

## THE PARK LANE HOTEL



Afternoon tea is recognised around the world as being something traditionally British.

Nobody knows the exact origins of the afternoon tea but one lady features in all theories Anna, Seventh Duchess of Bedford (1783-1857), lady in waiting to her majesty, Queen Victoria.

Traditionally, dinner was not served until 8.30 or 9.00 in the evening and the Duchess often became hungry, especially in the summer when dinner was served even later. Every afternoon, she experienced a "sinking feeling" and requested sandwiches and cakes between 3pm and 4pm in the afternoon.

Soon others followed the duchess' lead. In 1842, a well known actress named Fanny Kemble heard of Afternoon tea, and began to invite some guests to join her. Soon all of the fashionable London was sipping tea with a variety of sandwiches on the side. The custom of "taking tea" in the afternoon had become well established, along with a complex of rules and etiquette.

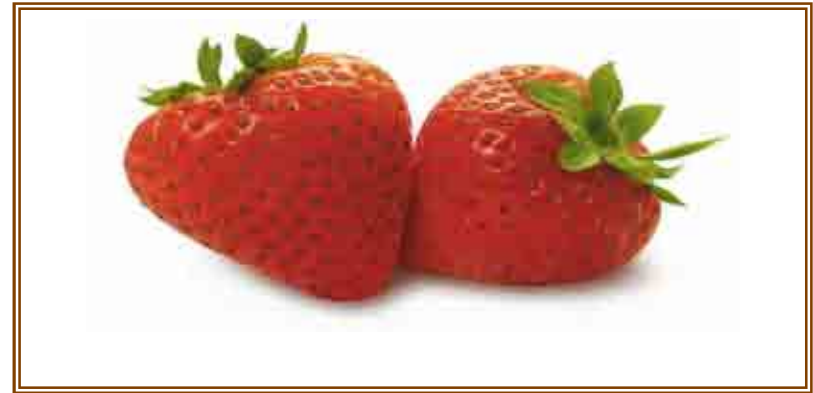
The Art Deco Palm Court is one of the most wonderful settings in which to take afternoon tea in London

The Tea Guild 2007

Palm Court received the Award of Excellence  
For Afternoon Tea 2007

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## STRAWBERRY AFTERNOON TEA



Strawberry Champagne

Selection of Finger Sandwiches

An English Strawberry Tea

Selection of Scones,  
Clotted Cream and Park Lane Seasonal Preserves

Fine Strawberry French Pastries prepared by our  
Patisserie

Strawberry and Elderflower Sorbet

£ 36.00 per person

All prices are inclusive of 17.5% VAT. Gratuities at your discretion.

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## CHOCOLATE AFTERNOON TEA



The history of confection dates back 4,000 years, however, chocolate did not appear until 600 AD when the Mayans migrated into the northern regions of South America and established the earliest known cocoa plantations in the Yucatan Drinking chocolate was considered a very fashionable social event.

Glass of Chocolate Champagne

Selection of Finger Sandwiches

Selection of Chocolate & Fruit Scones

Clotted Cream & Seasonal Preserves

Variety of fine Chocolate French Pastries

Your choice of Tea with a Chocolate 'Delicatesse'

**£36.00** per person

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## PARK LANE AFTERNOON TEA



The Palm Court is a proud member of the UK Tea Guild of Afternoon Tea, a prestigious group of only the best Afternoon Teas in London.

Selection of Finger Sandwiches

Choice of Scones, Clotted Cream and Park Lane Seasonal Preserves

Variety of fine French Pastries

Your Choice of Tea

**£27.00** per person

All prices are inclusive of 17.5% VAT. Gratuities at your discretion.

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## ART DECO AFTERNOON TEA



Glass of Duval Leroy "Fleur de Champagne"

Selection of Finger Sandwiches

Choice of Scones, Clotted Cream and Park Lane Seasonal Preserves

Variety of fine French Pastries

Your Choice of Tea

**£34.00** per person

All prices are inclusive of 17.5% VAT. Gratuities at your discretion.

