

**THE LANESBOROUGH
AFTERNOON TEA
MENU**

Award of Excellence, The Tea Guild 2009

Past awards

Top London Afternoon Tea- The Tea Guild 2008

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THE LANESBOROUGH

Our teas have been carefully selected by our *Tea Sommelier*. Like all natural products, tea varies considerably throughout the seasons and for this reason, The Lanesborough teas are tasted daily, ensuring quality and consistency of flavour.

Please use the expertise of our *Tea Sommelier* who will be delighted to take you through a journey of the different varieties and complexities of tea.

THE SAMOVAR: a metal urn that was a Russian invention of the mid-eighteenth century, used primarily to heat water. Pinecones were packed at the bottom, then lit causing the water in the urn to boil. In the late 1700's the English started using silver samovars to make tea.

Considered an object d'art by many today, we have revived this charming tradition at The Lanesborough.

Herbal Infusions

Lemon Verbena (Verveine)

Produced from French Verviene leaves, this popular herbal infusion has a light buttery taste, complemented by a subtle lemon scenting. This ever-popular after dinner digestive is extremely soothing and intensely satisfying.

Peppermint Leaves

Plain peppermint leaves provide a cooling and refreshing taste

Whole Chamomile Flowers

The only way to appreciate the floral, summery elegance of chamomile is to put the whole flower in water. The result is a stunning freshness and light, cleansing flavour that you can only find by infusing the whole leaf.

Lemongrass and Ginger

An uplifting blend formulated as the perfect pick me up. Contains Lemongrass, Cloves, Peppermint, Mate, Cardamom, Ginger, Licorice Root, Cinnamon, Rose Hip Husk, Calamus Root, Fennel, Pepper

Rooibos Tea

Rooibos

An antioxidant rich and caffeine free tea from South Africa that is widely regarded as containing a number of rejuvenating properties

Fruit Tea / Ice Tea

Apple and Mango, Forest Berries, Strawberry

Decaffeinated Black Tea

Earl Grey, Ceylon

Decaffeinated version of the popular teas

Green Teas

Rose of the Orient

A blend of some of the Worlds finest green teas including Sencha, Gunpowder, China Wu Lu and Pai Mu Tan flavoured with Jasmine, cornflower blossoms and rose buds.

Gunpowder

Green tea from the Guangdong province of China. Gunpowder tea, as the name implies, is made up of leaves hand-rolled into tiny pellets. These resemble gunpowder, and give this tea its distinct name.

Dragon Well Green Tea

One of the most sought after green teas in the world. After picking, each individual leaf and bud is hand-pressed and shaped in a wok to achieve the perfect level of roasting. This process creates a tea with an emerald infusion that tastes of sweet chestnuts.

Red Amaranth Flower

Sweet and soothing Silver Needle white tea tied around a Red Amaranth flower. Fragrant with a pink infusion

Jasmine Pearls

Poetic in form and fragrance, these stunning little pearls produce the most memorable jasmine tea you'll ever taste. Each one is hand-fashioned by rolling the freshest, long downy leaf bud sets, which come from the first spring picking, together into silvery pearls. The gorgeous colour comes from the fine fur or tippy coat on each tea bud. The finished pearls are then scented six times with fresh, aromatic jasmine flowers. When steeped, the pearls unravel to reveal a captivating perfume.

Moroccan Mint Green Tea

A luxurious blend of whole peppermint leaves and organic gunpowder green tea with the effect of combining refreshing mint with the understated sappy warmth of the gunpowder green tea.

Flowering Osmanthus

Sweet and soothing flowering green tea hand tied around an explosive orange osmanthus flower. A hypnotic display of colour, with a heavenly sweet taste.

Pu-erh (aged tea)

Pu-erh is China's great mystery tea famous for its health giving benefits, very low caffeine levels and rich, unique and comforting flavour. The secret is in the aging process.

