

LEAF

AT

THE
CASTLE
HOTEL

ROYAL AFTERNOON TEA



All prices are inclusive of VAT. For more information on allergens or dietary requirements, please speak to one of the team.

THE HISTORY OF

AFTERNOON TEA

Afternoon tea, that most quintessential of English customs is, perhaps surprisingly, a relatively new tradition. Whilst the custom of drinking tea dates back to the third millennium BC in China and was popularised in England during the 1660s by King Charles II and his wife the Portuguese Infanta Catherine de Braganza, it was not until the mid 19th century that the concept of 'afternoon tea' first appeared.

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.



ROYAL AFTERNOON TEA

42.50pp

SAVOURY SELECTION

Roast beef and horseradish

Wholemeal bread

Smoked salmon and cream cheese

Homemade multiseed bread

Royal Coronation chicken

Pinwheel wrap

Wiltshire ham and mustard mayonnaise

Brioche slider

Cheddar cheese and tomato chutney (v)

White bread

SWEET TREATS

Blood orange Mascarpone mousse (v)

Yuzu gel on a vanilla sable

Raspberry rose French Madeleine (v)

Freeze-dried raspberries

Layered chocolate gateau (v)

Whipped ganache, dipped in dark chocolate

Teatime apple crumble tart (v)

FRESHLY BAKED SCONES

Homemade fruit
and plain scones

Homemade British berry jam
and clotted cream

ADD A GLASS OF BUBBLES

Glass of House Champagne

12.00

Taittinger Brut Réserve Champagne

15.00

CHILDREN'S AFTERNOON TEA

25.00pp

Finger sandwiches

Including ham, cheese (v) and strawberry jam (v)

Freshly baked scones

Homemade mini fruit and plain scones, British berry jam and clotted cream

Sweet treats

Piggy bank surprise

Mascarpone mousse lollies

Raspberry rose French Madeleines, freeze-dried raspberries (v)

(v) - vegetarian (ve) - vegan (gf) - gluten free (df) - dairy free



BY APPOINTMENT TO
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
AND
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF
GLoucester

DARVILLES

OF WINDSOR

The Castle Hotel is proud to partner with Darvilles of Windsor, a long-established family business who have been supplying and blending tea since 1860 with the opening of their first tea shop. Since then, five generations of Darvilles have continued the tradition. Having held a Royal Warrant for 70 years, they continue to proudly supply the Royal Household with some of the finest quality teas.

LOOSE LEAF TEAS

English Breakfast

A full bodied blend of fine teas from Assam, Ceylon and East Africa. Perfect in the morning - great anytime.

Earl Grey

A subtle blend, elegantly scented with oil of bergamot. Traditionally served without milk.

Darjeeling

An outstanding tea from the foothills of the Himalayas. A distinctive flavour with a hint of Muscat.

Sencha Green

A light delicate green tea, rich in antioxidants, for health and vitality. Suitable for drinking at any time of the day.

Jasmine Huang Shan Ya

Created using the very finest quality green tea leaves from the mountains of Huangshan in the Anhui Province, this blend undergoes an intricate and unique processing method which sees only the finest jasmine buds picked just prior to blossoming. This is followed by the jasmine flowers layered over the green tea leaves for some hours until its exquisite fragrance is absorbed into the blend.

TISANES & INFUSIONS

Camomile

A delicate and soothing infusion, to help you relax and unwind. Caffeine free - suitable for drinking at any time of day.

Peppermint cut

A refreshing and soothing infusion made from the finest peppermint leaves. Caffeine free - suitable for drinking at any time of day.

Rooibos

Rooibos tea, originating from South Africa, boasts strong, hearty flavours, reminiscent of sweet, indulgent honey. It is caffeine free and low in tannins.

Elderflower and lemon mix

A lovely warming tisane with notes of lemongrass and elderberry. A refreshing tea with a fine citrus aroma. Perfect for a mid-afternoon brew.

Red berry mix

Red berry fruit tisane is a perfect example of a blend that looks just as visually striking in the jar as it does in your cup! Yet this beauty transcends when brewed, boasting a wonderful aroma and a rich fruity taste.

