

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.



# FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA MENU

Our festive afternoon tea is inspired by the flavours and traditions of the season.

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA

€55 PER PERSON

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA WITH MULLED WINE

UPGRADED WITH A GLASS OF HOUSE-MADE MULLED WINE

€65 PER PERSON

# SAVOURY

#### ROAST TURKEY ROULADE

Sage mousse, cranberry gel, served on soft brioche — a light, festive take on the classic Christmas roast (1a, 3, 7)

CAVIAR-TOPPED SMOKED SALMON MOUSSE SILKY SMOKED SALMON MOUSSE WITH DILL, FINISHED WITH A TOUCH OF CAVIAR FOR A REFINED SEASONAL BITE (4, 7, 3)

CONFIT WICKLOW DUCK LEG & FIG VOL-AU-VENT RICH DUCK RILLETTE PAIRED WITH SWEET FIG GEL IN A CRISP PASTRY SHELL, OFFERING A WARM AND ELEGANT WINTER FLAVOUR (1A, 3, 7, 12)

TRUFFLE-INFUSED WILD MUSHROOM FILO TART
WILD MUSHROOMS GENTLY COOKED WITH HERBS AND TRUFFLE,
WRAPPED IN FLAKY FILO PASTRY FOR AN EARTHY, AROMATIC TREAT
(1A, 3, 7, 12)



# GLENLO ABBEY CHRISTMAS SCONES

Freshly baked and served warm with clotted cream and our house-made fig & mulled wine jam (1a, 3, 7, 12)

# **SWEET TREATS**

## GOLD-LEAF CHOCOLATE & CHESTNUT MONT BLANC

Layers of chocolate and chestnut cream, finished with a festive touch of gold leaf (1A, 3, 6, 7, 8 – Chestnut)

### COCONUT SNOWBALL

A light coconut mousse rolled in coconut flakes, inspired by a winter snowball (3, 7, 12)

## MINI DARK CHOCOLATE PRESENT

Dark chocolate shaped like a festive gift, filled with a soft seasonal centre (6, 7, 8)

# HOUSE-MADE MINCE PIE

Warm buttery pastry filled with spiced festive fruits, citrus, and nuts — a timeless Christmas favourite (1a, 3, 7, 8 almond/walnut, 12)



# 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 - 1A WHEAT - 1B RYE - 1C BARLEY - 1D 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 - 8I PINENUTS - 9 CELERY - 10 MUSTARD - 11 SESAME SEEDS 12 SULPHUR DIOXIDE & SULPHITES - 13 LUPIN - 14 MOLLUSKS