

GREYFRIARS

COLCHESTER



GreyFriars' Afternoon Tea in the Rose Room

“Tea! Thou soft, thou sober, sage and venerable liquid...

“Thou female tongue-running, smile-smoothing, heart-opening, wink-tipling cordial, to whose glorious insipidity I owe the happiest moment of my life, let me fall prostrate.

The soothing rite that calms the soul, lifts the spirit and makes any afternoon an extraordinary event”

~ Colley Cibber: *The Lady's Last Stake*, 1708 (English Actor-Manager)

The heyday of afternoon tea was in the days of the British Empire when the “Sahib” and his family, having taken early luncheon, would have to wait until the cool of the late evening to take dinner.

Afternoon tea filled the gap and when they returned home they brought the ceremony back home with them. It was at this point that the fashionable hotels took wholeheartedly to the serving of traditional afternoon and Devonshire cream teas, following the introduction in the mid 1840s by Anna, Duchess of Bedford, to fill in the time between early luncheon and dinner.

We understand that some of our guests have special dietary requirements (vegetarian, vegan and cultural) and would be delighted to accommodate any particular preferences within your afternoon tea selection.

Please let us know how with 24 hours' notice, so we can tailor your Afternoon Tea experience to suit your requirements.

Food Allergies and intolerances: Before ordering please speak to a member of our team about our ingredients. Should you have any questions regarding the content or preparation of any of our food please ask a member of our team.

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GreyFriars' Afternoon Tea

£25.95 per person

Our traditional afternoon tea is the perfect balance of sweet & savoury and includes up to one large pot of speciality tea.

Afternoon Tea Selection

Sandwiches

Poached salmon, lemon & tarragon mayonnaise | Rye bread
Free range egg, chive mayonnaise | White bread
Lincolnshire Poacher cheese, GreyFriars' tomato chutney | Tomato bread
Coronation chicken, apricots, toasted almonds | White bread

Sweets

Opera cake
Bakewell tart
Seasonal macaron
Morello cherry, white chocolate trifle

Scones

Mixed fruit
Plain
Served with clotted cream
&
GreyFriars' strawberry preserve

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Gentlemen's Afternoon Tea

(24 hours' notice required)

£26.95 per person

Our Gentlemen's Afternoon Tea features old English favourites for an indulgent savoury experience and includes up to one large pot of speciality tea.

Afternoon Tea Selection

Sandwiches

Poached salmon, lemon & tarragon mayonnaise | Rye bread
Free range egg, chive mayonnaise | White bread
Lincolnshire Poacher cheese, GreyFriars' tomato chutney | Tomato bread
Coronation chicken, apricots, toasted almonds | White bread

Savouries

Prawn cocktail, martini Marie Rose
Miniature beef & wild mushroom Wellington
Smoked black pudding & caramelised apple croquette
Miniature toasted Reuben sandwich

Scones

Mixed fruit

Plain

Served with clotted cream

&

GreyFriars' strawberry preserve

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GreyFriars' Vegetarian Afternoon Tea

£25.95 per person

Our vegetarian afternoon tea is the perfect balance of sweet & savoury and includes up to one large pot of speciality tea.

Afternoon Tea Selection

Sandwiches

Free range egg, chive mayonnaise | White bread
Lincolnshire Poacher cheese, GreyFriars' tomato chutney | White bread
Carrot & raisin, walnut mayonnaise | Rye bread
Aubergine baba ghanoush, grilled Peppadew, basil | Tomato bread

Sweet

Opera cake
Bakewell tart
Seasonal macaron
Morello cherry, white chocolate trifle

Scones

Mixed fruit
Plain
Served with clotted cream
&
GreyFriars' strawberry preserve

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GreyFriars' Vegan Afternoon Tea

(24 hours' notice required)

£25.95 per person

Our vegan afternoon tea is the perfect balance of sweet & savoury and includes up to one large pot of speciality tea.

