

HOTEL CAFÉ ROYAL

LONDON

Winter Afternoon Tea Menu

in partnership with diptyque

Monday 7th January – Sunday 10th February

Sample Menu



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In line with our philosophy of creating beautifully composed experiences, we have partnered with leading French perfumer and artist diptyque to create an Afternoon tea inspired by a selection of the brands most popular scents.

The ingredients in everything you taste; from the sandwiches to the fancies, the palate cleanser to our selection of teas and blends, has been carefully created by our culinary team to bring you a sensory experience to relish.



Winter Afternoon Tea

Traditional Afternoon Tea	£55
with a glass of N.V Veuve Clicquot, Brut	£65
with diptyque gift	£70
with diptyque gift and a glass of N.V Veuve Clicquot, Yellow Label Brut	£80

Amuse Bouche

Atlantic prawn cocktail muffin

Selection of Tea Sandwiches

English cucumber, juniper cream cheese

Truffle Burford Brown eggs

Bonito tuna, spring onion on a brioche bun

H.Forman smoked salmon, wild fennel pollen

Cotswold chicken, lemon verbena, cos gem lettuce

Additional Champagne	125ml	Bottle
N.V Veuve Clicquot, Yellow Label, Brut	£15	£70
N.V Veuve Clicquot, Brut Rosé	£18	£105
N.V R de Ruinart	£19	£110
N.V Ruinart, Brut Rose	£21	£120
N.V Ruinart, Blanc de Blancs	£23	£130
2009 Dom Pérignon	£45	£250

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Scones

Traditional raisin and plain scones

Clotted cream

Strawberry jam

Delicacies

Earl Grey and bergamot choux

Quince, apple and vanilla tart

Mint chocolate brownie

Lavender lemon cake

Menu options with candle include a diptyque 70g Baies candle with notes of Bulgarian rose sweetened with blackcurrant leaves, presented in a gift bag. RRP £24

Water

Hildon still or sparkling, 750ml £6

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FLAVOURS OF THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE

Our Afternoon Tea menu is inspired by the scents and flavours of the English countryside and some of diptyque's most beloved scents. Take in notes of fragrant lavender, delicate Earl Grey tea, aromatic quince and fresh green mint which come together to create a sensory taste sensation of sweet and savoury delicacies created by our chefs.



Exclusive Blends & Teas

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Oscar

This is an authentic and historic Lapsang Souchong with characteristic smokiness. The tea leaves are dried slowly over pine wood fires so the tea's aroma evokes the smouldering campfire and the tea itself has distinctive flavour notes that are dark, rich and fruity, with smoky undertones. Named after Oscar Wilde, this distinctive tea reflects the complex, sophisticated man who was admired and loved by many for his brilliance and wit, but persecuted by others for his lifestyle.

Celestine

A truly indulgent afternoon treat, this is a bespoke chocolate tea blend made with fine, natural ingredients. There is a powerful depth of flavour to this tea, as organic Madagascan vanilla pods and roasted cocoa nibs are complemented by two velvety Chinese black teas. Named after the sophisticated and influential wife of the founder of Café Royal.

Queensberry

A wonderful combination of organic ginger, fennel seeds, whole cardamom pods and liquorice root are complemented by the soft floral notes of rose petals and creamy vanilla pods. This naturally caffeine-free infusion is a delight with a scented aroma that is both spicy and soothing. Named not after the Marquis of Queensberry, but for Bosey, his son and the lover of Oscar Wilde. Bosey, was refreshingly unconventional and this herbal infusion is bright, colourful and appealing.

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Black Teas

1865 Blend

Our signature English Breakfast tea, named after the year Café Royal was founded. Neat, wiry leaves of Assam from the Khongea estate are blended with the rich, malty Feng Qing Yunnan black, and the smooth, creaminess of Ceylon black tea from the Doomgastawala estate.

Elizabeth Taylor's Earl Grey

This superior blend comprises three single-estate black teas; two from India: a malty Assam from the Khongea Estate and an uplifting Nilgiri tea from the Craigmores Estate and another rich black tea from Hunan province in China.

Darjeeling

The Champagne of black teas, this is a glorious example of two second flush Darjeelings creating a magnificent blend. Smooth on the palate but bursting with flavour, this is a Darjeeling with vibrant hints of muscatel grape that leave a sweet, lingering aftertaste.

