



TEA LOUNGE

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THE STORY OF TEA

Tea - this simple, noble herb with its refined elegance has created a world culture of its own. What originated in China during the Shang Dynasty as a medicinal drink is today the world's most consumed beverage after water.

Tea was first introduced to Portuguese priests and merchants in China during the 16th century. Drinking tea became popular in Britain during the 17th century. The British introduced tea to India in order to compete with the Chinese monopoly on tea.

The Scotsman James Taylor was the first to introduce the concept of a tea plantation to Sri Lanka, then known as Ceylon. When he first started growing tea in 1867 at the Loolecondera estate in Kandy, he probably had no inkling that he was leaving a lasting legacy which would take the name of Ceylon to the four corners of the world.

The beauty of tea is its limitless variety. It is almost impossible to believe that multiple types of tea in hundreds of different flavours are all produced using the tender buds of what is simply known as the tea plant or *Camellia sinensis*. The past few years have seen a renaissance in tea culture and a new found interest in this one beverage that marries the goodness of a herb and the enjoyment of an indulgence in perfect harmony.

Celebrated the world over for the solace, fellowship and pleasure it brings, tea continues to be an essential in every contemporary culture as an icon of elegance.

To find out more about the history of this timeless herb log on to www.historyofceylontea.com

OUR SIGNATURE TEAS

SERVED HOT

Indulge in these Very Special Rare Teas handcrafted to perfection. These unique teas produce a delicate and refined infusion, gentle and refreshing on the palate. They can either be enjoyed on their own or matched with a dish as suggested. Or, if you're feeling adventurous you can create your own tea pairing and experiment with flavour.

GREEN TEA



CEYLON YOUNG HYSON GREEN TEA MILD & GENTLE

A delicate Ceylon Green Tea from Ceylon's Gampola District, grown at 1,400 feet elevation, this gentle brew with yellow infusion and a slight sweetness in its finish is an ideal accompaniment to a meal or a relaxing afternoon tea. Green tannins come across light in astringency and overall, the tea leaves a perception of sweetness in the aftertaste. A youthful and exuberant tea.

