

# GREYFRIARS

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## 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 1559 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.

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## GreyFriars Traditional Afternoon Tea

£23.00 per person

Our traditional afternoon tea is the perfect balance of sweet and savoury.

### Afternoon Tea Selection

#### Savoury (sandwiches)

Cumbrian smoked Scottish salmon  
Free range egg and mayonnaise, Hampshire watercress  
Suffolk ham, mustard grain mayonnaise  
Mature artisan cheddar cheese, tomato  
Coronation chicken rolled in roasted almonds

#### Sweet

Cheesecake with mango ganache  
White chocolate and raspberry éclairs  
Raspberry and cherry Black Forest gateaux  
Dark chocolate and orange torte  
Strawberry and lychee macaroons  
Mini orange and macadamia sponge

A warm selection of freshly baked scones served with Devonshire clotted cream and homemade strawberry preserve with a pot of tea of your choice, served with milk or lemon.

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## Champagne Afternoon Tea

£30.00 per person

Afternoon Tea becomes even more of an occasion. The complete GreyFriars Traditional Afternoon Tea is accompanied by a glass of perfectly chilled Champagne, served in our timeless filigree crystal champagne saucers.

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## Gentlemen's Afternoon Tea

(24hrs notice required)

£23.00 per person

### Afternoon Tea Selection

#### Sandwiches

Cumbrian smoked Scottish salmon  
Mature artisan cheddar, pickle  
Honey roast Suffolk ham, mustard grain mayonnaise  
Coronation chicken, chopped roasted almonds  
Free range egg mayonnaise, Hampshire watercress

#### Savouries

Wild boar Scotch egg with relish  
Mini Dedham Vale beef Wellington  
Colchester potted crab with melba toast  
Norfolk black leg chicken croquette

#### Scones and Entremets

Maple cured bacon scone and black truffle butter, plain or sultana scone  
Chocolate torte with orange liqueur jelly  
Black Forest gateaux

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## Elegant Gentlemen's Afternoon Tea

(24hrs notice required)

Your Gentlemen's Afternoon Tea is served with a large glass of delicious 2010 Château Fleur De Lisse, Saint Emilion, Grand Cru

£28.50 per person

### Afternoon Tea Selection

#### Sandwiches

Cumbrian smoked Scottish salmon  
Mature artisan cheddar and pickle  
Honey roast Suffolk ham and mustard grain  
Coronation chicken and chopped roasted almonds  
Free range egg and Hampshire watercress & mayonnaise

#### Savouries

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Wild boar Scotch egg  
Colchester potted crab with melba toast  
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## Little Prince and Princess Tea

(for children under 12, 24hrs 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.

Treats include: freshly made bite-size sandwiches, selected pastries, honeycomb ice cream and fruit jellies, homemade jammy dodgers, cookies, cream sandwiches and a choice of milkshakes, hot chocolate or soft drinks.

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

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

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The following tea is sourced and selected **by Rare Tea Company**

### Royal Air Force Tea for Heroes

Makaibari Estate, Darjeeling, India and Satemwa Estate, Thyolo Mountains, Malawi  
Traditional British tea at its finest - made originally for a Battle of Britain WW2 navigator.

This tea has a unique depth of flavour with satisfying complexity.  
With soft, floral notes from the foothills of the Himalayas and a rich, deep base from the Shire Highlands of Malawi. It has an aromatic honey nose with a malty finish.

### Earl Grey

Satemwa Estate, Thyolo Mountains, Malawi and Reggio Calabria, Italy  
A traditional Earl Grey made exclusively by Rare Tea Company from hand-crafted single estate black tea and natural bergamot oil from the ancient citrus groves of Calabria.

This is tea as it used to be - not a modern approximation of a classic.  
A clean and exceptionally bright tea and can be enjoyed with a twist of lemon zest in place of milk.

### Second Flush Muscatel Darjeeling

Makaibari Estate, Darjeeling, India

This highly fragrant black tea is picked in the foothills of The Himalayas on one of the oldest and most beautiful estates in Darjeeling. They care immeasurably about the land, the people who live and work on it, and craft the finest tea imaginable.

It has a heady, floral aroma with dark notes of caramel and muscatel grapes.  
Best enjoyed without milk.

### Whole Green Leaf

Fuding, Fujian Province, China

An exquisite Chinese green tea that has been meticulously hand-crafted.  
The leaves are fired in a wok over charcoal in the same way, and in the same place it has been produced for 3000 years.

Refreshing with a light smoky undertone, it is the antithesis of bitter, mass produced green teas.

### Jasmine Silver Tip

Fuding, Fujian Province, China

A delicate white tea crafted entirely from spring buds.  
The tea is carefully scented over six consecutive nights with fresh jasmine flowers.

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Once the preserve of only the Chinese Imperial family.  
A deep and heady aroma with an elegant and gentle flavour.

## Herbal Infusions

### Sri Lankan Lemongrass

Amba Estate, Ravanna Falls, Sri Lanka

A smooth, rich herbal infusion with flavours of cut hay and lemon drops.

This uniquely complex and full-bodied lemongrass is grown in a remote mountain tea garden above the Ravanna falls, Sri Lanka.

### English Peppermint

Tregothnan Botanical Gardens, Cornwall, UK

A rare English peppermint grown in Cornwall on the Tregothnan Estate, established in 1335.

Counter-intuitively, the menthol oils infuse more easily from the dried leaf, giving a brighter, cleaner flavour than fresh mint.

It has a strong peppery nose with a smooth balanced flavour.

### English Chamomile

Tregothnan Botanical Gardens, Cornwall, UK

Grown in a botanical garden on the Tregothnan Estate in Cornwall.

These chamomile flowers are extraordinarily sweet, pure and aromatic.

The taste of summer meadows.

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