

AFTERNOON TEA

at

The Dorchester

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.

Frequently referred to as ‘the drawing room of Mayfair’ since opening in 1931, The Promenade is the heart of The Dorchester. Refurbished by Thierry Despont, The Promenade features a series of rich, intimate spaces, complete with plush goose down cushions, high-backed divans and opulent floral urns, leading to a classic leather oval bar at the far end of the room. A London institution for British afternoon tea, experience The Promenade’s seasonal calendar of speciality teas and pastries, accompanied by a resident pianist.

At the end of The Promenade, you’ll discover one of London’s best kept secrets. The Promenade Bar has a glorious oval design, fashioned in rich leather with a stunning backdrop of deep crimson glass.

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Traditional afternoon tea

A selection of homemade finger sandwiches on artisan bread:

Smoked salmon with sweet mustard and dill on granary bread

Roast chicken with Pommery mustard on basil bread

Cucumber with mint cream cheese on caraway seed bread

Egg mayonnaise with shallot confit and shiso cress on white bread

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

A selection of French pastries

A choice of our specially selected grand and rare teas

£55 per person

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.

Champagne afternoon tea

House of Laurent-Perrier was founded in the early 1800s at a time which saw the birth of the tradition of taking afternoon tea. Laurent-Perrier makes the perfect accompaniment to The Dorchester's classic afternoon tea.

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

A selection of homemade finger sandwiches on artisan bread
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Roast chicken with Pommery mustard on basil bread
Cucumber with mint cream cheese on caraway seed bread
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£65 per person with Laurent-Perrier NV Champagne
£72 per person with Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé Champagne

Additional glass of Laurent-Perrier NV Champagne £14
Additional glass of Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé Champagne £21

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Dom Pérignon afternoon tea

Each vintage wine is created from the best grapes grown in one single year. To reinvent itself by interpreting the unique character of the seasons. To dare to not release the vintage when the harvest does not meet its ideal. Such is the commitment of Dom Pérignon.

A glass of Dom Pérignon Vintage Champagne

A selection of homemade finger sandwiches on artisan bread

Smoked salmon with sweet mustard and dill on granary bread

Roast chicken with Pommery mustard on basil bread

Cucumber with mint cream cheese on caraway seed bread

Egg mayonnaise with shallot confit and shiso cress on white bread

Warm raisin and plain scones from our bakery

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A selection of French pastries

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£90 per person

Additional glass of Dom Pérignon Vintage Champagne £45

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Dalreoch teas

The Highlands serve as the birthplace for these fine teas, the first ever grown in Scotland, thanks to the region's altitude, mountain spring water and fresh air. Harvested from spring to late summer, the teas have distinct and inviting flavours which earned top honours at the *Salon de Thé* awards in Paris.

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.

Our own blended teas

The Dorchester is proud to present you with our unique blend of teas. The leaves have been carefully selected and blended, creating a perfect combination of flavour and bouquet.

The Dorchester Blend

A truly elegant tea, perfect for anytime of the day. A blend of Sri Lankan Ceylon and golden Assam teas. A bright tea with a malty character with just a slight hint of caramel. Best enjoyed with milk.

Earl Grey Supreme

This blend brings together Sri Lankan Ceylon, Indian Assam and Taiwanese Formosa Oolong, and features natural oil of bergamot from Calabria in Italy. A light and perfumed tea with a hint of citrus. Smooth and very refreshing. Can be enjoyed with milk or a slice of lemon.

English Breakfast

A traditional black tea which is reminiscent of the 1800s, when teas were brought from the East in great sailing clippers. A bright, rich, strong cup with a malty flavour due to the Assam tea in the blend. Best enjoyed with milk.

Delicate and scented teas

Green teas are not steamed but dried, without being permitted to oxidise, thus they maintain their green colour. Oolong teas are only partially fermented, resulting in a highly fragrant and distinct leaf. Our scented black and green teas are flavoured with natural oils to provide a unique flavour.

Sencha

Grown near the city of Kakegawa and known as Japan's most popular green tea. It is light in cup with an intensive tangy taste, yet sweet and mild. Best drunk without milk.

Bangkok

This original blend was inspired by the luscious flavours of Thailand. This green tea is blended with lemongrass, ginger and coconut. Best drunk without milk.

