

THE GREAT ROOM

Afternoon Tea Menu



Afternoon Tea at The Merchant Hotel

*We didn't invent Afternoon Tea,
we just perfected it.*

It is believed that Anna Russell, 7th Duchess of Bedford, invented Afternoon Tea in 1840 in order to satisfy her peckishness between lunch and dinner. Today, we are proud to continue this ritual and we believe our Merchant Afternoon Tea is an experience not to be missed.

The breathtaking Great Room Restaurant with its original Victorian features complements the refined and discreet service, welcoming atmosphere and decadently delicious treats featured in our Afternoon Tea. Take your time to soak up your surroundings and savour every mouth-watering moment.

Traditional Afternoon Tea

The Merchant Hotel's Traditional Afternoon Tea served with finger sandwiches, scones, a delicious selection of seasonal cakes, pastries and sweet treats and your choice of tea or coffee.

Monday - Friday 32.50

Saturday - Sunday 37.50

Cocktail Afternoon Tea

Enjoy our Traditional Afternoon Tea accompanied by one of our expertly crafted Merchant cocktails.

Monday - Friday 40.50

Saturday - Sunday 45.50

Champagne Afternoon Tea

Enjoy our Traditional Afternoon Tea accompanied by one glass of Ruinart Brut NV or Ruinart Rosé.

Monday - Friday 44.50

Saturday - Sunday 49.50

Sandwiches

Ewings smoked salmon, citrus butter

Poached chicken, watercress, red pepper pesto

Roasted beef, horseradish aioli, tomato, gem lettuce

Free range eggs, smoked Knockanore, mustard cress

Ham, pickled gherkins, whole grain mustard and maple butter

Bakery

Banana bread

Freshly baked plain and fruit scones

Devonshire clotted cream, strawberry preserve

Patisserie

Espresso and Jivara dark chocolate sphere

Blueberry and Valrhona Opalys chocolate delice

Rhubarb and blackberry Bakewell tartlet

Sticky toffee and Valrhona Dulcey cake

Seasonal macaron

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Tea Selection



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An elegant tea should be at the heart of your Afternoon Tea experience (however, we won't be offended if you would prefer something else). From a rich Oolong to our refreshing Merchant Blend, you will find teas to suit all tastes in our extensive selection.

BLACK TEAS

Signature Blend - Merchant Tea

The Merchant Tea is a wonderful combination of quality tea leaves from the tea growing regions of Sri Lanka, Kenya and India. Blended to perfection.

Smoke House Blend

The Russian caravan comprised of an Assam, Lapsang Souchong, Ceylon tea and green Yerba Mate, has a distinctive, smokey character. High in caffeine, it will leave you feeling alert and inspired. Best served black.

Earl Grey

Using only natural flavours and oils, the high taste of Ceylon tea can be enjoyed with no overpowering aftertaste. Sprinkled with blue cornflower petals, this blend is rich and rounded.

GREEN TEAS

Japanese Sencha Green Tea

Enjoy the smooth, rich flavour of this premium, traditional Japanese Sencha. Commonly used in Japanese tea ceremonies, Sencha leaves provide a rich, smooth and full flavour.

Jasmine Green Tea

This green tea has all the flavour and aroma you would expect from such a prized tea. A pleasurable, highly aromatic tea for those who enjoy an intense, sweet bouquet of Jasmine.

Cherry Sencha Green Tea

Made only from Sencha harvested during the early spring when the quality of the leaf is at its best, this cherry Sencha is a delightful combination of high-quality Sencha green tea, rose petals and natural cherry flavour.

FRUIT INFUSIONS

Strawberries and Spears

The combination of Sencha green tea, strawberry and papaya pieces blended with naturally dried spearmint leaves makes for an exceptionally smooth and refreshing tea.

Spicy Apple

Naturally dried apple pieces mixed with cardamom, cloves, pepper and cinnamon, produce a tea with a crisp character and a light lingering finish. Caffeine free.

Red Berry

This incredible fruit and herb tea tastes fantastic and is so refreshing. This combination of hibiscus, rosehip, blackcurrants, elderberries and raisins results in the most extraordinary flavours.

FRUIT INFUSIONS

Peppermint

Outstanding peppermint leaves from the best cup of the season produce a cool and pungent tea bursting with minty flavour. This tea is extremely refreshing.

Mint Rooibos

This herbal tea is packed full of goodness and taste. Cocoa pieces and organic peppermint are combined with premium rooibos tea to bring you a refreshing, healthy drink.

Lemon and Ginger

A Thai-inspired tea with ingredients selected from Asia and beyond. First lemony, then spicy, sweet and minty fresh.

RARE AND SEASONAL

Natural High

This fresh, light tea combines all the relaxing properties of lavender and green mint. Allow your senses to unwind as you enjoy this exceptionally calming blend.

Oolong Orange Blossom

£2.50 supplement

Orange Blossom Oolong is a wonderful combination of high grown Oolong from the Tungting region in Taiwan. Using Jasmine petals and naturally dried orange peel, this is an exquisite Ceylon tea from Sri Lanka.

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Merchant Tea Caddy

From £12.50

Enjoy our Signature Blend Merchant Tea from the comfort of your home or give the gift of exquisite tea to someone special with a Merchant Tea Caddy.

Please ask your server for more details.