



TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA

A delightful afternoon treat for two

GIFT IDEAS FOR TWO



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An afternoon tea is a peculiar example of an entire meal exuding a kind of glamour which is completely unlike any other eating experience. The watchword is elegance, with dainty sandwiches accompanied by a choice of teas, followed by scones with cream and jam and either delightful pastries or glorious cakes.

Our tea rooms have been specially selected to offer you welcoming surroundings for the taking of afternoon tea, whether that's in a three or four star hotel or a traditional tea room. The actual menu will depend on which establishment you choose, but you can rest assured that there will be plenty to appeal to your sense of occasion as you sample the various delicacies which make up this marvellous meal.

Your afternoon tea experience is designed to give you a taste of the high life and there's nothing like indulging yourself with a few of your favourite things to make it the perfect experience.

DID YOU KNOW



'Tea rooms in the UK became popular alternatives to pubs during the temperance movement of the 1830s.'

Experience Information

Availability

Throughout the year on selected dates. Restrictions apply per venue, please check on booking.

Duration

Typically you will spend an hour at the venue, but there is no set limit.

Participants

This experience is for you and a guest to enjoy, other diners may be in attendance.

Restrictions

- Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult at most venues.
- Minimum age is 18 at 3 venues, Haycock Hotel, Bovey Castle & Lion Rock Tea Rooms.

For an up to date list of locations and restrictions please visit:

www.giftideasfortwo.com/choices



Locations

Please note: Locations are subject to change owing to factors beyond our control.

- Bedfordshire, Clapham, Woodland Manor Hotel
- Bedfordshire, Bedford, The Bedford Swan Hotel
- Berkshire, Slough, Grovefield House Hotel
- Buckinghamshire, Buckingham, Villiers Hotel
- Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Bull Hotel
- Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Haycock Hotel
- Cheshire, Mollington, Brook Mollington Banastre Hotel
- Cheshire, Sandbach, Chimney House Hotel
- Cheshire, Wilmslow, Hallmark Hotel
- Conwy, Llandudno, St Georges Hotel
- Cornwall, Penzance, Hotel Penzance
- Cumbria, Ambleside, Rothay Manor Hotel
- Cumbria, Bowness on Windermere, Lindeth Howe Country House
- Denbighshire, Ruthin, Ruthin Castle
- Derbyshire, Derby, Yew Lodge Hotel
- Derbyshire, Bakewell, The Original Bakewell Pudding Company
- Derbyshire, Derby, Hallmark Hotel
- Devon, Bovey, Bovey Castle
- Devon, Umberleigh, Highbullen Hotel Golf & Country Club
- Devon, Maidencombe, Orestone Manor Hotel
- Dunbartonshire, Helensburgh, Rosslea Hall Hotel
- East Sussex, Robertsbridge, Sedlescombe Organic Vineyard
- East Sussex, Rye, Rye Lodge Hotel
- Essex, Colchester, Brook Red Lion Hotel
- Glamorgan, Cardiff, Jaspers Tea Rooms
- Gloucestershire, Charingworth, Charingworth Manor Hotel

- Gloucestershire, Tewkesbury, Tewkesbury Park Hotel
- Gloucestershire, Bourton-on-the-Water, Mary's Rest Tea Room
- Greater Manchester, Manchester, Airy Fairy Cake Boutique
- Hampshire, Havant, Langstone Hotel
- Hampshire, Portsmouth, Aspex Visual Arts Trust
- Hampshire, Brockenhurst, The Buttery
- Hampshire, Lymington, The Buttery
- Herefordshire, Ledbury, Mrs Muffin's Tea Shop
- Isle of Man, Douglas, The Empress Hotel
- Kent, Alkham, The Marquis at Alkham
- Lancashire, Lytham St Annes, Toast Café Bar & Grill
- Lancashire, Preston, Farington Lodge Hotel
- Lincolnshire, Bourne, Toft Country House Hotel
- London, Bloomsbury, Doubletree by Hilton
- London, Holborn, Number Twelve at The Ambassadors Hotel
- London, Victoria, Doubletree by Hilton London Victoria
- Merseyside, Liverpool, The Crosby Tearooms
- Midlothian, Edinburgh, Edinburgh Carlton Hotel
- Norfolk, Sherringham, The Dales Country House Hotel
- Norfolk, Loddon, Rosy Lee's
- North Yorkshire, Harrogate, The Old Swan Hotel
- North Yorkshire, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Grinkle Park Hotel
- North Yorkshire, Ripon, The Old Deanery
- Northumberland, Chathill, Doxford Hall Hotel
- Northumberland, Alnwick, The White Swan Hotel
- Nottinghamshire, Nottingham, Colwick Hall Hotel

