



AFTERNOON TEA

Served daily
15.00 - 17.00 hrs



The Cumberland Hotel has long upheld the custom of serving Afternoon Tea, a tradition that extends far beyond the history of our establishment. The practice originated in England in 1840, introduced by Anna, Duchess of Bedford. At that time, dinner was customarily served fashionably late, around eight o'clock in the evening. Finding herself rather peckish during the afternoon, the Duchess requested a tray of tea, bread and butter accompanied by cake. What began as her personal refreshment soon became a cherished habit, eventually shared with her friends.

The custom flourished during the Edwardian era, embraced by the upper classes as both a social and cultural ritual. Afternoon Tea offered the perfect occasion for society to gather, to put on their finest outfits and to display elegant china and polished silver tea pots. Traditionally taken in the drawing room between four and five o'clock, Afternoon Tea gradually moved beyond the private home and became a refined offering in grand hotels and restaurants. Today Afternoon Tea is enjoyed by all, even in the home. Served with a selection of freshly prepared sandwiches, freshly baked scones, and delicate cakes and pastries. A ritual that has gracefully evolved from its modest beginnings of bread and butter into a symbol of refinement and sociability.

At The Cumberland Hotel and Ventana Grand Café, we are proud to preserve this timeless tradition.



CONTEMPORARY AFTERNOON TEA

Amuse Bouche

A Selection of Finger Sandwiches:
Cucumber with Cream Cheese on White
Egg Mayonnaise with Cress on Wholemeal
Smoked Salmon on Wholemeal
Coronation Chicken on White

Homemade Plain Scones
Served with Strawberry Jam and Dorset Clotted Cream

A selection of Handmade Miniature Puddings and Cakes

A Pot of Artisan Loose Leaf Tea,
or an Illy Barista Coffee of your choice

22pp

SAVOURY HIGH TEA

(Please reserve 24 hours in advance)

Cheese Straws

Egg Mayo Sandwich on Granary
Beef and Caramelised Onion Sandwich on Bloomer
Savoury Cheese Scone with Jam
Lamb Bon Bon, Sausage Roll and Scotch Egg
Mini Banana Loaf

A Pot of Artisan Loose Leaf Tea,
or an Illy Barista Coffee of your choice

25.5pp



Complete your Ventana Afternoon Tea experience with your choice of our **Artisan Loose Leaf Teas**.

CHRYSLER BREAKFAST TEA

(Brew: 2+ mins) A bold Assam and Uva blend. The perfect morning pick-me-up.

CUMBERLAND CLASSIC

(Brew: 2+ mins) Darjeeling and Assam with Sri Lankan Uva - smooth, all-day drinking.

SHADES OF GREY

(Brew: 2+ mins) A light, zesty Earl Grey with a delicate hint of rose.

GRAHAM GREENE & CHOCOLATE

(Brew: 3+ mins) Chinese green tea with cocoa shells for a sweet, malty twist.

PINK PRIDE

(Brew: 3+ mins) Elegant white tea blended with fragrant rose petals.

PARISIAN FLORAL CALM

(Brew: 3+ mins) A soothing chamomile with calming floral notes.

ROCKEFELLER CLEANSING

(Brew: 4+ mins) Refreshing and cooling peppermint and spearmint infusion.

Turn to the back page to explore our curated **Illy Barista Coffee** selection and **Indulgent Upgrades**.

ILLY BARISTA COFFEE

ESPRESSO

AMERICANO

WHITE COFFEE

DOUBLE ESPRESSO

CAPPUCCINO

LATTE

MOCHA



INDULGENT TOUCHES

GLASS OF PROSECCO 6.95

GLASS OF MOËT & CHANDON CHAMPAGNE 10.95

COCKTAILS from 10.5

Please ask your server for our Cocktail list.

HENDRICK'S TEA COCKTAIL 12.5

Refreshing blend of fresh cucumber, elderflower syrup, Hendrick's Gin, syrup de gomme, fresh lemon, lemon peel, and artisan Earl Grey tea, shaken on ice.



Allergen Notice: Please let our team know in advance of any allergy, so we can do our best to accommodate you. While every effort is made to carefully prepare, we cannot guarantee that dishes are completely free from allergens, as there is always a minimal risk of cross-contamination in our kitchen. Guests with severe allergies should exercise caution.