

A Brief History of Afternoon Tea

Tea consumption increased during the early 19th century (early 1840s) around the time that Anna, Duchess of Bedford is said to have complained of a “sinking” feeling during later afternoon.

At this time, it was usual to take only two meals a day: breakfast in the morning and dinner at around 8 pm. The solution for the Duchess was to have a pot of tea and a light snack taken privately in her boudoir during the afternoon.

Later, she invited her friends and before long, this practice proved so popular that all of fashionable society were sipping tea and nibbling sandwiches in the middle of the afternoon.

Children's Afternoon Tea

Jam sandwich on white bread
Cheese sandwich on white bread
Ham sandwich on white bread

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Warm Norton-made plain and fruit scones
Served with homemade strawberry jam

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Chocolate nest
Brownie
Orange cupcake
Iced biscuit
Raspberry and white chocolate delice

£17.50 per person

CHOCOLATE

AFTERNOON TEA MENU

NORTON HOUSE
HOTEL & SPA

Camellia's Tea Selection

English Breakfast

Robust body with elegant tannins and soft in the mouth, hints of golden syrup

Afternoon Tea

Medium-bodied, subtle malty character with flowery undertones

Ceylon Decaf

Lightly bodied with sweet honey notes

Earl Grey

A lovely balance between a refreshing and bright black tea and citrus notes of oil of bergamot

Chamomile

Floral chamomile sweetness and creamy long finish

Peppermint

Awakens and refreshes the palate with bold, minty flavours and lingering sweetness

Lemon & Ginger

A refreshing cup of juicy lemons interlaced with a warm and spicy bite of ginger

Rooibos Orange & Cactus Fig

Sweet and mellow with a sumptuous citrus finish

Very Berry

Vibrant concoction of summer fruits, pleasantly sweet, tart notes

White Jasmine & Apricot

Apricots and Jasmine with gentle ginger spices

Orange Blossom

A thirst-quenching combination of soft white tea, interlaced with crisp juicy oranges

Lung Ching (Dragon's Well)

Envelopes the whole palate with a slightly sweet and soft flavour. Refreshing vegetal notes

Traditional Afternoon Tea

Wiltshire ham, English mustard mayonnaise, salad on white bread

Egg mayonnaise and watercress on onion bread

Arran smoked cheddar, tomato chutney on tomato bread

John Ross Jr smoked salmon and lemon cream cheese on brioche bun

Sun-blushed tomato and red onion quiche

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Warm Norton-made plain and fruit scones

Served with homemade strawberry jam, lemon curd, and clotted cream

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White chocolate & strawberry crèmeux

Dark chocolate orange mousse

Chocolate salted caramel choux

Chocolate sorbet, espresso pearls

Chocolate and & cherry Viennese whirl

Chocolate lavender doughnuts

£45.00 per person (3135 kcal)

Champagne Afternoon Tea

For the height of decadence, add a chilled glass of

Bruno Paillard Champagne (125ml) to your

Traditional Afternoon Tea order

£57.00 per person