- Oxfordshire, Woodstock, The Duke of Marlborough Hotel
- Oxfordshire, Faringdon, Sudbury House Hotel
- Powys, Rhayader, Brynafon Hotel
- Rutland, Oakham, Brook Whipper-In Hotel
- Shropshire, Shrewsbury, The Mercure Albrighton Hall Hotel
- Shropshire, Telford, Telford Hotel and Golf Resort
- Shropshire, Shifnal, Haughton Hall Hotel
- Somerset, Bath, Jane Austen Centre
- Somerset, Cheddar, Lion Rock Tea Rooms
- South Lanarkshire, Lanark, New Lanark Mill Hotel
- Suffolk, Ipswich, Belstead Brook Hotel
- Suffolk, Bungay, The Tally Ho Tearooms
- Surrey, Kingston upon Thames, Brook Kingston Lodge Hotel
- Surrey, Croydon, Hallmark Hotel
- Tyne and Wear, Newcastle upon Tyne, Vermont Hotel
- Warwickshire, Warwick, Honiley Court Hotel
- Warwickshire, Sutton Coldfield, Brook Marston Farm Hotel
- Warwickshire, Stratford-upon-Avon, Grosvenor Hotel
- West Sussex, Hickstead, The Hickstead Hotel
- West Yorkshire, Haworth, Ashmount Country House
- West Yorkshire, Huddersfield, Bagden Hall Hotel
- Wiltshire, Swindon, Chiseldon House Hotel
- Worcestershire, Defford, Revills Farm Shop
- Yorkshire, Beverley, Beverley Arms Hotel

