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Much like our hotel, afternoon tea originated in England in the nineteenth century. Back then, dinner was served later in the evening, around 8 or 9pm, and Anna, the Duchess of Bedford, found herself feeling peckish in the late afternoon, and so began inviting friends and family for light bites and tea.

The idea quickly caught on and evolved into a social event where people gathered to enjoy tea accompanied by finger sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and jam, and a variety of pastries and cakes. This tradition became widely popular and is now a cherished part of British culture, enjoyed in many hotels and tearooms around the world.

Typically enjoyed between the twilight hours of 3:30 and 5pm, afternoon tea is known for its elegant and leisurely nature. Often served on a tiered stand, which adds to the visual appeal.

Afternoon tea has gracefully evolved over the years, embodying refinement and sophistication. And really, who can resist such a charming indulgence?

Indulge your inner child and adventure into the mouth-watering world of chocolate with our enchanting afternoon tea inspired by York's well-renowned history with chocolate.

York once known as 'The Chocolate City' dating back almost 300 years, at its peak, over 14,000 people were employed in the city's famous chocolate factories - including Rowntree's site at Haxby Road, which opened in 1890, and was so big it had its own fire brigade, and Terry's Chocolate Works factory near York Racecourse, which opened in 1926.

Inspired by history, our Executive Chef has created and developed a truly magical indulgence of mouth-watering flavours using some well-known classic inspiration from the nation's favourite chocolates.

CHILDREN'S AFTERNOON TEA

£12.95 per child ^(12 and under)
with a hot or cold beverage

SANDWICHES

Served on soft white bread

Oak-Smoked Yorkshire Ham

Egg Mayonnaise

Strawberry Jam

Chocolate Spread

SWEET SELECTION

The 'Classic'

Mini Victoria sponge, light vanilla sponge layered with jam and fresh cream

The 'Chocolate One'

Rich chocolate brownie

The 'Lollipop'

Cake pops, a soft sponge coated in a chocolate shell

The 'Cookie'

Double chocolate cookie

SCONES

Classic Plain Scone

Served with Rodda's clotted cream and strawberry preserve

HOT BEVERAGE

Hot Chocolate

With whipped cream and marshmallows

COLD BEVERAGE

Milkshake

Chocolate or vanilla

Fruit Juice

Orange, Apple, Pineapple, Tomato, Cranberry

Fever Tree ^{200ml}

Indian Tonic, Light Tonic, Mediterranean Tonic,
Ginger Ale, Ginger Beer, Lemonade, Soda

Appletiser

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Apple & Raspberry, Orange & Passionfruit

Coca-Cola ^{200ml}

Diet Coke ^{200ml}

Coke Zero ^{200ml}

Still/Sparkling Water ^{330ml}

Please note: Children's Afternoon Tea must be purchased alongside an adult's afternoon tea.
Food prices include VAT at 20%.
A discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to your bill.
Food allergies and intolerances: we welcome enquiries from guests who wish to know whether dishes contain particular ingredients.
Please inform a staff member of allergies or dietary requirements.

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