

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

Nobody knows its exact origins 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. Around the middle of the nineteenth-century she instructed her servant to serve a pot of tea and some light snacks to her room one afternoon.

These refreshments satisfied her hunger so well that she ordered the same the next day and every afternoon thereafter with a pot of English Tea.

Soon others followed the Duchesses lead. In 1842, a well-known actress named Fanny Kemble heard of afternoon tea and began to invite guests to join her. Soon all of 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 complex rules and etiquette.

Times have changed but the tradition of afternoon tea is still alive. Relax in the elegant surroundings of the Lobby Bar & Lounge at The Westin Sydney and experience a splendid British tradition in partnership with JING Tea House and Moët & Chandon.

Our certified "silver tea masters" Andrea Orru' and Keeven Lie, would be delighted to assist you with your tea selection.

afternoon tea is served daily
from 2:30pm to 4:30pm
(reservations are recommended)

-game / set / match-

"the tennis afternoon tea"

australian open - ricotta cheese tart
roland garros - smoked salmon on a croissant
wimbledon - roasted beef on rye open baguette
us open - mini fish burger

tennis sultana and natural scones with jams and cream

melbourne pavlova roll with passion fruit cream
paris brest
london triple chocolate marquise with strawberries
new york cream cheese cake with sour cherries

tea

(available with, alternative loose leaf teas of your choice or coffee)

glass of
sparkling wine \$46 mon-fri/\$51 sat - sun - public holiday
or
moët & chandon \$56 mon-fri/\$61 sat - sun - public holiday

*starwood privilege benefits not allowed with afternoon tea

afternoon tea gift certificates can be purchased and obtained
within 24 hours "an ideal gift for special celebrations"