Afternoon Tea

...a very British institution

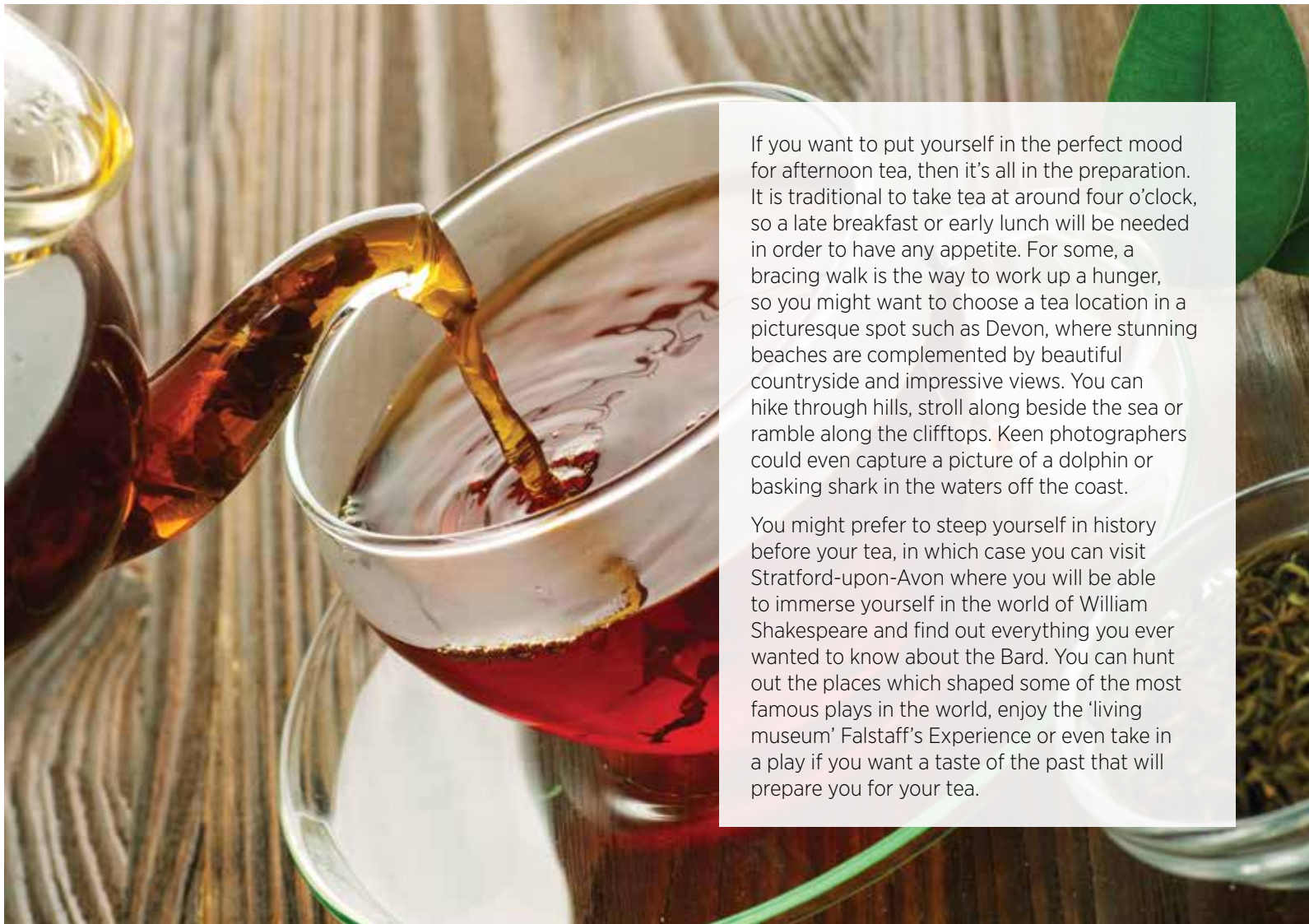
DID YOU KNOW



'Tea first arrived in England during Cromwell's stint as Lord Protector.'

Although you might think that the basic necessity of food would remain a fairly consistent element over the course of history, there have been a surprising number of significant milestones in the development of the cuisine that we enjoy today. Of course, early man would have been limited both by the availability of food and the means by which to prepare it, but there have been other huge changes in the way we prepare, combine and eat different foods.

Afternoon tea is a prime example as it was introduced as an affectation in the 1840's, whereby the wealthy copied the habits of the 7th Duchess of Bedford who insisted on an afternoon snack to quell the 'sinking feeling' that she experienced if she didn't eat. With most of society only consuming two meals a day at the time, this change to tradition was an instant success as she encouraged friends and visitors to join her and the trend caught on amongst the upper echelons of society.



If you want to put yourself in the perfect mood for afternoon tea, then it's all in the preparation. It is traditional to take tea at around four o'clock, so a late breakfast or early lunch will be needed in order to have any appetite. For some, a bracing walk is the way to work up a hunger, so you might want to choose a tea location in a picturesque spot such as Devon, where stunning beaches are complemented by beautiful countryside and impressive views. You can hike through hills, stroll along beside the sea or ramble along the clifftops. Keen photographers could even capture a picture of a dolphin or basking shark in the waters off the coast.

You might prefer to steep yourself in history before your tea, in which case you can visit Stratford-upon-Avon where you will be able to immerse yourself in the world of William Shakespeare and find out everything you ever wanted to know about the Bard. You can hunt out the places which shaped some of the most famous plays in the world, enjoy the 'living museum' Falstaff's Experience or even take in a play if you want a taste of the past that will prepare you for your tea.



The Cotswolds, Bourton-on-the-Water

If you want to find a location which really epitomises the spirit of Britishness in the same way that afternoon tea does, Bourton-on-the-Water is the perfect spot. It's not just a clever name - Bourton sits upon the River Windrush which runs down the middle of the high street between two sweeping greens, making it one of the most picturesque villages in the UK. Strolling around the 'Venice of the Cotswolds' gives you the chance to explore the local attractions including the model village (which includes a model of the model village itself), the model railway, the dragonfly maze or Birdland to make your afternoon tea a delicious part of a varied and interesting day out.

DID YOU KNOW ?

'High tea' was so named because of the height of the table on which it was served.'

Anyone who likes the idea of afternoon tea in the heart of the city should consider taking a trip to London where you can enjoy all that the capital city has to offer. For example, a morning spent browsing some of the world's most famous shops, such as Liberty, Selfridges and Harrods, is sure to leave you ravenous by tea time. You might prefer to see some of the city's most inspiring sights, such as the London Eye, the Palace of Westminster and even Buckingham Palace - perfect for putting you in the mood for your special treat.

Whatever you think is the perfect activity to prepare you for an afternoon tea, be it a cruise along a nearby river or cruising around the shops, you can choose a spot which has everything you could wish for and more.