BLACK TEAS

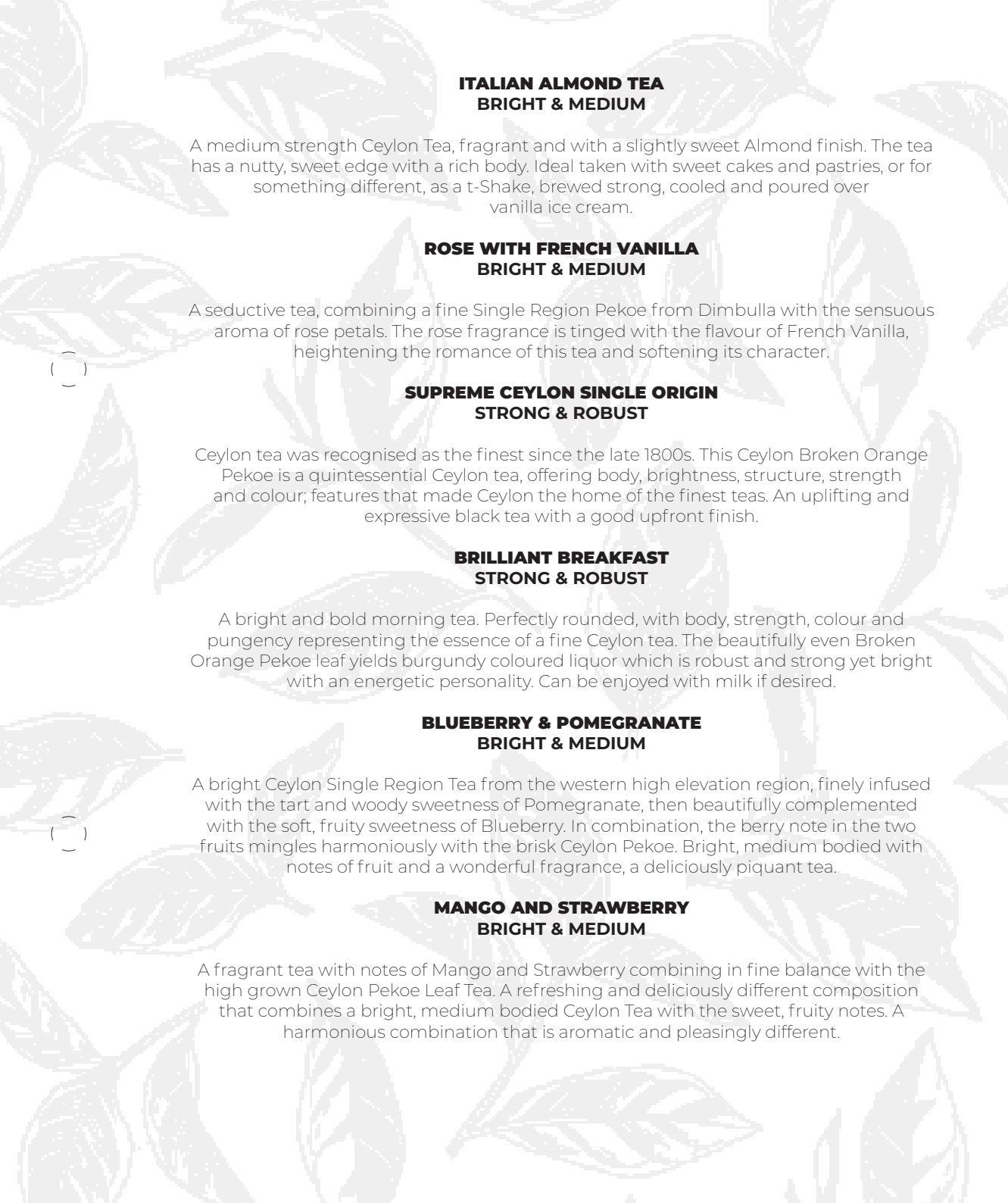


NUWARA ELIYA PEKOE MILD & GENTLE

Nuwara Eliya, also called 'Little England' is one of the four premier tea growing regions of Ceylon. Its teas are relished by connoisseurs for their uniqueness. This seasonal Nuwara Eliya tea is distinctive amongst Ceylon Teas, recognizable by its delicate and gentle character, golden glow and mildly green finish.

THE ORIGINAL EARL GREY BRIGHT & MEDIUM

The tea that became known as 'Earl Grey Tea' combines tea with the flavour of Bergamot. This Original Earl Grey Tea offers a rich and strong brew, enhanced with the citrusy oil of Bergamot, it is a distinctive and unique flavour. Without doubt, a tea with body and a steady personality, character, golden glow and mildly green finish.

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ITALIAN ALMOND TEA **BRIGHT & MEDIUM**

A medium strength Ceylon Tea, fragrant and with a slightly sweet Almond finish. The tea has a nutty, sweet edge with a rich body. Ideal taken with sweet cakes and pastries, or for something different, as a t-Shake, brewed strong, cooled and poured over vanilla ice cream.

ROSE WITH FRENCH VANILLA **BRIGHT & MEDIUM**

A seductive tea, combining a fine Single Region Pekoe from Dimbulla with the sensuous aroma of rose petals. The rose fragrance is tinged with the flavour of French Vanilla, heightening the romance of this tea and softening its character.

SUPREME CEYLON SINGLE ORIGIN **STRONG & ROBUST**

Ceylon tea was recognised as the finest since the late 1800s. This Ceylon Broken Orange Pekoe is a quintessential Ceylon tea, offering body, brightness, structure, strength and colour; features that made Ceylon the home of the finest teas. An uplifting and expressive black tea with a good upfront finish.

