



THE RITZ LONDON

## AFTERNOON TEA AT THE RITZ



To the left of the Long Gallery, between the hotel lobby and The Ritz Restaurant, lies the Palm Court. Originally designed as a dramatic stage set to delight those entering the hotel from the Piccadilly entrance, the Palm Court makes imaginative use of a mirrored backdrop which reflect the impressive marble columns flanking the entrance to the restaurant. Much of the appeal of the Palm Court decor lies in the use of curves, rounded ends, oval oeil-de-boeuf windows and the deeply coved cornices. To the rear of the room, providing the central focus in a charming moulded niche, is a fountain sculpture of a reclining female figure wrought in gilded lead.

Afternoon Tea, an institution in itself, is the perfect complement to these fine surroundings and is served daily in the Palm Court. Popular since the hotel opened and enjoyed by a wide and varied audience, it has become the quintessential British experience attracting habitues through the years that have included King Edward VII, Charlie Chaplin, Sir Winston Churchill, General De Gaulle, Noel Coward, Judy Garland and Evelyn Waugh.



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In keeping with the beautiful surroundings of the Palm Court and the customs of traditional Afternoon Tea service, pretty chinaware and silver teapots, silver milk jugs and tea strainers are used. The exclusive design for the Palm Court chinaware is decorated in golds and green to complement the light and charm of the room. An extensive choice of 17 different types of loose leaf tea is offered including Ritz Royal English, China Oolong, Lapsang Souchong Imperial, Earl Grey, Ceylon Orange Pekoe, Darjeeling First Flush and Jasmine teas. The traditional English Tea Menu includes freshly cut sandwiches with smoked salmon, cucumber, egg mayonnaise, roast ham and Cheddar cheese fillings. The finger sandwiches are served on a three tier stand, together with freshly baked apple and raisin scones with strawberry preserve and clotted Devonshire cream, followed by a delectable selection of afternoon tea cakes and pastries. The elegant ambiance of tea at The Ritz is complete with musical accompaniment from resident pianist Ian Gomes who never ceases to delight with his own rendition of classical favourites.

Afternoon Tea at The Ritz is priced at £38.00 per person. Reservations are required and it is recommended they are made well in advance of the preferred date. To avoid inconvenience and queuing guests are offered a choice of five daily sittings – 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm and 7:30 pm. Reservations can be made by calling the Afternoon Tea Reservations office on +44 (0)20 7300 2305 or online at [www.theritzlondon.com](http://www.theritzlondon.com). The Afternoon Tea Menu can be viewed on [www.theritzlondon.com/restaurant/menu.asp](http://www.theritzlondon.com/restaurant/menu.asp)

It should be noted that a formal dress code sets the tone for tea in the Palm Court – a gentlemen are required to wear a jacket and tie is jeans and trainers are not permitted in any of the public areas of the hotel.



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**Palm Court**  
**Afternoon Tea Menu**

£ 38.00

*Afternoon Tea Sandwiches*

Smoked Salmon  
Egg Mayonnaise and Cress Bridge Roll  
Ham  
Tuna Mayonnaise  
Cucumber with Cream Cheese  
Mature Cheddar Cheese

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Freshly Baked Raisin and Apple Scones  
Devonshire Clotted Cream and Organic Strawberry Preserve

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Assortment of Afternoon Tea Pastries and Cakes

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*Ritz Selected Teas*

Ritz Traditional English  
Lapsang Souchong  
Earl Grey  
Ceylon Orange Pekoe  
Darjeeling  
Jasmine  
A l'Opera  
Assam Leaf  
Bourbon

Chamomile Flowers  
Chun Mee  
Elderflower  
Lemon Verbena  
Moroccan Mint  
Oolong  
Passion Fruit and Orange  
Rooibos Red  
Rose Congou