Assam Gold

Deep in flavour, this tea has all the strong, sweet and malty notes to wake up your palate. The dark liquor is gorgeously rich and extremely full-bodied, with clean and crisp hints of fruit and cocoa. This is a robust black tea which carries milk well.

Golden Caryatid

Black Tea from Yunnan Province, China, is hand-rolled into individual 'pearls'. The tea leaves are flecked with golden highlights and give a satisfying rich, sweet, smooth, malty infusion. Inspired by the gold Caryatid's around the ceiling of the Oscar Wilde Lounge.

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Flavoured Black Teas

Lychee & Rose Noir

Enjoy the rich flavour of this fine Chinese black tea, which has been lifted by natural fruit oil of lychee and fragrant notes of rose. This tea has heady floral aromas and a creamy flavour.

Mango Noir

This dark velvety black tea is blended with the finest French fruit oils and real mango pieces. For those who love tropical flavours, the soft caramel notes of the Yunnan black tea harmonize perfectly with the mango and complement both the sweet and savoury delicacies of your Afternoon Tea.

Chai

A highly aromatic tea made using a rare black tea, picked from ancient trees growing wild in the remote mountains of Vietnam. Once blended with ginger, cassia, mandarin peel, cardamom, black pepper and cloves, this is rich, spicy infusion which delivers a pleasant, warming kick.

White Tea

Silver Needle

This is a high-grade white Chinese tea made from delicate young buds that have been carefully hand-picked high in the beautiful, remote wild hills of Yunnan. These silver buds are produced almost entirely naturally; undergoing a gentle wither in the soft haze of the Asian sun. When brewed, they infuse into a light champagne coloured liquor bursting with uplifting notes of creamy honeydew, subtle melon and fresh cucumber.

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Green Teas

Jasmine Pearls

These award-winning Jasmine pearls have been made from hand-rolled young green tea buds, and have been naturally scented with fresh jasmine blossoms. Watch the pearls as they gently unfurl in your teapot, and intoxicate your senses with the sweet honeysuckle aromas that hover over this gentle green tea.

Jade Tips

This is an incredibly succulent, yet mild green tea that uses leaves grown high in the cool mountain air of Fujian, China. Each cup releases aromas reminiscent of fresh cut grass, and every sip carries a pleasingly sweet and refreshing aftertaste.

Churchill Puerh Tea

Churchill was a heroic figure in Britain, a singular character with immense presence, strength and complexity. Leaves are compressed and wrapped in paper to be stored for many years and, like a fine wine, allowed to improve and mature over many years. The leaves release a golden liquor with a distinctive warm woody hint and a subtle astringency.

Oolong Teas

Phoenix Honey Orchid

Known as the champagne of Oolong tea, Phoenix Honey Orchid (otherwise known as Mi Lan Dan Cong) is an extraordinary tea with an arresting floral aroma of peach, lychee, honey and orchid.

Iron Buddha

Iron Buddha is China's most famous and popular Oolong tea. The leaves are hand rolled into the classic 'fisted' balls of a traditional rolled Oolong. The taste is fruity, floral and sweet.

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Herbal Infusions

Rosebud

These whole, plump organic rosebuds produce a naturally caffeine-free, herbal infusion. In the pot, they are highly fragrant, reminiscent of an English summer garden, and have soft flavour notes that are naturally sweet and calming.

Lavender

With a charming colour and relaxing aroma, lavender tea is a natural source of antioxidants and is known to soothe anxiety. Reminiscent of French countryside gardens.

Ginger & Turmeric

Ginger reduces indigestion and nausea whilst turmeric is an anti-inflammatory as well as an anti-oxidant. For those who value a spicy, warming tea.

Chamomile

Whole dried flower heads of the chamomile plant are packed with natural essential oils. The golden liquor releases delicate apple aromas and the taste of fresh melon with smooth flavour notes taking you to a warm summer meadow.

Rooibos

This is a rare and full-bodied rooibos from Wupperthal, South Africa, which is the only area in the world where rooibos grows wild. The ruby red liquor is rich and malty with the depth and character of dried fruit.

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Triple Mint

The blend of Jordanian mint, British black peppermint and water mint are freshly cut and infused with lemon balm to give liquor that is both bright and tingling.

Lemongrass & Ginger

This bright and zingy herbal infusion is packed with flavour notes that warm and uplift the senses. The citrus notes of lemongrass blend gently with aromatic Chinese ginger root.

