

Afternoon Tea

S O F I T E L
AUCKLAND VIADUCT HARBOUR

Savoury

TRADITIONAL RATATOUILLE

made from Pukekohe vegetables
served in a cone with black truffle aioli and peppermint

180 DEGREE HOUSE SMOKED KAHAWAI

with Kawakawa, ginger and lemon grass tea gel, hazelnut cracker

FREE-RANGE WAITOA CHICKEN

smoked with Lapsang Souchong,
Kapiti Pakiri smoked cheddar, tobiko

WAITOA FREE RANGE EGG MOUSSE

Earl Grey tea gel, toasted brioche

UMF™ 10+ COMVITA MANUKA HONEY

glazed ham sandwich with Dijonnaise

BIG GLORY SALMON

cured with Scapegrace Gin
wasabi 'caviar', French vanilla rose tea, crème fraîche tart

Sweet

VANILLA SCONES

strawberry and Merlot infused jam, vanilla cream

CHARDONNAY MACARON

vanilla cream and Chardonnay infused gel

VEUVE CLICQUOT AND STRAWBERRY MAGNUM

strawberry and Champagne mousse, strawberry confit
white chocolate sponge and coating

RASPBERRY AND RHUBARB

raspberry mousse with poached rhubarb and Pinot Noir glaze

FIG AND ALMOND TART

almond and Sauternes ganache, fresh fig and Sauternes jelly

Tea Menu

BLACK TEA

BRILLIANT BREAKFAST

Bright, bold Broken Orange Pekoe leaf tea that is robust and strong and like a good breakfast tea takes a drop of milk suitably.

NUWARA ELIYA PEKOE

Nuwara Eliya, also called 'Little England' is one of the four premier tea growing regions of Ceylon. This seasonal tea is recognizable by its delicate and gentle character, golden glow and mildly green finish. Best enjoyed without milk.

LAPSANG SOUCHONG

A gently smoked gourmet black tea produced in a traditional process that originates in the Qing Dynasty in China. The tea leaves are withered over pine or cypress wood fires producing a distinctive tarry note. This is a very traditional and distinctive tea with depth, body and a prominent wood smoke character. Best enjoyed without milk.

PU-ERH NO.1 LEAF TEA

A special tea renowned in China for its medicinal value. Grown in the Yunnan province, Pu-erh tea has been popular in that region since the Tang Dynasty when Pu-erh was taken for relief of indigestion and more recently reducing cholesterol. This tea is post-fermented with a typically earthy taste. Its prominent woody character, with hints of herb and elemental flavour. This is the result of the post-fermentation process unique to Pu-Erh. Best enjoyed without milk.

SINGLE ESTATE DARJEELING

Darjeeling is India's most famous tea growing region, at around 6000 feet above sea level in the foothills of the Himalayas. Fine Darjeeling Tea is light and delicate with body that is more typical of oolong than black tea. Its taste is defined yet soft, with floral and distinctive muscatel notes. Deliciously sophisticated, the perfect afternoon tea. Can take milk but best enjoyed without..

Tea Menu

FLAVOURED & SPICED BLACK TEA

THE ORIGINAL EARL GREY

This tea is a combination of a rich and full bodied Ceylon Single Origin Tea with the flavour of Bergamot, a citrus fruit that is native to Calabria in Italy. The strong and distinctive Ceylon Tea partners harmoniously with the Bergamot flavour to offer an authentic Earl Grey Tea. Full bodied yet aromatic. Can take milk.

LYCHEE WITH ROSE AND ALMOND

A bright Western High Grown Ceylon Pekoe in a wonderfully aromatic marriage of flavours. The medium bodied Ceylon Pekoe is deliciously complemented by the complex bouquet and fusion of Lychee, Almond and Rose in combination. The soft sweetness of Rose dominates on first sip, giving way on the palate to Almond, eventually embraced by the fruity, fragrant Lychee. Can take milk but best enjoyed on it's own.

CEYLON CINNAMON SPICE TEA

The famed Island of Ceylon was sought by ancient explorers for its spices and, since the late 1800s, also for its tea. This tea is a combination of Ceylon's finest produce - a Single Region Tea, grown at 4,000 feet elevation in the Dimbula valley, and Ceylon Cinnamon, known as 'true Cinnamon'. Takes milk.

