



Ashdown Park Hotel

Afternoon Tea Menu

Served from 2.00pm to 6.00pm

Picnics

Set in 186 acres of beautiful Sussex countryside and surrounded by immaculate lawns, secret gardens, lakes and woodland trails, Ashdown Park is the ideal location for a picnic

Ashdown Afternoon Tea Picnic

Selection of Afternoon Tea Sandwiches

Smoked Scottish Salmon

Cucumber, Cream Cheese and Soft Herbs

Egg Mayonnaise with Mustard Cress

Honey Roasted Ham

Freshly Baked Scones,

Devonshire Clotted Cream and Strawberry Preserve

Selection of Cakes and Pastries from our Patisserie

Flask of Hot Water with a Choice of Blended Teas

£24.50 per person - or £45.00 per couple

***Enjoy a Bottle of Chapel Down Brut Rose, Tenterden, England when ordering a picnic
£53.00***

A Short History of Afternoon Tea

Tea consumption increased dramatically during the early nineteenth century and it is around this time that Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford, is said to have complained of 'having that sinking feeling' during the late afternoon. At the time it was usual for people to take only two main meals a day, breakfast and dinner at around 8 o'clock in the evening. The solution for the Duchess was a pot a tea and a light snack, taken privately in her boudoir during the afternoon, but it wasn't long before the Duchess started to invite friends to join her for tea in her rooms at Woburn Abbey.

This proved so popular that she continued it on her return to London, sending cards to her friends asking them 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 of fashionable society in London were sipping tea and nibbling sandwiches in the middle of the afternoon, followed by a light walk through Hyde Park.

At Ashdown Park we uphold all of these traditions, with our landscaped gardens and woodland more than filling the shoes of Hyde Park.

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Liqueur Coffee Menu

Irish Coffee – Whiskey

Monks Coffee – Benedictine

French Coffee – Grand Marnier

Seville Coffee – Cointreau

Calypso Coffee – Tia Maria

Italian Classico – Amaretto

All £11.00

Or

£4.55 supplementary charge if taken with Afternoon Tea

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The Ashdown Park Tea Selection

Recommendations

Champagne & Sparkling Wine

	125ml	175ml
Louis Roederer, Brut, France	£14.00	£19.60
Canard Duchêne, Rose, Brut, France	£11.80	£16.55
Ridgeview Bloomsbury, Brut, England	£10.40	£14.60
Canard Duchene Cuvee Leonie	£ 9.80	£13.75

White Wine

Doctor L, Loosen, Mosel, Riesling, Germany	£7.00	£9.80
Domaine Saint Claire, Jean Marc Brocard, Chablis, France	£8.40	£11.80
Pinot Grigio, Ca' Solare, Araldica, Italy	£6.20	£8.70
Albariño, 'Davila', Valmiñor, O'Rosal, Rias Baixas, Spain	£7.30	£10.40
C J Pask ,Hawkes Bay, Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand	£7.85	£10.95

Rosé Wine

Sophie Cotes de Provence Rosé, France	£6.75	£9.55
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Red Wine

Terrazas Selection, Malbec, Argentina	£7.85	£11.20
Viña Berceo Crianza, Rioja, Spain	£7.00	£9.80
Nostros Gran Reserva, Merlot, Chile	£6.45	£9.00
Wide River, Robertson, Shiraz, South Africa	£6.20	£8.70
Domaine Jean François Gonon, Pinot Noir, France	£8.15	£11.50

All glasses are served at 175ml and 125ml please state when ordering
Try our extensive range of fine wines

Guests are kindly requested to refrain from using mobile telephones while in the Anderida Restaurant, Cocktail Bar and Drawing Rooms

Great Rift

Birchall Great Rift is a rich, full-bodied breakfast tea blend with a bright, golden colour, sourced from the finest tea gardens across East Africa, from Rwanda through to the Rift Valley in Kenya. Delicious, strong and bursting with full flavour, this masterful African blend of black teas provides an excellent start to the day but will delight discerning tea drinkers everywhere anytime. Best served with milk.

Virunga Afternoon Tea

Birchall Virunga is a lighter, single origin tea, expertly sourced from the finest tea gardens in Rwanda, found close to the country's border with the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Virunga National Park. Elegant and refreshing, Virunga is a black tea for connoisseurs and its smooth and delicate liquor make it particularly good after lunch or in the afternoon. May be served with milk or brewed lighter and taken without.

