The Chelsea

Townhouse

CHELSEA GARDEN FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA AT THE CHELSEA TOWNHOUSE

A Heritage Experience in the Heart of Chelsea



In the 1840s, Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford, introduced what became one of Britain's most enduring rituals: afternoon tea. What began as a simple remedy for a late-afternoon lull soon blossomed into a graceful custom of pause, indulgence, and connection.

At 11 Cadogan Gardens, a distinguished townhouse built in the 1890s on the historic Cadogan Estate, we continue this tradition with a sense of place uniquely our own. Inspired by Chelsea's gardens, our afternoon tea celebrates British heritage through floral and botanical touches found in both the setting and the menu.

Chelsea has long been defined by its gardens, from tranquil squares and the world renowned Chelsea Flower Show to the centuries-old Chelsea Physic Garden. A sanctuary for botanists, artists, and thinkers, it remains a place where nature and creativity intertwine.

By anchoring our tea in the theme of The Chelsea Garden, we honour this cultural and horticultural legacy. It is our way of bringing the outdoors in, celebrating the seasons, the quiet charm of an English garden, and the enduring joy of gathering together over tea.

Here, in the heart of Chelsea, afternoon tea is more than a meal. It's a moment of reflection, connection, and timeless ritual, lovingly re-imagined for today.

OUR TEAS BY BIRCHALL

A Legacy of Excellence in Every Cup

To accompany your Chelsea Garden Afternoon Tea, we proudly serve a selection of teas by Birchall - a fifth-generation, family-owned company with a heritage dating back to 1872.

Sourced from the finest gardens in East Africa and beyond, Birchall's award winning blends are known for their clarity and balance. Much like the gardens that surround us here in Chelsea, these teas are a celebration of nature at its most refined. From the bold English Breakfast to the fragrant Jasmine Pearls and calming Chamomile Blossoms, our selection is designed to complement every palate and enhance the flavours of your Afternoon Tea.



ENGLISH BREAKFAST

A classic blend, sharp and full-bodied, with a bold, malty character - the perfect companion to traditional scones and preserves.

DARJEELING

Often called "the Champagne of teas," this elegantbrew offers delicate floral aromas with subtle muscatel and sweet notes.

EARL GREY

A refined black tea, delicately scented with the citrusy lift of Italian bergamot oil - fragrant, balanced, and timeless.

LAPSANG SOUCHONG

A distinctive black tea with bold, smoky notes, dried over pinewood fires. Rich, robust, and deeply warming.

OOLONG

Lightly oxidised and semi-fermented, this tea offers a mellow, nutty flavour with hints of orchid and a smooth, buttery texture.

CEDERBERG REDBUSH (ROOIBOS)

From South Africa's Cederberg Mountains, this organic caffeine-free tea has earthy notes and a naturally honeyed sweetness.

VIRUNGA CHAI

An aromatic blend of African black tea and warming spices, including cardamom and cinnamon - rich, bold, and gently spiced.

GREEN TEA

Harvested in the misty hills of China's Fujian province, this tea is light, refreshing, and gently vegetal with a smooth finish.

GREEN TEA & PEACH

A crisp green tea delicately infused with ripe, juicy peach, offering a fragrant aroma and a gently sweet, refreshing finish.

FRESH MINT

Naturally caffeine-free and intensely refreshing, this infusion delivers a cooling, tingling finish and crisp herbal aroma.

CHAMOMILE

A soothing, floral infusion with gentle apple undertones and a silky mouthfeel - the perfect cup for calm and contemplation.

RED BERRY & FLOWER

A vibrant caffeine-free blend of red berries and delicate florals. Naturally sweet, fruity, and full of colour.

THE CHELSEA GARDEN AFTERNOON TEA

£65 per guest

A classic offering served with your choice of loose-leaf teas from our curated collection.

SOMETHING SAVOURY

Norfolk Roasted Turkey
sage & onion stuffing, cranberry mayonnaise

Goldstein smoked salmon
dill cream cheese, white bread

St Ewes Egg & Watercress
mayonnaise, white bread

English Cucumber
herb cheese, spinach bread

Wild Mushroom & Black Truffle Vol-au-vent

SWEET MOMENTS

Santa's Hat Cherry Belly

Salted Caramel Chocolate Yule Log

Passionfruit & Coconut Snowball Tartlet

Spiced Clementine Dome

PLAIN & SULTANA SCONES

Freshly baked plain and sultana scones served with Roddas' clotted cream and preserves

VEGAN & GLUTEN-FREE AFTERNOON TEA

£65 per guest

Carefully crafted to ensure no compromise in flavour or experience.

SOMETHING SAVOURY

Beetroot Hummus
sumac roasted squash

Spiced Cauliflower & Spinach Coronation

English Cucumber
lemon & mint vegan cream cheese

Creamy Avocado
sun dried tomato, crisp lettuce

SWEET MOMENTS

Blackforest Marquise

Honeycomb & Salted Caramel Cube

Spiced Golden Apple Crumble

Vanilla & Cranberry Dome

PLAIN & SULTANA SCONES

Freshly baked vegan and gluten free scones served with vegan cream & preserves



THE NUTCRACKER £19
gin, cognac, port wine, apple pie syrup & egg yolk

MISTLETOE SPARKLE £19
apple purée, apple liqueur, apple pie syrup & Champagne

CHAMPAGNE AFTERNOON TEA
With a glass of Laurent-Perrier Champagne £75 per guest
With a glass Rosé Laurent-Perrier Champagne £79 per guest



All prices are inclusive of VAT; a discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill. Ask a member of the team for food allergen information. Should you have any dietary requirements or allergies, please notify one of the team members before ordering.

GIFT AN EXPERIENCE

Looking for the perfect Chelsea gift?

Treat someone special with our versatile gift vouchers, available to purchase online or through our reception team. Perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, celebratory drinks at Chelsea's Bar, indulgent stays in our luxury rooms or simply as a thoughtful open-value gift, "just because."

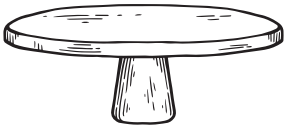


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SERVICE TIMES

Afternoon tea is served daily in the Garden Room of Chelsea Townhouse and the Drawing Room of 11 Cadogan Gardens from 12pm to 6pm.

Reservations recommended.
Walk-ins welcome subject to availability.

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