ROSE WITH FRENCH VANILLA

A seductive tea, combining a fine Single Region Pekoe from Nuwara Eliya with the mystical, sensuous fragrance of rose petals. Celebrated throughout history for its alluring romanticism, the rose is one of the most sought after amongst flavours. The gentle tea is encircled by the softly sweet floral aroma of red rose to deliver a feminine and very gentle brew. Can take milk but great on its own too.

MEDITERRANEAN MANDARIN

Light and bright, high elevation, Single Region Pekoe from Nuwara Eliya, 5,000 feet above sea level in the mountains of Ceylon enhanced with a touch of the uplifting aroma and juicy sweetness of Mediterranean Mandarin, one of the most appealing fruits of the citrus family. Best enjoyed on its own.

Tea Menu

WHITE, GREEN & OOLONG TEA

CEYLON SILVER TIPS WHITE TEA

The characteristic silver, needle-like buds with their velvety texture, produce a pale liquor that is supremely delicate. A light tea, prized for its gentleness, it demands respect in its preparation and yields hints of pear, honey and a lightly herbal embrace. The beauty of the buds, and their transformation, enhances the serenity in this unique Ceylon Tea. To be truly savoured on its own, avoid strong flavoured foods at the same time.

SENCHA GREEN EXTRA SPECIAL

A fresh and delicate tea, Sencha is steamed in a unique variation to the traditional Chinese (pan frying) manufacture of green tea. Famed in Japan for its mildness, Sencha offers a light infusion with a grassy aroma and gentle taste. A smooth, herbal finish and a hint of sweetness make Sencha a pleasing and refreshing green tea that can be enjoyed throughout the day, especially as an accompaniment to salads and fish.

GREEN TEA WITH JASMINE FLOWERS

A gentle green tea in fragrant and delicate union with natural Jasmine petals. The soft, mildly sweet and mystical aroma of Jasmine is enthralling in its combination with green tea. This natural combination offers a refreshing and soothing beverage that is also a delicious palate cleanser.

SINGLE ESTATE OOLONG LEAF TEA

Oolong is a semi-oxidized tea, not as strong as black tea (fully oxidized) and not as delicate as green or white tea (un-oxidized). Oolong originated in the 18th Century in the Fujian Province of China. It produces a mellow, pleasing liquor that is a delicate and mild with very large leaves that gradually unfurl over sometimes multiple infusions. Enjoy on its own.

Tea Menu

FRUIT & HERBAL INFUSIONS CAFFIENE FREE

ELDERFLOWER & HOT APPLE

A naturally caffeine-free loose leaf infusion offering a delicious apple fragrance and crowd-pleasing flavours. Citrus and green apple complement elderflower and elderberries to produce a fresh, summery infusion.

NATURAL INFUSION OF BLUEBERRY

Blueberries lend their soft, tangy flavours to this intense caffeine-free infusion. A fusion of berry, orange and sweet fruit notes offer a delicious all-natural fruit, herb, and spice flavour combination.

BLOOD ORANGE & EUCALYPTU

An inspired loose leaf blend of sweet orange, lemon and spice in a beautiful ruby red infusion. Strong and tart, the lively fresh berry and orange notes are balanced by the bracing, pungent scent of eucalyptus.

GENTLE CHAMOMILE

Chamomile is a gentle and relaxing herb enjoyed by many as a tonic for centuries. It has a serene character and wonderful aroma. The daisy-like Chamomile flower, where the subtle flavour is concentrated, has an uplifting aroma reminiscent of apples. It is often enjoyed as a naturally caffeine free infusion in the evening to support a good nights sleep.

PURE PEPPERMINT

Naturally caffeine free and ideally enjoyed after a meal. The natural peppermint oil in the leaves imparts a menthol aroma and adds sparkle to the infusion, making for a cooling and energising any time of day.

Champagne

VEUVE CLICQUOT NV BRUT	\$24 \$120
VEUVE CLICQUOT ROSE	\$28 \$140
VEUVE CLICQUOT LA GRANDE DAME	\$400

Champagne Cocktails

PASSIONFRUIT CUVEE

Verve Clicquot Brut, Belvedere Citron, Passionfruit & Ginger \$25

ROSES ARE RED

Verve Clicquot Rose, Glendalough Rose, Mint, French Vanilla
& Rose Tea \$25