# Afternoon Tea

*Indulge in the most decadent of all British traditions.* 

Enjoy a delightful afternoon tea inspired by our pastry chef Jamie Waverly and his time in Paris.

The act of drinking tea in France dates back to the 17th century and it was long associated with being a pastime of the aristocracy.

Interestingly, while tea is certainly not as popular today in France as it is in the United Kingdom. This has not always been the case. Tea was first imported and drank in France in the 17th century. At first, it was mainly drank for medicinal reasons but tea soon also became popular to drink while entertaining in the morning and afternoon among aristocratic ladies.

Inspired by our pastry chef Jamie Warley's travels in France.

Jamie wants to bring a mix of classic French flavours whilst also moving away from the standard concept of finger sandwiches by introducing something different to the savoury offering with dishes such as French onion soup, classic Croque Monsieur and crab and bergamot Beignets.

This theme continues on the sweet side, with a twist on the classic Mont Blanc by introducing the flavours of passion fruit and sesame to this French staple and a classic macaron is given a savoury kick with tarragon ganache, blackberry compote and a blackberry sherbet.

Served Thursday to Monday from 12pm to 5pm

# AFTERNOON TEA

## An Afternoon Tea with a French Touch

# Selection of Finger Sandwiches

French onion soup

Croque monsieur

Celeriac, truffle and bacon quiche

Crab beignet with bergamot aioli

Duck Rillettes with grape and coriander chutney

## Freshly Baked Homemade Scones

Served warm with Devonshire clotted cream and homemade seasonal jam

#### **Parisienne Pastries**

Passion fruit and sesame Mont Blanc

Earl grey and coffee choux bun

Tarragon and blackberry macaron

Pumpkin, maple and crème fraiche

Afternoon Tea 55 per person Add a glass of Champagne for 65 per person

All prices are inclusive of VAT. A suggested discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to your bill.



## CAMELLIA'S TEA HOUSE

Camellia's Tea House is an independent, artisan British tea company with many of its luxurious teas and herbal wellness infusions designed and hand-blended in London – a marriage of handcrafted premium quality, originality and health.

Ajit Madan, co-founder of Camellia's Tea House, is passionate about tea and seeks to improve tea culture in the UK by introducing innovative fusion teas, as well as incredible single-origin teas from artisan tea estates. Ajit and his dedicated team work with premium chefs and mixologists to create inspiring tea menus, tea infused dishes and drinks. He was also appointed UK's first certified ITEI Master Tea Sommelier by the International Tea

## TEA COLLECTION

## BLACK TEA

## Sofitel Royal Blend

The Sofitel Royal Blend has been created exclusively by Camellia's Tea House for Sofitel London St James. A premium English breakfast tea combining black teas from India, Sri Lanka and China, with a dash of Kenyan black tea for boldness. A full bodied tea with delicate flowery and spicy undertones, and a hint of smokiness.

# **Darjeeling Goomtee**

Made with luscious green leaves produced by Goomtee Garden in the Darjeeling district of India, Darjeeling Goomtee is a light and refreshing tea with citrus and grape notes.

# Assam Bargang

Assam Bargang tea comes from the north banks of the Brahmaputra River in India. A tea with a full-bodied character, a creamy texture and malty undertones interspersed with sweet and tangy notes.

Perfect with milk.

## SCENTED BLACK TEA

# The Rose Lounge Signature Tea

The Rose Lounge Signature Tea has been created exclusively by Camellia's Tea House for Sofitel St James London. A gorgeous black tea blend, carefully balanced with orange peel, apple, hibiscus, ginger and rose buds. The result is a refreshing and sweet fusion tea, slightly spicy with floral notes.

### Chai Tea

A classic Indian black tea infused with cardamom, cinnamon, cloves, black peppercorn and ginger.

# Earl Grey

A combination of high quality Chinese black tea and bergamot oil. The embodiment of the finest English tea, Earl Grey is a beautifully scented tea with flowery and citrus flavours.

#### OOLONG TEA

## Tie Guan Yin

One of the most famous Chinese teas, this green oolong tea is also known as the "Iron Goddess of Mercy". It has a sweet and smooth taste reminiscent of orchid gardens, with a refreshing aroma and hints of sweet peaches.

# Organic Semi-Shaded Sencha

Grown in semi-shaded conditions, this organic green tea is of highest quality and the most popular Japanese tea. A light green tea with pleasantly tangy flavour and an aroma reminiscent of freshly cut grass and sea breeze.

#### WHITE TEA

## Jasmine Silver Needles

A Chinese tea with delicate buds of white tea scented with fresh jasmine blossoms.

Fragrant, light and pleasantly mellow, this white tea has bold floral flavours with notes of sweet melon.

## **TISANE**

## Lemon Verbena

A light and soothing herbal tea, which has a unique fragrant aroma with gentle herbaceous notes and pleasant hints of lemon.

## Rooibos Vanilla

Caffeine-free alternative to tea and rich in minerals and vitamins, Rooibos originates from South Africa. Characterised by a bright red colour and a creamy vanilla flavour.

# Very Berry Fruit Tea

A luscious pure fruit tea combining red berry, blackcurrant, hibiscus and exotic papaya. It offers a deep red infusion, with a sweet and vivid fruitiness taste and a tart hint of hibiscus.