

THE RUBENS' ROYAL WINTER WONDERLAND

AFTERNOON TEA

£55

SANDWICHES

SMOKED SCOTTISH SALMON & HORSERADISH CREAM CHEESE

on Beetroot Bread

TURKEY & CRANBERRY RADISH

on White Bread

HAM, CHEESE & TOMATO CHUTNEY

on Onion Bread

EGG & WATERCRESS

on Basil Bread

CUCUMBER & CREAM CHEESE

on Caraway Seeded Bread

SCONES

TRADITIONAL PLAIN & HONEY & WHITE CHOCOLATE SCONES

Served with Homemade Seasonal Fruit Preserve & Clotted Cream

PASTRIES

GIFT BOX

Salted Caramel, Mandarin, Speculoos

CHRISTMAS TREE

Almond financier chestnut cream

CANDY CANE MACAROON

Tonka bean & White Chocolate Ganache, Cranberry Jel

YULE LOG

Hazelnut Cream, Dark Chocolate Mousse, Caramelised Hazelnuts

SNOW BALL

Vanilla Mascarpone Cream Choux, Cherry Compote

GOLDEN TIPS TEA

£500

Fully handcrafted and skilfully handpicked at sunset in Sri Lanka, the velvety silvery tips are carefully turned into gold and sundried on a velvet cloth.

With white glove service, this delicate tea is weighed with precision using golden scales; each tip placed into a silver teapot individually with golden tweezers. Infused with still mineral water it produces an extraordinary liquor and a smooth, light and mellow texture, with hints of fruity notes.

To complete this unique experience, you will be offered a glass of Champagne on arrival and enjoy a Royal Winter Wonderland Afternoon Tea.

ROYAL AFTERNOON TEA: VEGETARIAN, VEGAN AND GLUTEN-FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Please provide 24-hour notice for any dietary restrictions

TEA SELECTION

RUBENS GOLDEN TIPS TEA

CEYLON, SRI LANKA

The special hand-picked blend is plucked by expert tea pluckers who skilfully hand pick the tips of the small, succulent shoots of a special tea plant at sunrise. The buds are then sundried on a velvet cloth with the upmost care, turning the buds from silver to gold.

BLACK TEA

THE RUBENS ROYAL TEA BY GOLDEN GARDEN ESTATE

Hand-picked and handmade by the expert tea maker on Golden Garden. The leaf is personally tended to by the Tea Maker who hand sifts the tea to extract the "tip". Golden Garden has a balance of strength and flavour, as the extra "tip" found in this tea gives a mild sweetness to the cup. Thick, malty with a bittersweet finish.

Perfectly paired with our coronation chicken & toasted almond sandwiches.

THE ROYAL JUBILEE TEA BY LOVERS LEAP TEA ESTATE, NUWARAELIYA, CEYLON

The estate takes its name from two lovers who leapt to their fate. HRH The Duke of Edinburgh visited this estate on a Royal tour of the island in 1954. The Duke took to the fields by planting a selection of tea bushes during his visit. Lovers Leap tea was the only tea served and drunk by those in attendance of the state banquet dinners during the Diamond Jubilee celebrations for 2012. The flavours are bright, crisp and clean – a lighter cup without milk.

Perfectly paired with our ham, cheese & tomato chutney sandwiches.

PLANTERS' BREAKFAST

Strong and full bodied. Before English breakfast, early tea planters enjoyed the full bodied flavours of Planter's Breakfast in Ceylon. The perfect conditions for creating that rich full taste are found in the Dimbula valley. This is where the award-winning Planters Breakfast is handpicked.

Perfectly paired with our smoked Scottish salmon & horseradish cream cheese sandwiches and shortbread biscuits.

PLANTERS' AFTERNOON

The traditional afternoon tea of cakes and sandwiches is best taken with a bright and fragrant tea. The award-winning afternoon tea is handpicked on the rolling hills of Ceylon's Uva region. Ideal on its own or with a splash of milk.

Perfectly paired with our scones.

PLANTERS' EARL GREY

The most aristocratic of teas is infused with the unmistakable aroma of bergamot. To balance the citrus, you need a bold tea. The Earl Grey is handpicked and infused with a drop of natural bergamot oil.

Perfectly paired with our Earl Grey & chocolate orange crown jewels.

MANGO SUNSHINE

A great Orange Pekoe infused with mango oils and extract. Refreshing and fruity at the same time with great sweet notes to the palate. Amazing as an Iced Tea.

Perfectly paired with our egg and watercress sandwiches.

INVERNESS TEA EST ATE - CEYLON HALMARI TEA EST ATE - ASSAM

The dry leaf contains selectively plucked and delicately rolled leaves with a generous sprinkling of chunky golden buds. The cup is a deep ruby coloured liquor with strength and flavour, with a signature creamy chocolate note that its seasonal tea is known for. Can be enjoyed plain or with milk.

Perfectly paired with our cucumber & cream cheese sandwiches.

OKAYTI TEA EST ATE – 1ST FLUSH DARJEELING

One of Darjeeling's most picturesque plantations. This 150-year-old grand plantation started life named Rangdoo. However, its teas were so highly acclaimed at the London auctions that they became known as 'the only okay tea' and subsequently the estate was named Okayti, or Okay Tea. The soil and unique climatic conditions of this plantation produces teas of subtle delicacy.

Perfectly paired with our scones.

INVERNESS PEKOE DIMBULA

Dimbula seasonal Pekoe grade produces a cup that is amber in colour, with a golden rim to the cup. The tea boasts a wonderful aroma, with a distinctive oaky note that is only found in its seasonally made tea. Dimbula tea is used in blends the world over. Enjoy it pure and fresh, straight from the garden. Can be enjoyed with a splash of milk.

Perfectly paired with our seasonal Rubens éclair.

GREEN & WHITE TEA

PLANTERS' GREEN

Grown on the high peaks and hand plucked to fully satisfy the green tea connoisseur. The large leaf tea is curled and pan heated to produce a light mellow brew with a delicate flavour and aroma, or as an after dinner drink.

Perfectly paired with our egg and watercress sandwiches.

HERBAL TEA

ROOIBOS

Unique to the Western Cape of South Africa this is a bright orange infusion that is rich in vitamin C, Iron & Magnesium.

Perfectly paired with our scones.

PEPPERMINT LEAVES

A cherished herbal tea that has been used for centuries to aid digestion and leaves a fresh minty tang to the mouth. Best enjoyed after meal as a palate cleanser or as a digestive aid.

Perfectly paired with chocolate assortment.

FLORAL TEA

FLOWERING TEA

A light and fragrant green tea wrapped around a bulb of marigold in the base of an arch of pure jasmine blossoms and an amaranth flower, which slowly blooms when infused.

Perfectly paired with our seasonal Rubens éclair.