1990 Wild Tuo Cha (aged 17 years)

This is the outstanding long aged tea find of the year. Made from leaves picked from uncultivated wild trees. To find a tea of this quality and age is extremely rare. The ageing mellows the tea's character making it more concentrated, smoother and removing any edges from the flavour. **Served at a supplement of £2.00**

TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA

THE LANESBOROUGH TEA

Your preferred choice of tea,
A selection of finger sandwiches, pastries, toasted teacakes
and home-made scones
Served with home-made fruit preserves and clotted Devonshire cream

£35.00 per person

THE BELGRAVIA TEA

A full afternoon tea selection as above,
served with fresh strawberries and cream,
complemented by a glass of

Taittinger Champagne £45.00 per person
Taittinger Rose Champagne £50.00 per person

OUR PRESTIGE GRAND MARQUE CHAMPAGNE, KRUG GRAND CUVÉE

£ 80.00 per person

GLUTEN & DAIRY FREE AFTERNOON TEA

We are please to introduce our gluten & dairy free afternoon tea,
offering a traditional selection of favourites.

Please note that we require 12 hours notice for preparation.

£ 35.00 per person
£45.00 per person including a glass of champagne & fresh strawberries

A Minimum charge of £15.00 per person applies
All prices are inclusive VAT. A discretionary 12.5% service will be applied.

THE LANESBOROUGH SELECTION OF TEAS

Black Teas

Lanesborough Breakfast Blend

This is an absolutely exquisite blend of India's finest Darjeeling and Assam teas. With long, golden tips and an empowering aroma, this tea offers the perfect balance of a rich and malty Assam, married with the delicate and fragrant softness of top quality Darjeeling.

Lanesborough Afternoon Blend

Our signature blend, created exclusively for the Lanesborough, consisting of Darjeeling, finest China Keemun and whole rose buds.

Bohea Lapsang Souchong

Unlike ordinary Lapsang which is smoked to the point of acidity, the smoky taste comes from the method by which the leaves are dried, in baskets over resinous pinewood fires, giving them that unique aroma and taste.

Golden Darjeeling Okayti Estate

Sprightly, lively, sappy and refreshing with an enticing combination of fresh grass plant sap and woodland earth. Complex, broad finish with some grip.

Ceylon Supreme

One of the most outstanding Ceylon teas you will ever drink. Jing Ceylon is a Vithanakanda. Takes well to milk although best drunk black. Full bodied, soothing and complex.

Earl Grey Supreme

Named after the 1830's Prime Minister, Earl Grey is the Western World's most popular scented black tea. Made with a rich, whole leaf Ceylon and sprinkled with cornflowers for decoration and scented with Bergamot.

Assam Supreme

Simply the finest Assam tasted in 2006. From Mohokutic estate with an exceptionally high proportion of golden tips. It is rich and full bodied but unlike ordinary Assam, the flavour is complex, sweet and fragrant.

Rose Congou

The famous black tea with rose petals, producing a delicate flavour and wonderful bouquet.

Cinnamon Star

A mix of black and green teas blended with cinnamon and rose

White Teas

Silver Needle

Long, soft and downy, Silver Needle is composed of hand-picked, first spring buds of the Da-Bai tea plant. It comes from Fuding, a serene region with waterfalls and clear lakes. The peaceful setting is reflected in the flavour: soft, mellow, with the freshness of honeydew melon and the soothing sweetness of a ripe cantaloupe. It's an easy-drinking tea that's ideal to relax with.

Served at a supplement of £1.00

Doomur Dullung Estate White Assam (Rare)

Known as "Rosy Delight" due to its fragrant aroma and sweetness. Only 2kg was produced this year of this outstanding white assam. *Served at a supplement of £2.00*

Yellow Tea

Yellow Tea (Golden Needles) is a non-fermented or non-oxidized tea. It is very similar to Green Teas except with longer firing and wrapping stages which results in the finished tea leaves having a natural light yellow colour and smooth flavour and aroma.

Oolong Tea

Iron Buddah Tieguanyin (Rare)

Only 200kg of this medium fired Oolong are produced every year. It is fired and oxidised in the traditional way to give a beautifully satisfying flavour of roasted hazel and autumn fruits.

Served at a supplement of £2.00