Arabian Mint Garden

Green, smooth, refreshing, light. This green tea is rolled into little balls with a hint of peppermint, which evolves when placed in a teapot. A relaxing, delicious highly refreshing afternoon tea. Best drunk without milk.

Dragon Pearl Jasmine

Grown in the Fujian district of China. The night flowering jasmine blossoms are layered between the tea leaves, resulting in a fragrant taste and perfume. A very light flavoured and refreshing green tea with just a hint of jasmine. Best drunk without milk.

Ti Kuan Yin

One of the most desirable Chinese Oolong teas originating from the Fujian Province. A lightly rolled semi-fermented tea with an almost rough gunpowder appearance. It is light and fruity with a touch of honey. Best drunk without milk.

Paris

Paris has been the inspiration of many things, including this delicious tea. This black tea blend is flavoured with currants, bergamot and caramel. You will think that you are in the 'City of Light'. Can be drunk with or without milk.

Vanilla

Vanilla is one of the most popular flavours, and this tea is dedicated to that love affair. It is a black tea blend, full of vanilla aroma and taste. Can be drunk with or without milk.

Classic single estate teas

A single estate tea is unblended and particular to that day's production. Unique to The Dorchester, single estates teas can be regarded as similar to single malt whisky or indeed fine wine.

Puttabong Queen 1st Flush Darjeeling Tea

Cultivated between 457 – 488m/1,500 – 6,000ft above sea level. This is a very light tea renowned for its excellent quality with a rich, fruity character and a hint of green apples. Best drunk without milk and at any time of the day. (supplement of £3 per pot)

Namring 2nd Flush Darjeeling

Grown in the picturesque surroundings of the Teesta Valley and initially planted in the Victorian era, in 1855. Bright yet pale in colour with excellent floral aromas and fruit notes. Best drunk without milk. (supplement of £3 per pot)

Greenwood 2nd Flush Assam (strictly limited)

One of the finest Assam's from the Greenwood Estate, established in 1839. Golden tip in the leaf, wonderful depth of colour and a fine malt flavour. Can be taken black or with milk. (supplement of £3 per pot)

Kenmare, Ceylon

A tea grown near to the famous hill station of Nuwara Eilya, Sri Lanka, at approximately 488m/6,000ft above sea level. A classic flavour, bright yet delicate in colour and of exceptional quality. Can be drunk black or with milk.

Enjoy one of these fine teas from a £3 supplement per person

Distinct black teas

Black teas are often called red teas in China since they create a distinctively reddish brew. They are the most common teas brewed in most of the world.

Keemun Mao Feng

Dr Samuel Johnson reputedly drank over 16 cups in one sitting of this world-renowned tea. A black leaf tea which produces a mild and delicate taste, with almost a toasty finish. Can be drunk with or without milk.

Wuyi Shan Lapsang Souchong

Grown in the Wuyi mountains, China. A smoky tea, fired over cedar wood. Not for the faint hearted as it has almost a tar-like character. Can be drunk with or without milk.

Russian Country

Reminiscent of the teas that were carried by camels from China to Russia. A blend of Keemun, Assam, Ceylon, Formosa Oolong, and Lapsang Souchong, giving a light and bright appearance in cup with the slightest hint of smoke. Can be drunk with or without milk.

Assam

Grown along the banks of the mighty Brahmaputra River in Northern India. This tea is strong and full in cup and colour, with a traditional malty character. Best drunk with milk.

Caffeine-free teas

Black tea, tisanes and infusions, all of which are caffeine-free ensuring a pleasant experience for those who require that special hot drink.

Decaffeinated Black

A fine Ceylon black leaf tea with caffeine removed. A gentle and safe process without the use of chemicals, resulting in a delicate bright tea with just a hint of citrus in the flavour. Can be drunk with or without milk.

African Autumn

Caffeine-free Rooibos from the South African red bush tree, very high in antioxidants. It is accented by refreshing cranberry and orange flavours. Best enjoyed without milk.

Strawberry and Kiwi

A caffeine-free blend of dried fruit, flavoured with ripe strawberries and tropical kiwi fruit. An excellent alternative for our young guests.

Camomile

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

Lemon Herbal

This is a very refreshing caffeine-free blend of lemongrass, lemon rind and lemon flavours.

Coffee selection

Espresso

Short sharp shot of coffee

Cappuccino

Shot of espresso with frothy milk and a dusting of chocolate

Café 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

A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill. All prices include VAT.