



Afternoon Tea at Guestling House

The Duchess of Bedford, lady in waiting to Queen Victoria, started the practice of taking a pot of tea and light meal, privately in her boudoir during the afternoon. Later friends were invited to join her for "tea and a walk in the fields."

Other social hostesses quickly picked up on the idea and the practice became respectable enough to move it into the drawing room. Before long all fashionable society was sipping tea and nibbling sandwiches in the middle of the afternoon.

This tradition has developed over the years. We recommend that guests begin their afternoon tea with finger sandwiches, followed by warm scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam, concluding with seasonal pastries.

We recommend reserving in advance as our afternoon teas are bespoke, please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.

Cream Tea

£12.95 per person

For a traditional Cream Tea, enjoy our handmade buttermilk and fruit scones with locally made jam and clotted cream along with a choice of our teas or coffee.

Classic Afternoon Tea

£19.95 per person

For a classic Afternoon Tea, enjoy our assortment of finger sandwiches, cakes, savouries, buttermilk and fruit scones with locally made jam and clotted cream along with a choice of our teas or coffee.

Champagne Afternoon Tea

£42.95 per person

And for those looking for a little afternoon indulgence, enjoy our celebratory alternative – a full Classic Afternoon Tea complete with a bottle of sparkling wine from our very own vineyard.

Dietary Requirements

We are able to accommodate the below dietary requirements for afternoon tea when we have prior warning, please let us know when booking if you require any of the below options.

Vegetarian, Vegan, Pescatarian, Dairy free, Nut free, Gluten free

Please note we are unable to offer an afternoon tea that is both gluten free and dairy free.