



# THE ROYAL BOTANICAL AFTERNOON TEA

## The Chinoiserie

*First appearing in the 17th Century, Chinoiserie is the European interpretation and imitation of Far Eastern artistic traditions, especially represented in decorative art, architecture, literature, theatre, music and the most popular is the garden design. The artistic style was frequently used for tea porcelain, inspired by the fact that much of the tea drunk in that era was imported from China.*





## OUR AFTERNOON TEAS

### The Royal Botanical Afternoon Tea 55

Enhance your experience with a glass of sparkling

'R' Ruinart Brut 65

So Jennie Paris (0% alcohol) 65

Ruinart Rosé 70

Dom Pérignon 2010 110

Additional glass of sparkling

'R' Ruinart Brut 19

So Jennie Paris (0% alcohol) 19

Ruinart Rosé 22

Dom Pérignon 2010 55

Pricing is per person.

## Savouries & Sandwiches

Blue lobster, lime, fresh celery leaves & brioche

Sutton roasted chicken, baby gem, tarragon & harrissa bread

Buford brown eggs, Montgomery cheedar, black truffle  
& brown bread

Pastrami beef, horseradish, French sorrel & basil bread

H. Forman & Son Scottish smoked salmon, pickles shallots,  
passion berry pepper & granary bread

English pickled cucumber, mint & lemon zest, white bread

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## Scones

Raisin & plain scones freshly baked every day in our  
kitchen, served with Cornish clotted cream, strawberry rose  
jam & lemon verbena curd

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## Handmade Pastries

Rose, lychee & raspberry macaron  
Milk chocolate & hazelnut Financier  
Lemon & vanilla Madeleine

Bee Hive, Queen Mother Gardens, Rafflesia



# MARIAGE FRÈRES

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— PARIS - 1854 —

*Synonymous with luxury, Mariage Frères is a Parisian purveyor of fine tea and the oldest tea house in France with over 400 years of expertise in the sourcing of this iconic ingredient. We are proud to offer the largest selection of Mariage Frères teas available at Afternoon Tea in London and invite you to discover the journey these fragrant blends can take you on.*



## China

### À La Porte Chinoise

This tea carefully marries five types of tea: white, green, Oolong, black, and flavoured. At the 'Chinese Gate' was the sign of a 19th-century merchant of tea and 'Products from China and the Indies'. This blend is a supreme homage to China teas and to the mysterious charm of the East.



## India

### Queen Victoria

The outstanding quality of this blend—second flushes from the finest estates—makes it a graceful Darjeeling.

### Margaret's Hope

Inaugurated in 1864, this magnificent garden full of romance rises to nearly 2,000m in altitude. Nourished by the pure flowing waters of two rivers, the centenary tea plants flourish along the steep sides of the valley facing the peaks of the Himalayas, surrounded by forests and wildflowers.

One of the most celebrated and emblematic gardens of Darjeeling.

### Maharajah

A harmonious blend of fine Indian teas, very round in the mouth, Darjeeling, Assam with hint of vanilla.

### English Breakfast

This precise composition of broken leaves delivers a dense infusion with an intense, malty character.

### Earl Grey d'Or

Noble black teas from assam, rich in golden buds, favours the expression of the divine bergamot which offers the cup its zesty tenderness. Luxuriously refined, fashioned like a jewel. Absolutely brilliant.



### Chai - Chandernagor

Here black tea welcomes a plethora of imperial spices: cloves, cinnamon, ginger, cardamom, and pepper make for a warming, piquant brew.



### Sultane

The 'sultanness' is Mariage Frères' traditional breakfast blend of fine ceylon teas.

### Black Léopard

The young, freshly hand-picked leaves are quickly sent to the atelier to be crafted into this tea, then delicately smoked with the leaves of guava trees that grow on the plantation.

### Marco Polo

Mariage frères' overwhelming success is a mysterious blend that will take you to distant lands and unforeseen territories. Fragrances of Chinese and Tibetan flowers lend it a uniquely velvety taste.

### Wedding Imperial

A paeon to love.

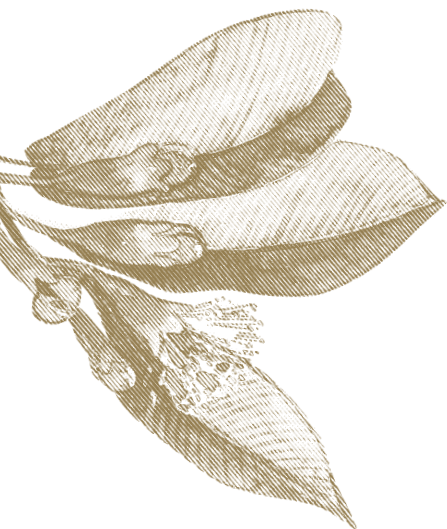
This glamorous blend is steeped in the passion that weds the malty power of golden assam tea leaves to the sweetness of notes of chocolate and caramel.

### Paris-London

His joyous bouquet – blending the je ne sais quoi of london with the french touch – is an exquisite balance of floral and fruity flavours.

### Casablanca

A fine marriage of green tea with mint and bergamot-flavoured tea.



## BLACK TEA

### Around The World

#### Colombia, Los Andes

The young ebony-coloured leaves, married to bits of roasted cocoa bean, deliver a delicious aroma of praline. The finale soars on a chocolatey note of grilled hazelnut in this tastefully irresistible fusion.

#### Persia, Lahijan

A garnet-coloured liquor unleashing fragrances of ripe pomegranate and rosewood. The pleasant taste is structured by round notes of roasted quince and fresh walnut, culminating in a fresh and tasty finale evoking rich, precious saffron.

