

The Dorchester Elevates Quintessential British Tradition With Seasonal Afternoon Teas For 2013

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Dorchester Collection's iconic British hotel, The Dorchester, offers seasonal variations on its award-winning afternoon tea service throughout the year at The Promenade. Ice Cream Tea puts a modern twist on the traditional cream tea for summer, the Mad Hatter's Tea Party with English National Ballet charms children through October half term (Fall mid-term) and nowhere captures the magic of a traditional English Christmas like Festive Afternoon Tea with choir sung carols at the end of the year.

Ice Cream Tea until 1 September 2013

Putting a modern twist on the traditional cream tea, The Dorchester's Ice Cream Tea is a flight of mouth-wateringly delicious, home-made ice creams in four quintessentially English flavours - Elderflower sorbet, Cox apple, English honey and Earl Grey tea - served on a perspex arch in miniature cones. Ice Cream Tea at The Dorchester is available at five sittings each day and is priced from £41.00 per person.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party - 28 October to 1 November

Inspired by Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland, and performed by English National Ballet School's young dancers, the annual Mad Hatter's Tea party returns to The Promenade at The Dorchester for the sixth year. Children will be captivated by dancers dressed as The Mad Hatter, the March Hare, the Dormouse and Alice herself, whilst tea includes a selection of Alice in Wonderland inspired cakes, homemade scones and pastries. Available at 2:15pm and at 4:45pm, and are priced at £51 per adult including a glass of Champagne and £31 for children (Ages 5-11). For every Mad Hatter's Afternoon Tea that is ordered, £1 will be donated to Cancer Research UK.

Christmas Carols Afternoon Tea - 23 November to 22 December 2014

Served when The Promenade is adorned with traditional English festive season decorations and accompanied by the resident pianist and children's school choirs, Christmas Carols Afternoon Tea at The Dorchester will offer guests the ultimate Christmas experience. Featuring a selection of finger sandwiches, freshly baked raisin and plain scones from our own bakery, festive pastries and mince pies, is available at 2pm and 4:30pm on weekends, and is priced from £65 per adult including a glass of Champagne, and £35 per child (ages 5-11).

All afternoon tea prices are inclusive of VAT and exclusive of a service charge of 12.5%.

Out of town guests can book accommodation packages during themed afternoon teas, with prices starting from £510 inclusive of VAT and breakfast.

For more information, please visit thedorchester.com

Editor's Notes

The Dorchester

The Dorchester is situated in the heart of London's Mayfair on Park Lane, with rooms and suites affording expansive views of Hyde Park. The Dorchester Spa opened in May 2009 after a multimillion transformation to offer indulgent pampering in a glamorous art deco setting. A wide range of dining is available to guests in The Promenade, The Bar and The Grill. China Tang offers traditional Cantonese cuisine, while three Michelin star Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester is one of London's finest contemporary French dining experiences.

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