Red Berry & Hibiscus

A stunning scarlet infusion of juicy forest fruits and intense hibiscus flower. The blend of genuine fruit oils, apples, aronia berries, elderberries, rosehip and elderflowers fuse harmoniously with the subtle sweetness of liquorice.

Dandelion Root

Dandelion boosts immune function, improves skin and acts as a liver tonic.

Olive Leaf

Olive leaf is a superfood with anti-oxidant properties.

Liquorice Root

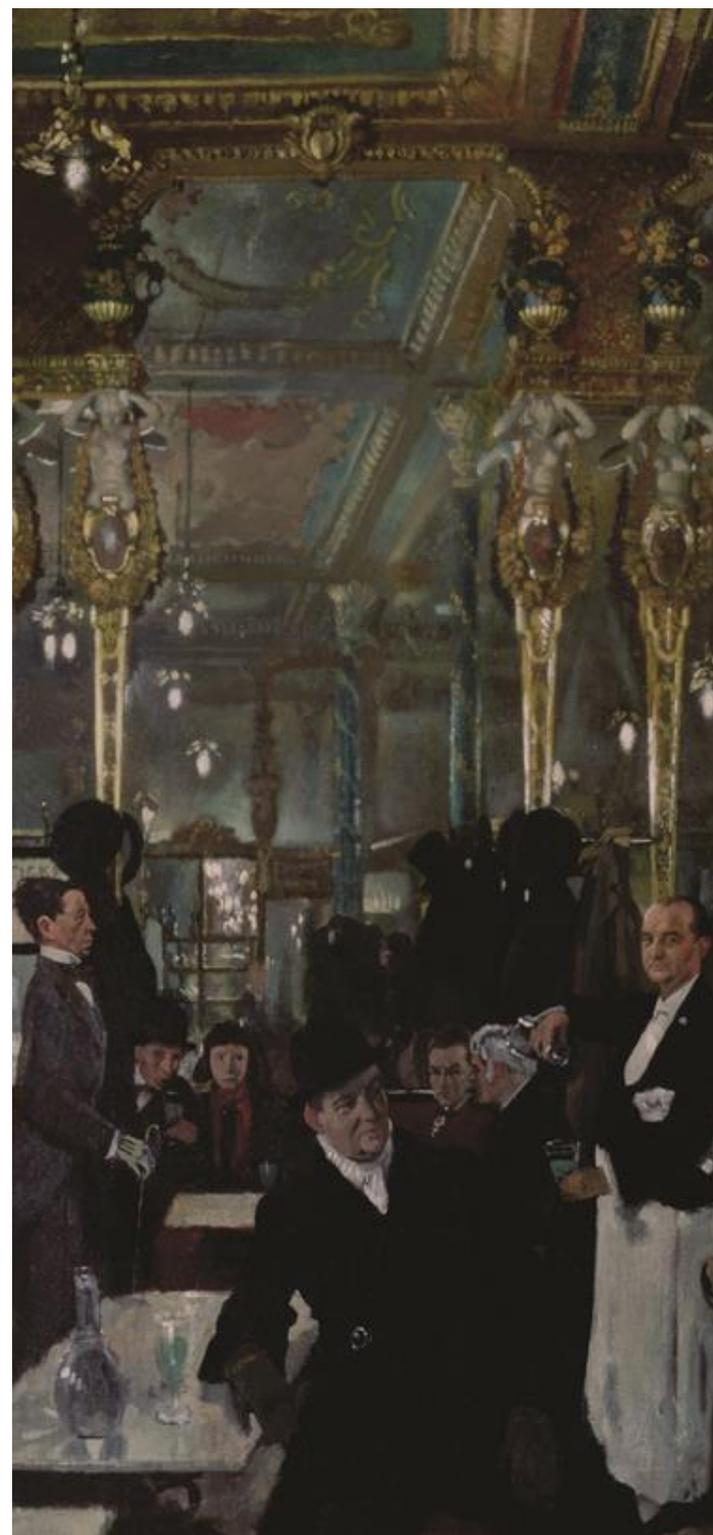
Liquorice root promotes bronchial wellness, calms the digestion system and helps to alleviate skin problems.

All teas and tisanes are available for sale

50g package £8

100g package £15

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SIR WILLIAM ORPEN'S OIL PAINTING OF THE GRILL ROOM, NOW THE OSCAR WILDE LOUNGE, IN 1912