

THE HISTORY OF AFTERNOON TEA TEA DRINKING GREW RAPIDLY IN POPULARITY DURING THE EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY. AROUND THIS TIME, ANNA. THE 7TH DUCHESS OF BEDFORD, IS SAID TO HAVE COMPLAINED OF "THAT SINKING FEELING" IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, AT THE TIME, IT WAS COMMON TO EAT ONLY TWO MAIN MEALS A DAY: BREAKFAST, AND DINNER, WHICH WAS SERVED AS LATE AS 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING. TO BRIDGE THE LONG GAP BETWEEN MEALS. THE DUCHESS BEGAN TAKING A POT OF TEA AND A LIGHT SNACK IN THE PRIVACY OF HER BOUDOIR DURING THE AFTERNOON. Soon she started inviting friends to join her at WOBURN ABBEY, AND THE CUSTOM QUICKLY BECAME A FASHIONABLE SUMMER PASTIME. ON RETURNING TO LONDON, SHE CONTINUED THE RITUAL, SENDING NOTES TO HER FRIENDS TO JOIN HER FOR "TEA AND A WALK IN THE FIELDS"

Other society hostesses soon adopted the practice, and afternoon tea made its way into the drawing rooms of fashionable London. Before long, it became a cherished social occasion, complete with tea, sandwiches, and delicate cakes, enjoyed by the upper echelons of society.



An Afternoon with the Grantham's A Downton Abbey–Inspired Afternoon Tea Experience at Glenio Abbey Hotel and Estate

Grantham's Afternoon Tea €55 per person
Why not upgrade to include Champagne Jelly & Strawberry
Pearls – In cut-glass coupe, a nod to Edwardian indulgence
€75 per person

SAVOURY

Smoked Lough Neagh Eel & Horseradish Cream on Guinness Soda Bread (1, 4, 7, 10)

Pickled Cucumber & Minted Goat's Cheese Mousse on Rye Croute (1, 7, 12)

Coronation Guinea Fowl Tartlet with Mango Gel & Toasted Almond (1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12)

MINI BEEF & TRUFFLE WELLINGTON IN CRISP PUFF PASTRY (1, 3, 7, 12)

Quail Egg Mayonnaise & Caviar on Buttered Brioche Finger (1, 3, 4, 7, 10)



FROM THE OVEN BUTTERMILK SCONES

Traditional Raisin (1, 3, 7, 12)

LEMON & THYME (1, 3, 7, 12)

Accompanied by Clotted Cream, Raspberry Preserve, Bergamot & Honey Curd

SWEET TREATS

Rose & Pistachio Religieuse Delicate choux filled with rose crème and topped with pistachio glaze (1, 3, 7, 8)

Traditional Opera Cake
Layers of almond sponge, coffee buttercream & dark
chocolate ganache (1, 3, 6, 7, 8)

Gooseberry & Elderflower Tartlet With Lime-scented diplomat cream (1, 3, 7, 12)

Plum & Vanilla Bean Verrine Roasted Plums layered with vanilla bean custard and Toasted almond crumble, finished with a red wine and star anise reduction (3, 7, 8, 12)

Shortbread Button (1, 3, 7)



SELECTION OF RONNEFELDT LOOSE-LEAF TEAS

Irish Breakfast – Black Bold Assam with a rich. Intense flavour

Irish Whiskey Cream – Black Malty Assam with Irish whiskey & cocoa notes

Earl Grey – Black Darjeeling lifted with fresh citrus & bergamot

Morgentau – Green Chinese green tea with mango & citrus

Jasmine Pearls – Green Hand-rolled tea leaves scented with Jasmine blossom

> Moroccan Mint – Herbal Refreshing Nana mint infusion

Vanilla Rooibos – Herbal Smooth rooibos with creamy vanilla

COFFEE

MEDIUM ROAST BEWLEY'S COFFEE
POT FILTER BARISTA COFFEE REGULAR OR DECAFFEINATED
SPECIALITY COFFEE & HOT CHOCOLATE

ESPRESSO
DOUBLE ESPRESSO
CAPPUCCINO
LATTE, MOCHA
HOT CHOCOLATE

ALLERGENS

1 Cereals containing gluten - Ia Wheat - Ib Rye - Ic Barley - Id Oats - 2 Crustaceans - 3 Eggs - 4 Fish - 5 Peanuts 6 Soya - 7 Milk - 8 Nuts - 8a Almond - 8b Hazelnut - 8 c Walnut - 8d Cashews - 8e Pecan Nuts - 8f Brazil Nuts 8g Pistachio - 8h Macadamia - 81 Pinenuts - 9 Celery - I0 Mustard - II Sesame Seeds 12 Sulphur Dioxide & Sulphites - 13 Lupin - 14 Mollusks