THE HERITAGE COURT

Afternoon Tea at the Princess

In the 1840s Anna, The 7th Duchess of Bedford, felt the need to have a small snack of fresh hot tea and thinly sliced bread and butter served to her, in secret, in her boudoir by a butler.

When she realized she was not ridiculed she became encouraged to entertain her friends and house guests in this way, and so afternoon tea was born.

Afternoon Tea was generally served around 3pm to 4pm and consisted of small dainty sandwiches with various fillings of cucumber, egg, chicken and even sardine then followed by small pastries of seasonal fruits and slices of Madeira and fruit cakes and not forgetting the fruit scone with strawberry preserves and the ever popular Devonshire clotted cream.

All of this washed down with fresh hot tea, the milk was poured first as this will stop the very hot tea from cracking the fine china. It was the highest honour if the pot was placed in front of you to pour.

Here at Fairmont Hamilton Princess we are very proud to carry on this fine British tradition of serving our award winning afternoon tea, voted one of the best top 10 in the world, in our popular Heritage Court and is great favourite of locals and tourists.

(There is a sharing charge of $21.50 per person)

Seasonal Afternoon Tea

Princess Beef Wellington
Horseradish and Herb Cream
Mustard Painted Rolled Lavosh

Truffle Hens Egg
Scallion Confetti
Focaccia Gateaux

Atlantic Shrimp and Cress
Vodka Cocktail Salsa
Split Petit Croissant

Balsamic Splashed Roma Tomato and Mozzarella
Crisp Basil Bruschetta
Toasted Pangolin

Minted Cucumber and Yogurt Shooter
Fresh Cracked Pepper
Cucumber Swizzle Stick

Raisins, Cherries & Ginger
Nutty Streusel Scone
Tomato, Lemon and Apple Jam

Scented Fruit Meringue

Raspberry Cheesecake Square
Lemon Curd and Chocolate Cup
Strawberry and Kiwi Slice

Peach Sorbet

$34 plus 17% Gratuity
John Harney, Master Tea Blender,
recommends Earl Grey Supreme

Specialty Afternoon Rum Tea

Smoked Salmon and Rum Spiked Cream Cheese
Piped into
Pumpernickel Gombey Jam Spread

Oriental Duck and Vegetable Wrap
"Dark and Stormy" Aioli

Rotisserie Chicken and Caramelized Local Onion
Crumbled Blue Cheese
Goslings Butter, Shallot Bun

Hamilton Po'boy
Tender Lobster and baby Shrimp
Rum Splashed Marie Rose
Whole Wheat Slider

Dark Rum, Bloody Mary Shooter
Tabasco and Worchester Splash
Celery Swizzle

Oat, Cranberry and Black Rum Scone
Key Lime Jam

Bacardi Rum Coconut Macaroon

Mango and Lime Rum Mousse Cup
Bermuda Dark Rum Cake
Bacardi Razz Almond Rum Ball

Banana Rum Swizzle Sorbet

$34 plus 17% Gratuity
John Harney, Master Tea Blender, recommends Egyptian Chamomile

Children's Afternoon Tea

Home Made Peanut Butter
Strawberry Preserves and Crustless Bread

Ham and Cheese
Whole Wheat Bread

Albacore Tuna Salad
Pita Triangles

Three Cheeses
9-Grain Bread

Freshly Baked Scones
Raspberry Jam

Strawberry & Kiwi Mousse Slices

Lemon Curd & Gnash Chocolate Cup

Vanilla Ice Cream

$34 plus 17% gratuities
John Harney, Master Tea Blender,
recommends Margaret's Hope Darjeeling
for our little Princesses

Fairmont Hamilton Princess
Fine Loose Teas

BLACK TEAS
The most familiar teas.

Margaret's Hope Darjeeling
A 2nd flush tea with light body and a round cup.
Delightful fresh character with a delicious muscatel finish.
Darjeeling's most famous tea estate.

Fairmont Earl Grey
A very romantic bergamot Earl Grey that is in harmony with
the high mountain grown Ceylon tea.

Fairmont Breakfast
A perfect breakfast tea
with burgundy depth and malt highlights.
Bold and robust with a bright golden cup.

Kenmare Ceylon
A Classic grown high in Ceylon
with astringency, expressive flavor and an excellent finish.

GREEN TEAS
Worldwide, more green than black tea is consumed.

Jasmine Butterfield #1
May jasmine blossoms impart an expansive floral bouquet on premium quality Fujian Province green tea.

Kyoto Cherry Rose
Sweet cherry and morning rose flavor meander.

HERBAL TEAS
Comprised of only herbs, spices and flavorings.

Egyptian Chamomile
Very aromatic
with a fruity tending floral flavor.

Cascade Peppermint
A cool, pungent and lively taste.
The climate in the Cascade Mountains provides
perfect growing conditions.

Berry Berry
Full flavored with deep berry notes.
The cup provides strength and character.

A Brief Heritage of Tea

Tea is taken around the world and its influence spans cultural as well as economic boundaries. It has played a vital role in world politics, wars, literature, romance and cuisine. It has been ascribed a spiritual and mystical connection to the soul in the East, while in the West it has been considered in turn to be an evil liquor, a medicinal cure for almost any ailment and a symbol of imperial oppression.

To many, tea is the nectar of life.