

# Afternoon Tea at The Merchant Hotel



NUT ALTERNATIVE MENU

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

The breath-taking 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.

Our chefs search tirelessly to bring you the finest, innovative ingredients. Take your time to soak up your surroundings and savour every mouth-watering moment.



# Merchant Afternoon Tea

The Merchant Hotel's 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 - SUNDAY 42.50**

# Prosecco Afternoon Tea

Enjoy our Merchant Afternoon Tea accompanied by one glass of Valdo Origine.

**MONDAY - SUNDAY 49.50**

# Cocktail Afternoon Tea

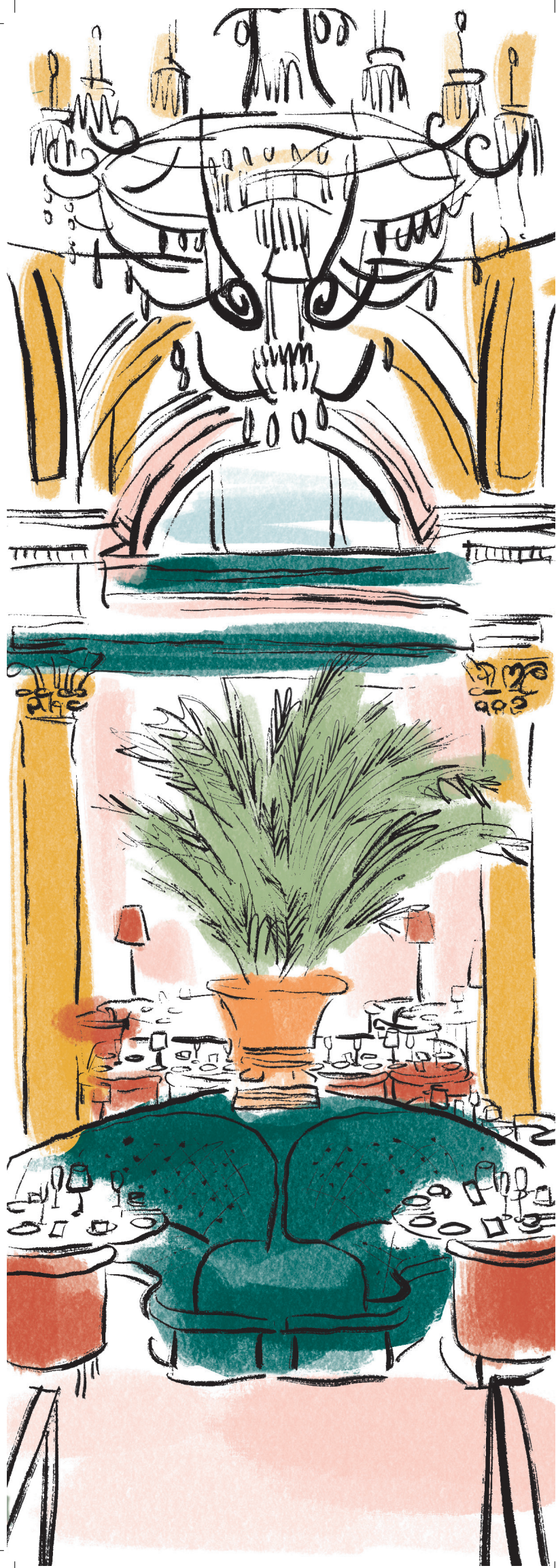
Enjoy our Merchant Afternoon Tea accompanied by one of our expertly crafted Merchant cocktails.

**MONDAY - SUNDAY 52.00**

# Champagne Afternoon Tea

Enjoy our Merchant Afternoon Tea accompanied by one glass of Ruinart Brut NV or Forget-Brimont Premier Cru Brut Rosé NV.

