordshire estate. Luncheon had been hours ago, and dinner felt an eternity away. A gnawing emptiness, a distinct lack of sustenance, had taken root in her stomach. This in-between period, this vast chasm of hunger, was simply unbearable.

> "Hopkins!" she called, her voice carrying a refined impatience.

Hopkins, her loyal butler, materialised instantly. "Your Grace?"

"Prepare some tea and a light repast for me in my sitting room, something...substantial. Bread, butter, and perhaps a slice of cake."

Hopkins, accustomed to the Duchess's eccentricities, bowed and vanished. Soon, a tray laden with fragrant Darjeeling, crustless sandwiches, and a dainty sponge cake arrived.

For days after, she repeated the ritual and soon, friends began to join her. Whispers of the Duchess's private tea parties spread throughout high society. It was a delightful affair, a chance to socialise, indulge in gossip, and, most importantly, stave off that dreadful afternoon slump.

And so, afternoon tea was born, not from elaborate planning or grand design, but from a simple, rumbling stomach of the Duchess of Bedford. A delicious solution, destined to become a beloved tradition.





AFTERNOON TEA

Our delicious selection of speciality teas, finely prepared savouries, delicate pastries and freshly baked scones with homemade preserves and Irish clotted cream, combine to make for an unforgettable afternoon.

£50 per person

SAVOURY ELEGANCE

Kilkeel Lobster, Radish and Goatsbridge Trout Roe, Brioche Roll (G,CR,E,F,M)

Dunluce Terrine, Imperial Caviar (F,M,SD)

Wild Mushroom and Spinach Tartlet (G,E,M)

Manor Farm Chicken, Sun-dried Tomato, Smoked Paprika Bread (G,E,M,SD)

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THE IRISH SCONE

Homemade Soda Flour Scone Heather Honey and Lavander Scone

Served with Irish Clotted Cream and Dunluce Preserves (G, E, M, S, SD)

PASTRIES AND SWEET FANCIES

The Classic Fruit Tart (G,E,M,SD) Madagascar Chocolate Delice Caramelised Hazelnut (G,E,M,N)

Pistachio Financier, Chantilly Cream Blackberry Gel (G,E,M,N)

Raspberry and White Chocolate Craquelin Bun (G,E,M,N)

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EILLES TEA SELECTION

Assam Special / Summer Berries / Herbal Garden TeaSpa Magica / Vita Orange / English Breakfast Darjeeling Royal First Flush / China Jasmine

ENHANCE YOUR AFTERNOON TEA TO INCLUDE A GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE £65 per person

Please inform your server of any allergies or intolerances before you order. Unfortunately, it is not possible to guarantee that any product is 100% free from any allergens due to the risk of cross contamination in our kitchens.

V ~ Vegetarian, VG ~ Vegan. Allergens: C ~ Celery, G ~ Gluten, Cr ~ Crustaceans, E ~ Eggs, F ~ Fish, L ~ Lupin, M~Milk, Mo~Molluscs, Md~Mustard, N~Nuts, P~Peanuts, SS~Sesame Seeds, S~Soya, SD~Sulphur Dioxide.



VEGAN & VEGETARIAN AFTERNOON TEA

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SAVOURY

Vegetable Crudites, Hummus (C,SS,S) Rocket and Spiced Tofu Wrap (G,S) Marinated Mixed Olives (SD)

> Toasted Olive and Sundried Tomato Bruschetta (G,SD)

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SWEET FANCIES

Bramley Apple and Nut Crumble (G,N SD)

Raspberry Bavarois (G,S)

Mixed Berry Flap Jack (G)

Pineapple and Mint Infusion (SD)

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SCONES

Homemade Scones Served with Dunluce Preserves (G,S,SD)

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COELIAC AFTERNOON TEA

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SAVOURY

Manor Farm Chicken, Sun-dried Tomato Sandwich (E,M,SD)

Egg and Chive (E,M)

Honey Baked Gammon and Wholegrain Mustard (E,M,MD)

Irish Smoked Salmon (F)

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SCONES

Homemade Scones Served with Dunluce Preserves and Clotted Cream (E,M)

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SWEET FANCIES

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