The secret to the perfect scone



Some recipes recommend using a knife to mix the ingredients. Others insist that you must leave your prepared scones to sit to ensure that the raising agent is activated before they go into the oven. Some variants use buttermilk or mix lemon juice with milk to give the scones a slightly sharper taste, but there is surprisingly little variation in the actual recipe itself despite there being hundreds around. They all agree that handling the dough as little as possible is best.

To make ten scones, the basic recipe is:

- 225g self raising flour
- A pinch of salt
- 55g butter
- 25g caster sugar
- 150ml milk
- Egg or milk to glaze

Add the salt to the flour and rub in the butter. Add the sugar then the milk until you have a soft dough. Shape the dough on a floured surface and cut out your shapes of choice. Glaze your scones with egg or milk then place on a greased baking sheet and cook at 220°C for around 12-15 minutes until they have risen and are a golden colour. Serve with your favourite accompaniments and enjoy.

Gift Ideas for Two issues face value vouchers ("Vouchers") entitling the holder to choose, up to the value stated on the Voucher, one of a range of activities or overnight breaks ("Experiences") supplied by Gift Ideas for Two and provided by selected experience providers.

Voucher validity

Vouchers are valid until the expiry date shown on your Voucher. Please check the season of any intended Experience, as this may be shorter than the Voucher validity. You must validate, book and complete your Experience prior to the expiry date, please note booking lead times apply. The original retailer's gift or till receipt is required to validate your Voucher. If you are unable to use your Voucher within the validity period, the Voucher can be extended for a period of six months. A £20 administration fee is payable if you choose to extend your voucher. A Voucher can only be extended once and only after it has been validated, and must be done while the Voucher is valid. Validated and extended Vouchers cannot be refunded.

Choosing your Experience

This pack is for a Voucher that entitles the holder to any* of the Experiences supplied by Gift Ideas for Two, up to the value stated, including the Experience/Experiences featured either on the outside of the pack, or in the literature accompanying your pack. Please note once a date has been booked with an Experience provider your Voucher is no longer available for an exchange, extension or refund and will be deemed to be used at that point.

Exchanging your Voucher

A Voucher can be exchanged only once for another Voucher, up to the face value stated on it and subject to certain restrictions†, without incurring a fee. A difference will be payable if the chosen Experience costs more than the face value of your original Voucher and the value of your Voucher will be increased. If your chosen Experience is cheaper, we will hold the difference as a credit against another Experience. The credit cannot be used to pay for the cost of an extension or an exchange. All credits held will have the same expiry date as the original purchased Voucher. An administration fee of £20 will be charged for a second and final exchange, (as no more than two exchanges in total are permitted). The exchanged Voucher will carry the same expiry date as the original purchased Voucher. You will need to return the original voucher in order for the new voucher to be dispatched. If you wish to combine or merge more than one Voucher together, as part of the exchange process, then this can be arranged however subject to the following restrictions; You can merge no more than two Vouchers together; if the Vouchers have different expiry dates then the earlier expiry date is taken forward onto the replacement Voucher, not the later date; only Vouchers purchased from the same retail chain or website may be merged together; and you may not merge any Vouchers previously merged or exchanged.

Age, size and health restrictions

For safety reasons, some Experiences have certain size, age and health restrictions. You are required to notify Gift Ideas for Two and/or the provider of any relevant medical condition. For driving Experiences you will need a full valid UK or European driving licence (manual) which must have been held for a minimum of one year, unless otherwise stated. Please note at some locations there is an option to purchase damage waiver insurance on the day of your driving Experience. In the event of an accident the damage waiver will cover all or part of the damage caused to the vehicle(s) however this will not

cover damage caused by reckless or negligent driving. Further details are available on booking. Our Customer Contact Centre or the provider can advise of any restrictions at the time of booking.

Bookings

In order to enjoy your chosen Experience, you are asked to choose your preferred location then follow the booking instructions. The original retailer's gift or till receipt may be required to use your Voucher. You may be required to send your Voucher to the chosen provider to confirm your booking in advance: if so we recommend you keep a record of your Voucher number and use registered post, as your Voucher is a valuable document. You should also note that your Voucher must be presented on the day (unless already sent to the Experience provider), in order to participate in the Experience. If lost, we regret that Vouchers cannot be replaced. You may also be required to pay a deposit to the provider to confirm your booking in advance. This deposit will be credited back upon completion of your Experience. Please note you may not be able to change your mind once a date has been booked with an Experience provider.

