

Afternoon Tea at the Royal



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£8.95 per person

"There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea."

Henry James

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Tea, that most quintessential of English drinks, is a relative latecomer to British shores. Although the custom of drinking tea dates back to the third millennium BC in China, it was not until the mid 17th century that tea first appeared in England.

Afternoon tea was introduced in England by Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, in the year 1840. The Duchess would become hungry around four o'clock in the afternoon. The evening meal in her household was served fashionably late at eight o'clock, thus leaving a long period of time between lunch and dinner. The Duchess asked that a tray of tea, bread and butter (some time earlier, the [Earl of Sandwich](#) had had the idea of putting a filling between two slices of bread) and cake be brought to her room during the late afternoon. This became a habit of hers and she began inviting friends to join her.

This pause for tea became a fashionable social event. During the 1880's upper-class and society women would change into long gowns, gloves and hats for their afternoon tea which was usually served in the drawing room between four and five o'clock.

Traditional afternoon tea consists of a selection of dainty sandwiches (including of course thinly sliced cucumber sandwiches), scones served with clotted cream and preserves. Cakes and pastries are also served. Tea grown in India or Ceylon is poured from silver tea pots into delicate bone china cups.

- Salmon and Cucumber mayonnaise
 - Roast beef and Horseradish cream
 - Egg and Cress
 - Asparagus and Cream cheese
- Served in brown and white breads*
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- Fruit scone with Clotted Cream and Strawberry Jam
 - Fresh Strawberry dipped in White Belgium Chocolate
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- Homemade Chocolate Truffle
 - Homemade Lemon Cake and Shortbread
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- Pot of fresh Tea with milk

