



# Royal Chef Culinary Trip

## Afternoon Tea Experiences

June 17-23, 2024 | London, England

What is it about afternoon tea that we so enjoy? Tea parties are not just for little girls playing dolls! Afternoon tea is for sharing with friends, baby showers, bridal showers or just gathering a few friends to share the ritual; It was introduced to Britain in the early 1840's. A quintessentially British event, a part of British history!

*"There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea" ~ Henry James*



## *Itinerary*

**Monday, June 17, 2024**

Throughout the day guests start to arrive in London. Our base for this delightful tour of tea rooms will be Hotel Xenia Autograph Collection, a sophisticated boutique hotel centrally located in the heart of London.

Our welcome dinner will be at London's Dorchester hotels much loved restaurant – **The Grill** where fiercely talented chef Tom Booton shares his brilliant new angle on modern British dining.



*Meals provided: Dinner*  
*Attire: Dressy Casual*



## *Itinerary*

**Tuesday, June 18, 2024**



No afternoon tea is complete without a showstopping fascinator. A delightful fancy headpiece to 'fascinate' the wearer that is perfect for afternoon teas and a day at the races. Today we will be making fascinators under the guidance of the amazing **milliner Awon Golding** renowned for creating head pieces that have graced the heads of prominent figures such as Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, Lady Gaga, Kylie Minogue and Priyanka Chopra to name a few.



Next, to Kensington Palace where we connect afternoon tea to the **Victorian era** where afternoon tea first began. Discover the story of Princess Victoria, the young girl destined to be queen, from pampered princess to elderly empress as we tour the rooms where she was born and raised at Kensington Palace including her jewels room. Then a little time at the sunken garden and the Princess Diana statue, a tribute to their mother from William and Harry.



After we will enjoy **afternoon tea** at the historic and luxurious **Goring hotel**. The Goring has been perfecting the art of afternoon tea for over one hundred years and became a firm favorite of Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. Tea will be served in the private Garden Room looking out onto the sunken garden. During tea we can look forward to a class on afternoon tea etiquette from award winning author and owner of **The English Cream Tea Company Jane Malyon**.



Meals provided: Breakfast,  
Afternoon tea  
Attire: Smart casual



## Itinerary

### Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Time to wear your delightful fascinator as we head out for a day at the races. But not just any races, we will spend the day at **Royal Ascot** where Chef Darren spent eleven years preparing afternoon tea for The Queen and her guests. We arrive in time for the Royal carriage procession of King Charles III, Queen Camilla and their guests (let's hope William and Kate are in the procession too) Afternoon tea will be a **"picnic at the races"** just as The Queen enjoyed.



*Meals provided: Breakfast, Lunch*  
*Attire: Formal attire- suits and gowns*

### Thursday, June 20, 2024

This morning a fun train ride north through the beautiful English countryside to York. Home of the iconic institution **'Betty's Tea Room'** since 1936 where visitors step back in time to enjoy the charming vintage atmosphere and delicious British food.



*Meals provided: Breakfast, Afternoon tea/lunch*  
*Attire: Casual (no formal requirement from Betty's)*



## *Itinerary*

**Friday, June 21, 2024**

This morning we experience the secrets of the world's favorite drink at the home of British tea, **Twinings**. During our two hour masterclass we taste our way through six categories of tea and are guided on the tea plants journey from bud to cup.

Next a walking tour of the British Royal family Royal food Purveyors stopping off at **Fortnum and Masons** to shop for Princess Diana's favorite tea and probably the best chocolate biscuits (cookies) in the world.

A short walk along Piccadilly to the world-renowned **Ritz Hotel**, London for a celebration of afternoon tea in the Palm Court with freshly baked scones with Cornish clotted cream and a choice of eighteen different teas washed down with an ensemble from the resident pianist.



*Meals provided: Breakfast, Afternoon tea*

*Attire: Casual during the day, Dressy for the evening*



## *Itinerary*

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

We start the morning with a walking tour of London's 'foodie paradise' **Borough Market**.

Next our private **cooking class** where we (of course) learn to bake our own traditional British afternoon tea and enjoy the spoils.

Finale Dinner will be at **Bibendum**. It was one of Princess Diana's favorite restaurants and under chef Claude Bosi, a legend amongst his peers for combining highly skilled classical techniques with the worlds best produce, this Two Michelin star restaurant is frequented daily by the rich and famous.



**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

Chariots to the airport with a feeling of sadness at having to depart, but armed with the knowledge and skills to prepare and conduct oneself at a British afternoon tea party.

*Meals provided: Breakfast*

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Attire: Casual during the day and dressy casual in the evening*



**Payment:**

**London: June 17-23, 2024**

**PRICE: \$7,299 per person**

*\*Single room supplement applies*

\$2,500 due immediately to secure trip (non refundable)

\$4,799 final payment due by February 2, 2024

Payment may be made via check to Eating Royally  
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credit card (there is a 3.75% cc fee)

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