Returns

Standard retailer refund policies apply. Nevertheless returns and exchanges are not available if you have validated your Voucher; the silver security panel has been scratched off; the Voucher is not contained within the gift pack; you have extended your Voucher; used or booked your Voucher; if the date of the request is after the Voucher expiry date; or if the pack is not in a re-saleable condition. No interest will be paid on the amount to be refunded.

Insurance

Where applicable, the price of the Voucher includes the cost of providing you with personal accident insurance cover to participants aged up to 75 years old. This insurance cover is only included if indicated on your Voucher and is not available for Experiences that take place outside the UK. Full details of insurance cover are available on request.

Experience availability and timings and locations

The availability and timings are given as a guide only and you may be required to wait between different elements of the Experience alongside other participants. Locations are subject to change owing to factors beyond our control.

Description and photography

We have tried hard to ensure that descriptions and illustrations used on the pack, in all our literature and on our website are accurate, however, photographs are intended to give a general idea of the Experience described, and do not form part of any contract between you and Gift Ideas for Two.

Cancelling or changing your Experience

If we cancel your Experience, we will tell you as soon as possible, and do our very best to offer an alternative date or location. If specific celebrities, vehicles or venues are featured but are not available on the day for reasons beyond our control, we will try to find the best possible replacement. If this is not possible, we reserve the right to cancel your Experience at short notice and re-book you. We reserve the right to reschedule the timings or location of any Experience owing to unavailability of the Experience, insufficient numbers making the Experience unavailable, and other factors beyond our control. We

reserve the right to discontinue an Experience, venue, or individual supplier at our own discretion. We will endeavour to offer a suitable alternative Experience of the same value, however, if not we will refund your Voucher in full. If you decide to book a different Experience and the price of that Experience exceeds the face value of your Voucher, you will need to pay the difference. We also reserve the right to make minor changes to your Experience. Examples of minor changes include car specification or order of Experiences on a particular day. If you need to cancel or change your Experience booking you should contact us immediately. We will do our best to fill the allocated space, but if we are unable to do so, you may lose your booking. You will be advised by Gift Ideas for Two if you can rebook through the cancellation cover. If you need to cancel your Experience because of accidental injury/illness to yourself, or a death in your immediate family you should contact Gift Ideas for Two as it may be possible to re-arrange your Experience on presentation of a medical certificate.

Weather

Experiences may be cancelled by the Experience provider due to weather conditions, mechanical failure, or for other reasons beyond our control. If your Experience is cancelled by the Experience provider because of the weather, you will be able to rebook for a date on which you are able to attend. Gift Ideas for Two is unable to reimburse travel, accommodation or other incidental expenses incurred by you in attending an Experience which is cancelled for any reason. If you are unable to travel to your Experience due to bad weather but the Experience still takes place we may not be able to rebook you without an administration cost.

In case of problems

In case of a problem, please speak to the Experience provider on the day, so they have the opportunity to resolve any problems there and then. Any other complaints should be addressed with the customer service department at Gift Ideas for Two, who will address the problem with the experience on your behalf.

Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

These terms and conditions do not affect your statutory rights as a consumer, and are governed by and in accordance with English law. The purchaser and Activity Superstore agree that any problems fall under the jurisdiction of the English courts. All the clauses and sub clauses in our terms and conditions are independent of each other. If one clause or sub clause is invalid or unenforceable, this will not affect any other clause or sub clause.

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Registering & booking your experience

(step-by-step guide)

For security reasons, and so you have the most up to date information you will need to register your details and validate your voucher with us. To register your details and validate your voucher as quickly as possible, all you need to do is follow the steps below.

- 1 Visit our website www.giftideasfortwo.com/argos
- 2 To validate your voucher you will need to have your till receipt, activation number and your security number (found under the silver scratch off panel on the front of your voucher).
- 3 Once you have registered your details successfully with us please write down your unique voucher number in the space provided on the front of your voucher. You will then receive on screen booking information, which will also be sent to your e-mail address.
- 4 Then all you need to do is book your experience and prepare to have the time of your life!

Don't forget

- You must have validated your voucher, booked and completed your experience by the expiry date shown on your voucher.
- Please check the booking lead time of your chosen experience as restrictions may apply.
- Refunds cannot be given once you have scratched off the silver security panel. Please see our Terms & Conditions.