THE DOYLE COLLECTION

THE KENSINGTON

LONDON

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA



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As winter settles over London, we welcome guests to a festive afternoon tea in the elegant surroundings of The Kensington. A celebration of seasonal flavours, handcrafted pastries and quintessentially British tradition, the experience is made even more special with a festive creation inspired by the brilliance of Waterford crystal. Accompanied by a glass of Charles Heidsieck Brut Réserve, it is a timeless way to celebrate the magic of the season.





The Kensington Festive Afternoon Tea
£85 per person

TO BEGIN

A glass of Charles Heidseick, Brut Reserve NV

TRADITIONAL SANDWICHES

Chapel & Swan Smoked Salmon
Lemon crème fraîche on white bread

Roast Norfolk Turkey
Chestnut & cranberry on brown bread

Truffled Egg Mayonnaise V
On a brioche roll

Minted English Cucumber V
Cream cheese on white bread

Chef's Seasonal Savoury

FRESHLY BAKED SCONES

Plain & Raisin V
Served with Cornish clotted cream
and homemade strawberry jam

HANDMADE PASTRIES

Festive Battenberg Cake, *blood orange, hazelnut, pistachio* V

Spiced Apple Santa Hat V

Coconut & White Chocolate Snowball, *Waterford snowflake* V

Gingerbread Choux Bun, *caramel cream* V

Traditional afternoon tea available upon request, £70 per person

SOMETHING SPARKLING

Nyetimber Classic Cuvee MV *West Sussex, England*	£18	£90
Nyetimber Rosé MV *West Sussex, England*	£20	£105
Charles Heidsieck, Brut Réserve, NV *Champagne, France*	£20	£105
Charles Heidsieck, Rosé Réserve, NV *Champagne, France*	£29	£145
Charles Heidsieck, Blanc de Blancs, NV *Champagne, France*		£160



In accordance with the Weights & Measures Act 1985, the standard measure for the sale of spirits and liqueurs on the premises is 50ml. Wines are sold by the glass at 175ml and Champagne at 125ml. Wine is also available in a 125ml serving. Spirits and liqueurs are available in 25ml servings upon request.

THE KENSINGTON TEAS

The Rare Tea Company

Choosing the perfect refreshment is vital to delivering our iconic afternoon tea. We're proud to partner with The Rare Tea Company, founded in London in 2004 by Henrietta Lovell, who sources the world's finest teas directly from independent farmers. Many teas are rare, with only a few kilos produced annually, while others are grown on a larger scale. Henrietta travels globally to find unique, sustainably grown leaves, ensuring fair benefits for both the land and its people.

BLACK TEA

Black Tea is crafted to reveal the strongest and deepest flavours. These black teas have been traditionally hand-crafted in small batches with great care to preserve their wonderful subtleties of flavour.

SINGLE ESTATE ENGLISH BREAKFAST

Satemwa Estate, Shire Highlands, Malawi

Hand-crafted black tea from a small, independent estate in the Shire Highlands. The oldest tea estate in Malawi and still family run. Deep, rich and malty, it has notes of caramel and burnt sugar. Delicious black, becoming sweet and chocolaty with the addition of milk.

EARL GREY

Satemwa Estate, Malawi and Reggio Calabria, Italy

An elegant black tea scented with pure Calabrian bergamot. This is a classic British tea made to exacting standards. A clean and exceptionally bright infusion with exhilarating citrus notes. It can be served with or without milk, or a twist of lemon zest.

CLOUD TEA

Lakyrsiew Garden, Meghalaya, India

A fragrant black tea from the "Abode of Clouds" high in the cloudy hills between Assam and Darjeeling. Light and floral as a Darjeeling with the rich caramel and malty notes you get from the best Assam. This harvest has exceptional notes of apricot. Best enjoyed without milk.



HERBAL INFUSIONS

Herbal Tea is not strictly 'tea' because all tea comes from the leaves of camellia sinensis. They are infusions of the leaves and stems of different herbs. These herbal infusions contain no additives or flavourings and are naturally caffeine-free.

ENGLISH CHAMOMILE

Tregothnan Estate, Cornwall, UK

Grown in a botanical garden on the Tregothnan Estate in Cornwall, these flowers are tenderly picked with delicate blossoms and long stems, which add hay flavours. The aroma is of English summer meadows. These chamomile flowers are extraordinarily sweet, pure and aromatic.

WILD ROOIBOS

Cederberg Mountains, South Africa

The real South African Red Bush. Beyond organic, this Rooibos is harvested completely wild in its indigenous habitat. A richly delicious infusion with deep earthy notes, bright red berries and cedar. Can be beautifully enhanced by the addition of honey or maple syrup and a twist of lemon zest.

WHITE TEA

White Tea is the least processed of all teas. The young leaves and buds are all picked in spring and simply dried in the warm mountain sunshine. They share very delicate flavours and contain the highest level of antioxidants.

JASMINE SILVER TIP TEA

Fuding, Fujian Province, China

A delicate white tea crafted entirely from spring buds. The tea is not flavoured but carefully scented over six consecutive nights with fresh jasmine flowers, and was once the preserve of only the Chinese Imperial family. A deep and heady aroma with a light and gentle flavour. Best enjoyed without milk.



GREEN TEA

Green Tea has as many subtleties of flavour as the finest of wines. Great skill is required to unlock the flavours hidden in the tea leaf, often using traditional methods passed down for thousands of years. The best are elegant and exquisite, worlds away from industrially made bitter brews.

NEPALI GUNPOWDER GREEN

Tinjure, Illam, Nepal

A rich "gunpowder" green tea from the Nepalese Himalayas. Grown, harvested and expertly crafted by the Tinjure co-operative of small holder farmers, for the most exquisite flavour, unique to their mountain terroir. A rich green tea - with succulent body and robust tannins. The smooth mouthfeel leads with fruity notes of mango and green apple ending with a subtle hint of nutmeg.

GENMAICHA

Shizuoka, Japan

Top grade Sencha with organic Japanese toasted brown rice. Unlike other Genmaicha, it's a superior Sencha grown in Shizuoka by Moriuchi san. It has rich, vegetal notes of buttery asparagus, a popcorn like aroma and flavour from the brown rice.

SIP IN STYLE



Take the luxury of Kensington Tea home with you. Curated by Rare Tea, it's the perfect choice for those who appreciate the finest flavours in every cup.

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KENSINGTON TEA £15

V Vegetarian | VE Vegan

If you or any member of your party has a food allergy, please inform a member of our team and request a copy of our allergen menu. While we take great care to avoid cross-contamination, we cannot guarantee that any dish is completely allergen-free. Where possible, we work with local suppliers and focus on responsible and ethical sourcing. All our tea and coffee is ethically and sustainably sourced from our suppliers at Rare Tea Company and Bailies Coffee.

A discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to your bill. All prices include VAT.