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BLOOMING BRITISH

AFTERNOON TEA

A celebratory afternoon tea with the Natural History Museum

Supporting a future where people and pollinators thrive

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Introduction

Welcome to A Blooming British Afternoon Tea in collaboration with the Natural History Museum; a floral-inspired twist on a quintessentially British tradition, in a celebration of the beautiful flowers and precious pollinators on our doorstep.

Taking inspiration from artworks held within the Museum's archives, their newly transformed gardens that provide a haven for people and wildlife, and the idyllic 30-minute nature walk across leafy Hyde Park that brings us together, our talented pastry team have created a thoughtful menu that beautifully honours the elegance of British flora and fauna, using locally-sourced, seasonal ingredients.

This special collaboration combines the Museum's expertise and work to protect the natural world, with our ongoing sustainability efforts, and a shared passion for pollinators, a commitment Royal Lancaster London continues to uphold to this day.

Together, we support a future where people and pollinators thrive.

Did you know...?

While honeybees get a lot of the credit, at least 1,500 insect species pollinate plants in the UK. In some parts of the world, birds, bats and even lizards get involved too!

Adult butterflies and moths will feed on almost any flower's nectar, but caterpillars are fussier, so try planting a variety of flowers to encourage more insects to visit your garden.

For an animal to be an effective pollinator it needs to actively visit flowers of the same species and be capable of carrying pollen on its body (often unintentionally) so that it transfers from one flower to another.

Beetles are attracted to flat, open flowers which allow them to graze, and flowers in clusters, such as cow parsley. The flowers tend to be smelly or fragrant, because beetles navigate by a strong sense of smell.

There are just 57 resident butterfly species in the UK, compared to more than 2,500 moth species.

Things you can do to help:

1. Grow pollinator-friendly plants in your garden or on your windowsill
2. Let your lawn grow a little wilder
3. Build a home for solitary bees

Cereals, such as wheat and barley, rely on wind pollination but just about every other plant we eat is actively pollinated. Tomato production relies on pollination by bumblebees, as do many other crops.

The list of insect pollinators is long and includes many different species of bees, flies, wasps, beetles, butterflies and moths. Pollinators carry pollen with them as they move from flower to flower.

Scan the QR code for 'How To' videos, and a digital version of our Nature Walk map.

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A Blooming British Children's Afternoon Tea

SAVOURY

A selection of miniature sandwiches

Chicken with mayonnaise on white bread

Cucumber and cream cheese sandwich on wholemeal bread

Egg sandwich on white bread

SCONES

Warm homemade scones served with clotted cream
and a selection of preserves

SWEET

A selection of pollinator-themed sweet bites

The Ladybird
Light vanilla mousse, caramelised apple, sablé Breton

Chocolate Seedball
Milk chocolate mousse, chocolate sponge

Butterflies & Berries
Vanilla cheesecake, mixed red berry compôte

A discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to your bill.

Prices

£49 Monday to Friday

£55 Saturday and Sunday

£30 Children's Afternoon Tea

Make it extra special...

£15 Nyetimber Classic Cuvee MV
£18 Nyetimber Rosé MV

£17 Taittinger Brut Reserve NV, France
£20 Taittinger Brut Prestige Rose NV, France

£9.50 Noughty Sparkling Chardonnay non-alcoholic sparkling wine
£9.50 Noughty Sparkling Rose non-alcoholic sparkling wine

Bespoke Teas

from Camellia's Tea House

The Royal Lancaster Afternoon Blend

A bespoke blend created to complement the savoury selection of our celebratory afternoon tea. An unusual combination of timeless English Breakfast, warm woody China Keemun with the floral notes of calming chamomile. This is a tea to relax with and savour time well spent with friends and loved ones.

The Pollinator Blend

Created exclusively for Royal Lancaster London, in partnership with the Natural History Museum, the Pollinator blend marries black teas from Darjeeling and China with cornflower, rose and marigold petals and the final flourish of organic bee pollen. Full of health-giving properties, the bee pollen adds a sweet honeyed note to this delightful celebration of the insects which keep Mother Nature in timeless bounty.

Scan the QR code to view allergen information

A Blooming British Afternoon Tea

SAVOURY

A selection of traditional sandwiches

Roast maize fed chicken with bee pollen and tarragon mayonnaise on white bread

Maldon cured smoke salmon, cream cheese and dill on wholemeal bread

Heritage tomato and buffalo mozzarella with basil pesto on white bread

Egg mayonnaise, flowering chives on wholemeal bread

SCONES

Warm homemade scones served with clotted cream and a selection of preserves

SWEET

A selection of pollinator-themed sweet bites

Rhubarb Trifle
Poached yorkshire rhubarb, bay leaf infused custard, white chocolate whipped ganache

Vanilla Bavarois
Granny smith and rosemary apple compote, caramel sponge

Carrot Cake
Orange blossom frosting, orange gel

Sweet Violet Cheesecake
Sable breton, slow cooked blueberries

A discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to your bill.

A Blooming British Vegan Afternoon Tea

SAVOURY

A selection of traditional sandwiches

Cucumber with vegan mayonnaise on white bread

Mixed grilled vegetable, basil pesto on wholemeal bread

Heritage tomato and vegan cream cheese with balsamic butter on white bread

Beetroot hummus and red cabbage slow on wholemeal bread

SCONES

Warm homemade scones served with coconut cream and a selection of preserves

SWEET

A selection of pollinator-themed sweet bites

Rhubarb Trifle
Poached yorkshire rhubarb, bay leaf custard, chantilly cream

Light Vanilla Mousse
Granny smith and rosemary apple compote, maple sponge

Carrot Cake
Orange blossom frosting, orange gel

Sweet Violet Cheesecake
Slow cooked blueberries, shortbread

A discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to your bill.