BRILLIANT BREAKFAST **STRONG & ROBUST**

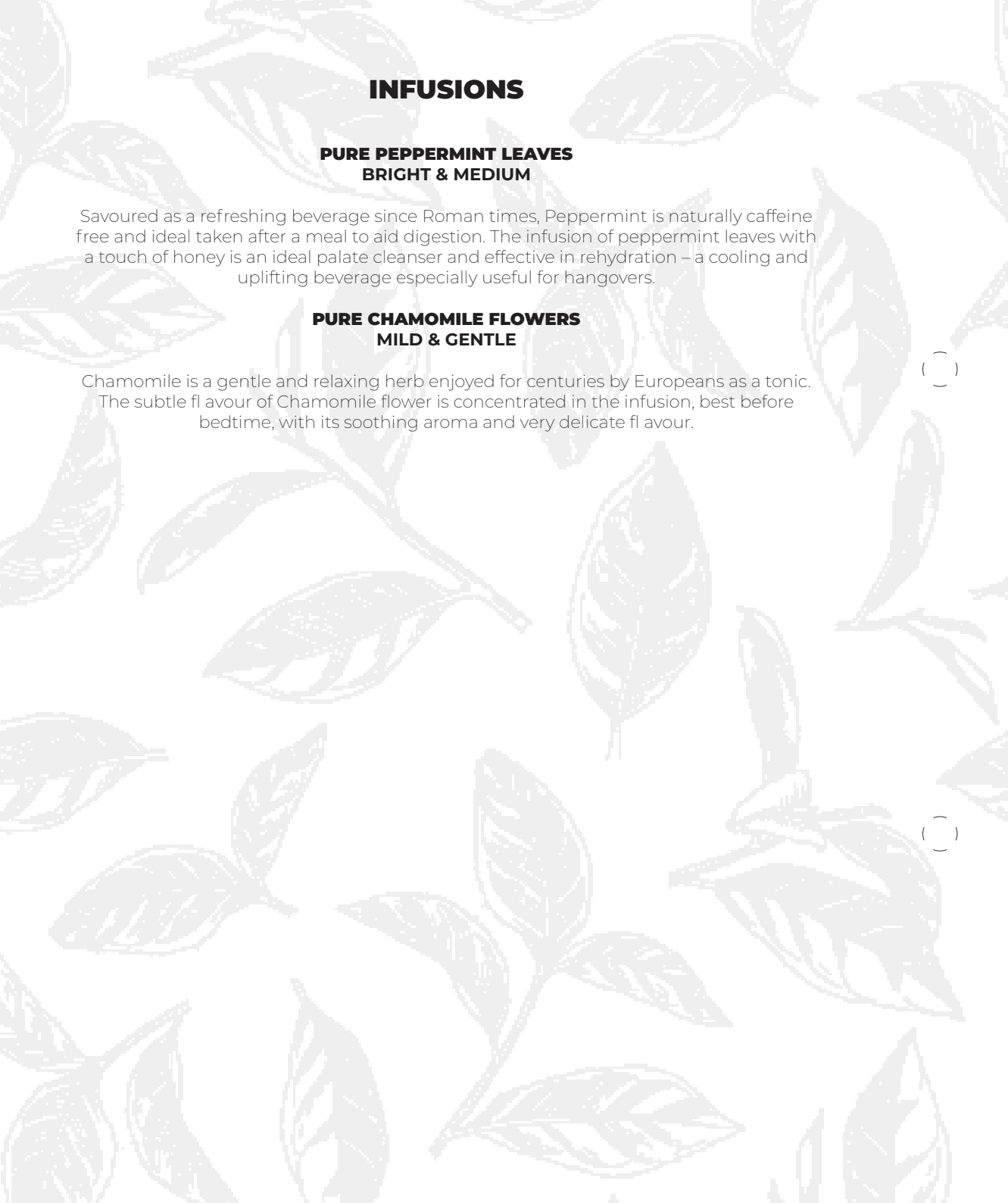
A bright and bold morning tea. Perfectly rounded, with body, strength, colour and pungency representing the essence of a fine Ceylon tea. The beautifully even Broken Orange Pekoe leaf yields burgundy coloured liquor which is robust and strong yet bright with an energetic personality. Can be enjoyed with milk if desired.

BLUEBERRY & POMEGRANATE **BRIGHT & MEDIUM**

A bright Ceylon Single Region Tea from the western high elevation region, finely infused with the tart and woody sweetness of Pomegranate, then beautifully complemented with the soft, fruity sweetness of Blueberry. In combination, the berry note in the two fruits mingles harmoniously with the brisk Ceylon Pekoe. Bright, medium bodied with notes of fruit and a wonderful fragrance, a deliciously piquant tea.

