



Festive Afternoon Tea

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"This Christmas may you have...
Walls for the wind,
And a roof for the rain,
And drinks bedside the fire,
Laughter to cheer you,
And those you love near you,
And all that your heart may desire."

Christmas Traditions

Traditionally Christmas in Ireland begins on the 8th of December.

Christmas Tree



The Christmas Tree is a relatively new custom in Ireland.

Historically ivy and holly were used to brighten up homes for the festive season. Holly laden with red berries represented better luck for the coming year.

Christmas Carols



You will hear Christmas carols everywhere, 'The Wexford Carol' dates back to the 12th century and tells the story of the nativity.

"Good People all, this Christmas time Consider well and bear in mind What our good God for us has done In sending His beloved Son"



The 1st of December



At the Castle, is when we erect our gingerbread house display.

Ancient Celts believed mistletoe possessed magnificent healing powers. It was banned for some time as it was seen as a symbol of paganism.

Now it symbolises peace and good will or somewhere to steal a kiss!

"Candle in the window" is a way of saying welcome a sign of hospitality and was traditionally lit on Christmas eve.

Christmas Day



Christmas was very much a family affair and all were expected to make it home. The Christmas feast in all its splendour was served at lunch time.

The 26th of December



St. Stephens Day, dancing and singing was performed at the Castle by the "Wren Boys" dressed up in straw suits to raise money for charity.

New Years Day



"Out with the old and in with the new".

The 6th of January



"Little Christmas" or "Women's Christmas"

The official last day of Christmas in Ireland, where Women were to avoid all housework. It has become a Ladies treat to have "Afternoon Tea" and catch-up at the Castle!

"Nollaig Shona Duit"

Amuse Bouche



Cheddar & Bacon Pinwheel, Tomato Chutney (1,3,7,12)

Finger Sandwiches



Cucumber & Shrimp
Bloomer Loaf, Achill Sea Salt, Black Pepper (1,2,7,12)

Roast Black Irish Angus Caramelised Onion, Rocket, Horseradish, Brioche Slider (1,3,7,12)

Burren Smokehouse Salmon Dromoland Brown Soda, Capers, Onion, Lemon (1,3,4,7,12)

Melody Egg & Scallion
Wholemeal Bloomer, Dijon Remoulade (1,3,7,10,12)

Caprese Focaccia
Toonsbridge Bocconcini, Heirloom Tomato (1,3,7,12)

Roast Bronze Turkey Wrap Romaine, Smoked Mayo, Toasted Pine Nuts, Cranberry Gel (1,3,7,8,12)

Whipped St Tola Goat Cheese, Toasted Walnut, Roast Pimento, Sourdough (1,3,7,8,12)



Dromoland Fruit & Plain Scones Raspberry Preserve & Clotted Cream (1,3,7)

€55 per person

Pastries



Lemon Meringue Tart Sweet Pastry, Lemon Curd, Italian Meringue (1,3,7,8)

Frosty Choux Bun White Chocolate, Red Cherry Mousse (1,3,7,8)

> 'Holly' Macaroon Pistachio, Buttercream (1,3,7,8)

Christmas Biscuit Cake Rocky Road, Clementine Spice Mousseline (1,3,7,8)

Gateau Opera
Layered Fine Sponge, Chocolate & Coffee (1,3,7,8)

Festive Battenburg
Apple, Passion Fruit, Almond (1,3,7,8,12)

Chocolate Pot
Baileys & Milk Chocolate Mousse, Chantilly (3,7,8)

Champagne Festive Afternoon Tea



With a glass of Charles Heidsieck Brut Réserve, NV - €75.00 per person With a glass of Charles Heidsieck, Champagne Rosé Réserve, NV - €80.00 per person

Festive Winter Cocktail



The Marquess Martini - €25 Kalak Irish Vodka, Mozart White Chocolate Liqueur, Whipped Cream, Gingerbread Syrup

Traditional



Dromoland Classic Christmas Cake (1,3,7,8,12) Mince Pie Chelsea Buns (1,3,7,8,12)

Black Teas



Dromoland Christmas Surprise

Flavoured blend of black Ceylon and tea winter spices with a touch of almond, cinnamon, cocoa, orange peel and star anise

Tarry Lapsang Souchong

An interesting and comforting variant of Chinese tea, which gets its smoky aroma from smouldering resinous pine wood during the drying stages

Dromoland Blend

A blend of the finest teas from east of the rift valley in Kenya. Full flavoured tea with bright yellow finish

Darjeeling Summer Gold, Organic, India

This outstanding summer plucking has a flowery elegance and a deliciously well balanced aroma

Special Earl Grey, China / India

Fresh bergamot aroma in a seductive blend of precious tea with a full bodied and intense flavour

Wild Cherry, Ceylon

An extravagantly blended Ceylon tea with the full aroma of sun ripened Japanese wild cherries

Irish Whiskey Cream, India

Malty assam tea with whiskey and cocoa aroma

Oolong Tea



Superior Oolong

A fascinating Tea with rich aroma and delicate fruit and nut character.

Milky Oolong. China, Spring

Its special fabrication cares for the wonderful natural creamy taste: the tea leaves are milk steamed and then carefully rolled.

Green Teas



Morgentau, China

A fascinating green tea composition with Sencha flower petals and subtle fruity flavour of mango and lemon

Greenleaf, India

A carefully crafted garden tea from the highlands of India with a delicately tart darjeeling aroma

Green Lemon, China

A beautiful, large leafed Sencha blend from China with the aroma of ripe, fresh lemon

Tea Infusions



Vanilla Rooibos, South Africa

The much loved South African herbal infusion with the delicious richness of creamy vanilla

Pure Camomile

A mild herbal tea made from whole camomile flowers which are carefully prepared so that they retain their distinctive tangy floral character

Refreshing Mint

A relaxing flavour of mint with a touch of lemongrass

Granny's Garden

Made with fruity fresh rhubarb and rounded off with the delicate sweetness of vanilla

White Tea



White Yunnan Silver Tips, China

Exceptional large bright silvery leaf buds.
Full flavoured taste with soft, yet fruity and flowery finish

Alternatively coffees are also available. Please ask your server



We would like to Wish you a Festive Season Filled With Warmth, Comfort & Joy...



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