#### Turkey, Rize

A fine quality Ottoman tea from the Black Sea region. Its slender leaves yield a mild, slightly sweet liquor.



## Taiwan

### Oolong Impérial

Grown in the small village of Er-Mei in the district of Hsien-Ju, this precious vintage is known as 'golden oolong'.

### Oriental Beauty

Oriental Beauty reveals its incomparably delicate flavour, with a marked flowery note filling the palate.

## New Zealand

### Maori Blue

*Supp. 15*

This time our explorer's spirit has led us far from the beaten path, where we discovered an autumnal harvest, an unusual, unique tea grown on a new, southern continent. The Tea Garden is located in the district of Waikato (Maori for 'flowing water') — named after the largest river in the country.





## GREEN TEA

### Japan

#### Gyokuro Kansai

The fine, emerald-green buds yield a very smooth cup with delicate, sweet, and balanced aromas.

#### Genmaicha

This extraordinary Japanese specialty is a mixture of fine quality green tea with toasted rice.

#### Matcha

*Supp. 7*

'Matcha' simply means 'powdered tea', the type used in the famous Cha No Yu tea ceremony. Please allow our staff to recreate the traditional ceremony to let you taste matcha tea at its best.

## China

### Lung Ching

The garden boasts white sandy soil and a perfect climate for growing tea. Lung Ching's liquor resembles liquid jade and has a delicious aroma that fills the palate with a delicate fragrance.

### Lung Ching d'Or

*Supp. 9*

This premium China green tea is the first to appear, Year of the Dragon.

A superb harvest of high altitude from the famous 'Dragon Well', fashioned between the Lions Peak and Western Lake, in the coastal province of Zhejiang. This Spring Flush 'Lung Ching d'Or', harvested in very small quantities, proves to be simply outstanding.

### Nocturne Oriental

Romantic nights are evoked, a thousand and one Orients - real and imagined - whose sensuality recalls this sensual green tea enlivened with citrus fruits and sweet spices.

### Jasmin Beauty

Prosperous China of the Song dynasty is the cradle of jasmine tea. Issued from a small garden, this Jasmin Beauty finds an honourable place in the magnificent collection of jasmine teas at Mariage Frères.



## China

### Pai Mu Tan

White Peony White tea with great character, plus a fine flowery aroma.

### Yin Zhen

*Supp. 9*

Silver Needles, the height of perfection in white tea. The so-called 'imperial' plucking is done exclusively by hand on just two days of the year, when only the finest young buds are selected. The marvellous leaves of Yin Zhen resemble needles covered by silvery tips, and yield a crystalline, pale mandarin liquor with the subtle, fresh fragrance of buds.

### Blanc & Rose

Buds of white tea mixed with tender Oriental rosebuds, symbol of luxury and voluptuousness, evoking tales of love, graceful beauty, and noble feelings.

### Pu-Erh Vintage 2008

*Supp. 7*

Just like the rarest Champagnes, the best harvests issued from specially reserved parcels of land are graded making this unique cru worthy of its place in our one-of-a-kind Pu-Erh collection.

### Pu-Erh

Known in the Far East for its medicinal properties, and designed to be compressed into cakes of tea, Pu-Erh has a completely unique taste. It gives a deep red liquor that fills the palate with a pleasantly earthy, slightly sweet taste.

# HERBAL TEA

## Mentha Piperita

This exceptional mint imparts a unique liquor, unveiling a delicate lacework of cool, peppery reflections while remaining remarkably mellow.

## Verbena Citrodora

An incredible verbena yields a transcendent gold liquor with a velvety texture and a dizzying rush of candied citron.

## Chamomilla

A marvellous chamomile yields a smooth liquor, exhaling pleasant long-lasting aromas enhanced by a lovely hint of white magnolia flower.

## Rouge Métis

This 'cross-breed', as its name implies, is a fine hybrid of red tea with fruit, citrus fruit, spices, and flowers.

## Rio Summer

*Cold brew*

This tea is accentuated with malty acai berries associated with the coolness of fresh mint and gourmet brazilian fruits dancing on the energetic notes of green maté. Served on ice with a spring of mint.



## Champagne

Bottle	750ml
'R' de Ruinat	90
Ruinart, Blanc de Blancs	130
Louis Roederer, Brut Premier	110
Billecart-Salmon, Brut Réserve	128
Bollinger, Special Cuvée	130
Bruno Paillard, Première Cuvée	135
Pol Roger, Brut Réserve	148
Laurent-Perrier, Brut Millésimé 2007	165
Bollinger, La Grande Année 2007	196
Rare, Piper-Heidsieck 2002	280
Comtes de Champagne, Taittinger 2000	320
Bollinger, R.D. 1997	360
Grand Siècle, Laurent-Perrier	418
Cristal, Louis Roederer 2007	630
Dom Pérignon 2010	300
Dom Pérignon 'Plénitude 2'	690
Krug, Grande Cuvée	395
Krug, Vintage 2004	480
Krug, Clos du Mesnil 2004	1750

## Sparkling Wine

Franciacorta, Prima Cuvée Brut, Monterossa, Lombardy, Italy	82
Roebuck Estate, Classic Cuvée, Sussex, England 2014	85
Rathfinny, Blanc de Blancs, Sussex, England	110

## Rosé Champagne & Sparkling

Ruinart Rosé	120
Billecart-Salmon Rosé	158
Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé	165
Pommery, 'Cuvée Louise', Rosé	324
Comtes de Champagne Rosé, Taittinger	480
Dom Pérignon Rosé	550
Krug Rosé	620
Cristal Rosé, Louis Roederer	890
Franciacorta, Flamingo Rose, Monterossa, Lombardy, Italy	92