Afternoon Tea Selection

Sandwiches

Aubergine baba ghanoush, grilled Peppadew, basil | Tomato bread
Carrot & raisin, walnut mayonnaise | White bread
Coronation tofu, apricots | White bread
Pink lady apple, vegan cheese slaw | Tomato bread

Sweet

Carrot cake, coconut cream, candied orange
Victoria sponge, strawberry jam, coconut cream
Chocolate brownie, chocolate cream
Fruit cocktail, chia seeds

Scones

Mixed fruit

Plain

Served with vanilla coconut cream

&

GreyFriars' strawberry preserve

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Little Prince and Princess Tea

for children under 12
(24 hours' notice required)

£18.00 per person

Afternoon tea should not just be reserved for adults, so we have adapted our traditional menu to suit every little Prince and Princess to enjoy.

Before they sit down to their delicious treats,
our team will assist children in decorating their own cupcake.

(This service is complimentary and subject to the availability of the staff.
Please allow us at least 24 hours' notice if you would like to include this option.)

Drink Selection

Tea

Strawberry or chocolate milkshake
Hot chocolate or warm cinnamon milk
Pink lemonade

Sandwiches

Ham
Cheddar cheese
Free range egg mayonnaise

Sweet

Rocky road
Jam tart
Cupcake
Cookies & cream macaron

A freshly baked scone, fruit or plain, served with clotted cream
and GreyFriars' strawberry preserve

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GreyFriars' Afternoon Tea Selection

JING

The following tea is sourced and selected by **JING Tea**

Assam Breakfast

Assam, India

This signature breakfast tea has been meticulously selected during the prime second flush, and expertly blended to promote the diverse qualities of bold Assam terroir: assertive strength, honeyed-malt, and truly rich flavour.

Earl Grey

Ruhuna, Sri Lanka

To create this definitive version of Earl Grey tea, quality ingredients were selected that perfectly balance one another: a full-bodied base black tea from Sri Lanka, the zesty note from natural bergamot and a sprinkling of bright blue cornflowers.

Darjeeling Second Flush

West Bengal, India

Our tippy Darjeeling Second Flush tea encapsulates the best of the summer season of this famous region. Lighter and more fragrant than other Indian black teas, this particular darjeeling tea combines warming and comforting aromatic flavours with a deeply refreshing taste and enough body to make it a classic afternoon tea.

Organic Jade Sword

Hunan, China

This unique interpretation of 'Mao Feng', one of China's most widely enjoyed green teas. The mist that protects the bushes from sunlight in the tea gardens, prevents the production of bitterness in the leaves, rendering a sweet, succulent flavour. Simple hand-baking completes this very fresh, green tea which, upon infusion, reveals a delicate, floral aroma and vegetal character.

Jasmine Silver Needle

Yunnan, China

The young tea buds are plucked whole and dried slowly during the spring season. Their delicate texture and sweet taste offer the perfect base for natural scenting in the height of summer. The tea is laid with fresh jasmine flowers for five consecutive nights, releasing enticing aromas as they bloom.

White Peony

Fujian, China

Sets of two deep green leaves, and a downy silver bud produce a pale golden green infusion full of sweet notes of honey and refreshing cucumber and melon. This White Peony combines the delicate flavour of Silver Needle white tea with the depth and complexity of a green tea.

Lemon Verbena

Agadir, Morocco

The highest grade loose Lemon Verbena leaf has been picked and dried slowly to retain the vivid flavour of this beautiful plant, revealing a graceful lemon-pine freshness.

Peppermint Leaf

Bavaria, Germany

A high-quality, loose leaf peppermint tea picked whole and slowly dried to retain essential oils, colour and flavour, rendering an intensely refreshing, smooth and invigorating infusion with a long finish. Packed into our airtight double zip-locked bags for ultimate freshness.

Chamomile Flowers

Slavonia, Croatia

Composed only of the freshest, brightest and whole loose leaf chamomile flowers for a clean and fresh, caffeine-free infusion with clear chamomile taste. Our Chamomile Tea is dried slowly to retain essential oils, flavour and aroma, ideal to enjoy at any time of the day.

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