

# Afternoon Tea

by Head Chef Jason Williamson

**"There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea."**

*Henry James*

Afternoon tea, that most quintessential of English customs is, perhaps surprisingly, a relatively new tradition. In England during the 1660s King Charles II and his wife the Portuguese Infanta Catherine de Braganza enjoyed Afternoon teas daily. It was not until the mid-19th century that the concept of 'afternoon tea' truly appeared.

Afternoon tea was introduced to England by Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford, in the year 1840. The Duchess would become hungry around four o'clock in the afternoon. The evening meal in her household was served fashionably late at eight o'clock thus leaving a long period of time between lunch and dinner. The Duchess asked that a tray of tea, bread with butter and cake be brought to her room during the late afternoon. This became a habit of hers and she began inviting friends to join her.

This pause for tea became a fashionable social event. During the 1880's upper-class and society women would change into long gowns, gloves and hats for their afternoon tea which was usually served in the drawing room between four and five o'clock.

Nowadays however, in the average home, afternoon tea is likely to be just a biscuit or small cake and a mug of tea, usually produced using a teabag. Sacrilege!

To experience the best of the afternoon tea tradition, indulge in our own Château La Chaire - Jersey inspired afternoon tea. Myself and my team work closely with local suppliers and foragers to bring you best afternoon tea that the island's produce can offer.

So please sit back and enjoy the best that this beautiful island has to offer all put together to give you an afternoon tea never to be forgotten.

# Jersey Afternoon Tea

£25.00 per person

## *Our fancies*

Kaz's gorse flower pannacotta  
Jersey Lavender cheesecake with mandarin fluid gel  
Trinity strawberry tartlet  
Jersey Black Butter financier

## *The Cream tea tier*

Traditional butter scone  
Cherry and bitter chocolate scone  
Devonshire clotted cream - (it's the best!)  
Château's house made Trinity strawberry jam  
Chef's Black Butter and orange marmalade

## *Our dainty sandwiches*

Jersey roast beef with fresh horseradish remoulade  
Chateau's apple smoked salmon on chefs mam's soda bread  
Jersey crab delicately mixed with mayo on brioche  
Fungi Delecti's beautiful duck eggs loved into a duck egg mayo  
with chive butter  
Honey roast ham with chef's black butter and tomato relish

## *Tea & Coffee Selection*

Cafetière of rich roast Colombian or decaffeinated Brazilian coffee  
Cappuccino, Espresso, Latte, Hot Chocolate

Pot of traditional English or decaffeinated tea.  
Darjeeling, Assam, Earl Grey, China Green, Lapsang, Camomile,  
Peppermint, Red Berry, Chai  
Loose leaf Gunpowder Green, Classic loose Earl Grey

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## *Fancy an afternoon with bubbles?*

Enjoy our Jersey afternoon tea with a glass of Prosecco -  
£30.00 per person  
or with a glass of Champagne - £38.00 per person

# Château Cream Tea

£8.95 per person

Cream tea whilst elusive of origin, we do know that it is entirely Devonshire based hence why we use Devonshire clotted cream. However, we also know that in the 11<sup>th</sup> century there is evidence that the tradition of eating bread with cream and jam existed in Tavistock Abbey in Devon. Here at the Château we want to give you the whole cream tea experience and will always give you unctuous Devonshire clotted cream as to ensure you truly experience the original cream tea ambience.

Traditional butter scones  
Cherry and chocolate scones  
Devonshire clotted cream  
Château strawberry jam  
Chef's Black Butter and orange marmalade  
  
Choice of tea or coffee

## *Or a bubbly cream tea...*

Enjoy our Cream tea with a glass of Prosecco - £15.00 per person  
Or with a glass of Champagne - £23.00pp

## *A treat for a Prince or Princess*

Whilst there is no real documented story for a Princess or Princes tea, we believe that you are never too young to enjoy the indulgence.

### *Sandwiches*

Peanut butter and Jelly  
Nutella and banana  
Ham & tomato

### *Sweet treats*

Chocolate brownie and caramel  
Strawberries and cream  
Mini cheese and biscuits

Choice of juice, tea or coffee

£11.50 per Princess or Prince