**MONDAY - SUNDAY 55.50**



# *Merchant* Afternoon Tea

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## SANDWICHES

Smoked chicken, pine nut mayonnaise,  
rocket

Ham, mustard butter, cheddar

Ewing's smoked salmon, caper cream  
cheese, watercress

Beef, roast pepper, horseradish  
mayonnaise, cos lettuce

Cucumber and mint ricotta cheese

## BAKERY

Ginger and orange cake

Freshly baked plain and fruit scones

Devonshire clotted cream,  
strawberry preserve

## PATISSERIE

Blueberry and Valrhona Ivoire sponge

Lemon cheesecake

Rhubarb and strawberry sphere

Passionfruit tart



# Tea Selection

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 our exquisite, scented Jasmine green tea pearls to our brisk and refreshing Merchant Blend, you will find teas to suit all tastes in our extensive selection.

## BLACK TEAS

### Signature Blend - Merchant Tea

Our signature Merchant Tea is a blend of the highest quality leaves hand-plucked from the far corners of the best black tea growing regions – East Africa & Assam. A full-flavoured brew with malty sweetness from the rich Assam content, which is perfectly harmonised with a brisk and punchy East African whole leaf.

### Earl Grey Blue Flower

Using only the finest Sicilian Bergamot oil hand-blended with an attractive, light East African black tea and sprinkled with bright blue cornflowers, our Earl Grey is naturally rounded and delicate with light citrus notes.

### Darjeeling Second Flush

An acclaimed Second Flush Darjeeling blend from the finest gardens nestled in the Himalayas. This second flush is fuller bodied, sweet and floral with hints of honey and muscatel - a delightful afternoon tea. The leaf grade is FTGFOP1 which stands for 'Finest Tippy Golden Flowery Orange Pekoe' and the Second Flush harvest runs from late May to July.

## GREEN TEAS

### Organic Green Tea Sencha

A light and sweet Chinese green tea with needle-like leaf appearance. 'Sencha' translates as 'steamed' which is a very traditional technique of retaining the wonderfully fresh flavour and characteristics.

### Green Tea Ginseng

A harmonious balance of refreshing Green Tea Sencha leaves, ginger and ginseng root, and sweet, exotic pineapple. Revitalising with a sweet and gentle warmth from the whole spices.

## FRUIT TISANES & HERBAL INFUSIONS

### Apple Loves Mint

The sweetness and acidity of fresh apple, combined with playful papaya, a subtle hint of whole rose blossom and a sweet mint finish. A delightfully sweet and refreshing fruit tisane.

Please advise your server of any food allergies. We cannot guarantee that our dishes will be completely allergen free. A discretionary service charge of 10% will be added to your bill.

## **Bramble**

Inspired by the classic cocktail, this fruit infusion is bursting with juicy, sweet blackberries and fresh lemon to produce an almost jam-like yet velvety-rich flavour. A combination of natural fruity sweetness with a subtle and complex tartness.

## **Organic Whole Peppermint**

These whole Peppermint leaves are handled with the utmost care to retain the tingling freshness. An incredibly fresh, aromatic and purifying cup to awaken your senses.

## **Whole Chamomile Flowers**

A sweet and soothing herbal infusion using only pure, whole Chamomile blossoms producing a sun-filled, honey-golden liquor.

## **RARE AND SEASONAL**

### **Darjeeling First Flush**

*3.00 supplement*

Finest First Flush Darjeeling harvested in March 2022 from the renowned Ging Tea Garden, nestled in the Lebong Valley in the Himalayas. Smooth and refreshingly astringent as characteristic of First Flush with hints of fresh cut hay and sweet, tropical mango. The Champagne of teas.

### **Jasmine Dragon Phoenix Pearls**

*3.00 supplement*

Only the youngest, fresh green teas leaves are repeatedly naturally infused with the scent of pure Jasmine flowers. Then the scented tea leaves are rolled by hand into small, tight pearls which dance open when infused. This rare speciality from the Fujian province of China is known as 'Tai Mu Long Zhu' and is a real treasure - aromatic, heady and intensely floral.

### **Spiced Citrus**

A beautiful black tea blended with lots of warming spices including cloves, pink pepper, cardamom and decorated with citrus slices. A favourite winter warmer to ignite the taste buds and spark cosy memories.

### **Spiced Pear**

A sweet and warming festive fruit infusion, our Spiced Pear combines pear, apple and rosehip shells with cinnamon, cloves, all lifted with a hint of natural fig oil. A 'pearfectly' sweet tisane that will warm your soul.

## **Merchant Tea Caddy**

*From 15.00*

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.*

