

afternoon tea

afternoon tea is recognised around the world as something traditionally british.

nobody knows its exact origins but one lady features in all theories, anna, the 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 and lounge at The Westin Sydney and experience a splendid british tradition in partnership with JING tea house and moët and chandon.

afternoon tea is served daily from 2:30pm to 4:30pm

afternoon tea gift certificates can be purchased and obtained within 24 hours

alice in wonderland's high tea menu

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are.

Up above the world you fly, like a tea-tray in the sky.

When the blazing sun is gone, when he nothing shines upon,

Then you show your little light, twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

"the mad hatter's high tea"

mad hatter serrano ham with brie cheese on corn bread

cheshire cat vegetarian tortilla wrap

(asparagus, avocado, grilled red capsicum and eggplant)

twins "tweedledee & tweedledum"

(egg mayo and cucumber & chicken with cranberry sauce)

caterpillar smoked salmon profiterole with lime sour cream

mad hatter sultana and natural scones with jams and cream

alice's magic potion

(caramel mousse and blood orange jelly)

mad hatter's chocolate roll

queen of hearts's layer cake

the duchess's green apple macaroon

\$39/\$44* with alice's tea

(alternative loose leaf teas or espresso coffee)

\$46/\$51* with the queen of hearts or the white queen

(passionfruit & blueberry tea or blue orange & peach tea)

\$56/\$61* to spoil alice

(moët & chandon)

* standard rate applies from monday to friday, on saturdays, sundays and on public holidays, our increased rate is applicable

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