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## LAURENT PERRIER CUVÉE ROSE BRUT AFTERNOON TEA



Begin your Afternoon Tea with a glass of exclusive Laurent Perrier Cuvée Rose Brut. This champagne is famous for its highly expressive bouquet, which stems from the very careful preservation of the grape's fresh red fruit aromas. Revered by wine-lovers for its flavours and by aesthetes for the beauty of its century-style bottle, the Cuvée Rose Brut is one of the bests rose Champagne

Bottle of Laurent Perrier Cuvée Rose Brut  
Mango & Raspberries

Smoked Salmon and Caviar, Dill Scone

Foie Gras Torchon, Ginger Brioche  
Warm Tea Cakes, Scones & Seasonal Preserves

Assorted French Pastries

White Tea

**£130.00** per couple

All prices are inclusive of 17.5% VAT. Gratuities at your discretion.

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## THE PARK LANE TEA SELECTION

### 2007 Organic Silver Needle White tea (supplement of £2.50)

Silver Needle is composed of hand-picked, first spring buds of the Da-Bai tea plant.

It is very soft and mellow, ideal for easy drinking and to relax with.

### Moroccan Mint tea

With the perfect balance of organic gunpowder green tea and dried green mint leaf,

this stunning classic is refreshing reviving and inspiring.

### Jasmine Pearls

Poetic in form and fragrance, each pearl one is hand-fashioned by rolling the freshest, long downy leaf bud sets, which come from the first spring picking.

### Flowering Jasmine Arch

Light and fragrant flowering green tea hand-tied around white Jasmine blossoms

### Flowering red Amaranth

A beautiful display of hand-tied green tea wrapped around a stunning red Amaranth flower

### Flowering Osmanthus

Sweet and gentle flowering green tea hand-tied around an explosive orange Osmanthus flower

### Whole Chamomile Flowers (caffeine free)

A whole chamomile flower, resulting in stunning freshness and light flavour

### Whole Rose Buds (caffeine free)

Light and fragrant like a delicate perfume, this drink is soothing and refreshing

### **Traditional English Teas**

### English Breakfast Tea

A strong blend of Indian Assam, Ceylon and African Teas

### Earl Grey

China tea blended with the natural oil Bergamot to impart a delicate fragrance

### Fine Ceylon

Grown on the mountain slopes of the Dimdula, these teas possess The aromatic flavour of a golden coloured liquor.

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### Assam

From north-eastern India, these teas have the powerful liquor of the Himalayan Mountains. Considered to have a "Muscatel" flavour

### Darjeeling

Teas from different plucking seasons and from a variety of Darjeeling Gardens are blended to give the unique muscatel flavour

### Finest Kenyan

From Kenya, a full body tea with an invigorating flavour from East Africa

### Lady Grey

A sumptuous blend of oriental teas, orange and lemon peel, flavoured with a hint of Bergamot

### Green Mango

A blend of Indian teas, with refreshing and light mango flavour

### Green Peach

A Chinese blend with delicate peach and rose aroma best served without milk

### **Classic China Teas**

### Russian Caravan Tea

A fragrant blend of choice china tea's producing a delicate liquor with a nutty character

### Oolong

From the Island of Taiwan, well rounded and pleasing fruity aroma

### Lapsang Souchong

Grown in China, the leaves are dried over a charcoal fire to give a distinctive smoky flavour

### **Flavoured Teas**

### Apple or Vanilla Tea

Fine blended tea with Apple or Vanilla flavour

### English Strawberry Tea

Fine blended tea with Strawberry flavour

### Irish Cream tea

Blend of Chinese & Indian teas giving a creamy vanilla flavour with chocolate whiskey tangy finish

### English Rose tea

A black tea with hints of tropical flavour and exotic fragrance of rose petals

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