Great Rift Decaf

Birchall Great Rift Decaf is a caffeine free breakfast tea with an exceptionally bright, golden liquor and strong refreshing taste. In order to produce a cup of tea that is caffeine free, but bright and full of flavour, we expertly pick the finest tea leaves from estates across East Africa and the Great Rift Valley and then carefully decaffeinate them. Best served with milk.

Virunga Earl Grey

Birchall Virunga Earl Grey is a scented pure origin tea, uniquely made from African black tea, blue cornflowers and a traditional Bergamot oil that adds a distinctive flavour of citrus, with spicy floral notes. Famously fragrant, Earl Grey is a classic English afternoon tea choice and our Virunga Earl Grey combines the enduring aromatic appeal of Bergamot with the unparalleled brightness and vitality of a supreme black tea from East Africa. May be taken with or without milk.

Darjeeling

Birchall Darjeeling is an exquisitely delicate orthodox tea that showcases the distinctive muscatel character of one of the world's most famous teas. Often referred to as the "Champagne of Teas". Darjeeling has been cultivated high up in the foothills of the Himalayan mountain range since the British first planted tea around the picturesque Darjeeling hill station during the 19th century. Reflecting the distinguished essence of its origin, Birchall Darjeeling creates a golden coloured infusion that releases the pronounced, rich flavour and floral aroma with muscat grape notes that makes this tea so prized. Should be taken without milk.

Green Tea

Birchall Green Tea is a pure green tea sourced from China where the very best teas of this variety are to be found. For centuries these teas have been revered across the Far East for their therapeutic properties. They are a rich, natural source of anti-oxidants, which are known to cleanse, detoxify and restore natural balance.

Organic Redbush

Birchall Organic Redbush is a classic red rooibos tea made from the soft needle-like leaves of the wild South African plant, *Aspalathus linearis*. Our organically grown, pure origin redbush produces a gentle hydrating infusion that is rich in anti-oxidants and naturally caffeine free, making it a light and healthy way to lift your day.

Birchall Herbal Teas

A choice of Camomile, Peppermint, Jasmine Tea Pearls

Birchall Fruit Teas

A choice of Lemongrass and Ginger, Red Berry and Flower, Green Tea and Peach

£4.75 per person

Traditional Ashdown Park Afternoon Tea

*Selection of Afternoon Tea Sandwiches
Smoked Scottish Salmon
Cucumber, Cream Cheese and Soft Herbs
Egg Mayonnaise with Mustard Cress
Honey Roasted Ham*

*Freshly Baked Scones,
Served warm with Devonshire Clotted Cream and Strawberry Preserve
Selection of Cakes and Pastries from our Patisserie*

Choice of Blended Teas, Fresh Ground Coffee or Hot Chocolate

*Please refer to our list of speciality teas and coffees to make your selection
£24.50 per person - or £45.00 per couple*

The Sussex Afternoon Tea

*The Ashdown Park Afternoon Tea, accompanied by a glass (125ml) of
Ridgeview Bloomsbury Sparkling Wine with Strawberry and Lemon Posset
£33.00 per person - or £61.00 per couple*

Winnie the Pooh Afternoon Tea

*Hunny Sandwiches
Rabbit's Carrot Sticks
Roo's Fruit Salad
Kanga's Cup Cake
Tigger's Sponge
Owl's Popped Corn
With a choice of Chilled Milk or Orange Squash
£8.95 per Child*

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Gluten Free Afternoon Tea

*Selection of Afternoon Tea Sandwiches served on Gluten Free Bread
Smoked Scottish Salmon
Cucumber, Cream Cheese and Soft Herbs
Egg Mayonnaise with Mustard Cress
Honey Roasted Ham*

*Warm Freshly Baked Gluten Free Scones,
Devonshire Clotted Cream and Strawberry Preserve
Selection of Gluten Free Cakes and Pastries from our Patisserie
Chocolate Brownie, Seasonal Fruit Tart, Tea Cake, Bakewell Tart with Blueberry Jam
Choice of Blended Teas, Fresh Ground Coffee or Hot Chocolate*

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£24.50 per person - or £45.00 per couple*

Champagne Afternoon Tea

*The Ashdown Park Afternoon Tea, accompanied by a glass (125ml) of
Canard Duchene Cuvee Leonie Champagne with Fresh Strawberries
£38.00 per person - or £70.00 per couple*

Upgrade to a Bottle of Louis Roederer Champagne for £45.00

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