MANGO AND STRAWBERRY **BRIGHT & MEDIUM**

A fragrant tea with notes of Mango and Strawberry combining in fine balance with the high grown Ceylon Pekoe Leaf Tea. A refreshing and deliciously different composition that combines a bright, medium bodied Ceylon Tea with the sweet, fruity notes. A harmonious combination that is aromatic and pleasingly different.

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INFUSIONS

PURE PEPPERMINT LEAVES **BRIGHT & MEDIUM**

Savoured as a refreshing beverage since Roman times, Peppermint is naturally caffeine free and ideal taken after a meal to aid digestion. The infusion of peppermint leaves with a touch of honey is an ideal palate cleanser and effective in rehydration – a cooling and uplifting beverage especially useful for hangovers.

PURE CHAMOMILE FLOWERS **MILD & GENTLE**

Chamomile is a gentle and relaxing herb enjoyed for centuries by Europeans as a tonic. The subtle fl avour of Chamomile flower is concentrated in the infusion, best before bedtime, with its soothing aroma and very delicate fl avour.

CHAI LATTE £5

Finest Dilmah Single Region Ceylon Tea brewed strong and bright, blended with condensed milk and infused with Natural Ginger, Cinnamon or Speculaas Spices. Expertly thrown for a hot, frothy and delicious treat.

**CINNAMON
GINGER
SPECULAAS**

FRESHLY BREWED ICED TEA £4.50 **FROM REAL LEAF TEA**

BLUEBERRY & POMEGRANATE ICED TEA

A bright and brisk brew finely infused with the woody sweetness of Pomegranate and the fruity notes of Blueberry, combined with fresh apple and lime juice, makes for a deliciously piquant tea.

PURE PEPPERMINT ICED TEA

Refreshing Pure Peppermint Iced Tea is a cooling and uplifting beverage.

ROSE WITH FRENCH VANILLA ICED TEA

A fine Single Region Pekoe from Dimbulla combined with the sensuous aroma of rose petals served chilled and soft, tinged with the flavour of French Vanilla.

HONEYFLOWER ICED TEA

Gentle and relaxing Chamomile Tea blended with fruit juices for a relaxing and cooling beverage.

PEARL GREY ICED TEA

Original Earl Grey tea enhanced with honey and fruit juice for a fine citrus flavour.

A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill, including in-room dining and a tray charge may be applied. All prices are in pounds sterling and inclusive of VAT at the prevailing rate.

WINES & SPARKLING

SPARKLING

Prosecco

Glass	£7.60
Bottle	£38

WHITE WINE

Antonio Rubini Pinot Grigio

175ml Glass	£8.60
250ml Glass	£11.70
Bottle	£34

Petal & Stem Sauvignon Blanc

175ml Glass	£10.20
250ml Glass	£13.90
Bottle	£38

RED WINE

Santa Rita Merlot

175ml Glass	£8.60
250ml Glass	£11.70
Bottle	£32

Luna Del Sur Malbec

175ml Glass	£9.40
250ml Glass	£12.80
Bottle	£36

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AFTERNOON TEA MENU

SAMPLE MENU

CHEF'S FAVOURITE - HOT

Soup of the day

Ayrshire Ham Hock, Ayrshire Cheddar and Pickle Sausage Roll.

Breaded Smoked Isle of Arran Cheddar with Redcurrant Jelly

CHEF'S FAVOURITE - SAVOURY

Chive Free-Range Egg Mayo on Brioche Bread

Roast Chicken Pesto Choux Bun

Isle of Arran Oatcake with Lemon Crème Fraîche, Heatherfield Smoked Scottish Salmon
and Salmon Caviar

SCONES FROM OUR BAKERY

Warm Raisin and Plain Buttermilk Scones

Clotted Cream, Seasonal Fruit Jam

THE PATISSERIE

Seasonal Desserts

All produce is prepared in an area where allergens are present. For those with allergies, intolerances, and special dietary requirements who may wish to know about the ingredients used, please ask a member of the Management Team.



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