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Cliveden House Curates an Afternoon Tea Inspired by the Royal Gardens of King Charles III



With Cliveden's illustrious royal history, having entertained every British monarch since King George I, it seemed fitting to create a moment in our culinary history to celebrate the accession to the British throne of King Charles III.

In this regal year, when we will celebrate the Coronation of King Charles, award-winning five-star Relais & Châteaux hotel and spa, Cliveden House in Berkshire is delighted to introduce a delicious new afternoon tea menu with sweet delights inspired by flowers that grow in the Kings' Royal Gardens and savoury treats that use the finest products from Sandringham's farm, part of the much-loved country retreat of the British Royal Family, which has been the private home to British Monarchs since 1862.



Guests can experience the remarkable 'Great Royal Gardens Afternoon Tea', which is as beautifully presented as it is delicious to enjoy, in the splendid surrounding of the Cliveden Dining Room, overlooking the celebrated Parterre Gardens, part of the 376 acres of National Trust gardens that surround this wonderful property which can be explored at leisure during a visit to Cliveden House for afternoon tea.

Set high above the Thames with far-reaching views, Cliveden's impressive gardens and majestic woodlands capture the grandeur of a bygone age. From the formality of the Parterre with its vibrant floral displays to the quirky statuary and topiary in the Long Garden, the gardens at Cliveden delight in every season, and are the ideal setting to enjoy the ultimate English indulgence.



From "The Kensington Poppy" Seed Cake inspired by the bright red poppy flowers which grow in abundance in the gardens of the official residence of new Prince and Princess of Wales, to the candied "Buckingham Rose" and White Chocolate Bavarois recognising King Charles's birthplace, both sweet treats nod to London's iconic Royal Gardens. The Lavender and Nasturtium Flowerpot, inspired from the Castle and Gardens of Mey, and Sandringham Magnolia and Honey Cake will also share royal billing with The Buckingham Honey and Cheddar Éclair.



Executive Head Chef Chris Hannon looked to Sandringham, the Norfolk estate where King Charles will host future family Christmas celebrations, and its quality fare for his savouries, which include the "Sandringham Potato and Onion" Croquette with Apple Gel, to classic favourite sandwiches.

The Great Royal Gardens Afternoon Tea will run throughout 2023, significantly in May 2023 when His Majesty the King's Coronation will also take place. The Coronation will reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in long-standing traditions and pageantry. For over fifty years, The King has championed an environmental philosophy to work with nature rather than against it. Cliveden's Royal Garden Afternoon Tea will celebrate this through Royal flowers, Sandringham quality produce and Cliveden's florals.

The Great Royal Garden Afternoon Tea is served in The Great Hall on Sundays (from 4.15 pm) and in The Cliveden Dining Room Monday - Saturday (from 12.00 noon).

The Great Royal Garden Afternoon Tea - £50*

Indulge in a perfectly prepared selection of traditional British savoury treats including delicious finger sandwiches and tempting modern touches alongside freshly baked scones with clotted cream and homemade strawberry jam, and delectable bite-size pastries and delicacies, including The Kensington Poppy Cake, The Lavender and Nasturtium Flowerpot, Buckingham Rose Bavarois, Sandringham Magnolia and Honey Cake and more. The Afternoon Tea is served with a selection of full-bodied and aromatic Cliveden tea blends.

The Great Royal Garden Vegan Afternoon Tea - £50*

An equally exquisite offering is available as a plant-based option, should you wish – please ensure this preference is noted when booking.

The Great Royal Garden Afternoon Tea with Champagne - £67*

For true decadence, enjoy a glass of Laurent-Perrier Champagne with the Royal Garden Afternoon Tea.



* Supplement of £5 is applicable on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for afternoon tea service.

Alongside the Great Royal Gardens Afternoon Tea, Cliveden are thrilled to reintroduce the fabulous Astor Tea Service. Based on an original ribbon design, commissioned especially for Lady Astor; this fine bone china tea service has been crafted by William Edwards of Stoke-on-Trent and represents the finest quality workmanship.

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About CLIVEDEN HOUSE

Cliveden House is a five-star luxury hotel; the building is owned by the National Trust and operated under a long lease arrangement by Iconic Luxury Hotels. Less than 45 minutes west of London and 20 minutes from London Heathrow Airport, the hotel has 47 spacious rooms and suites in the main mansion plus Spring Cottage, a summerhouse on the banks of the River Thames, together with a boathouse and boats, luxurious spa and a range of sporting and leisure facilities. The Cliveden Dining Room is complemented by the relaxed informality of The Astor Grill, together with a range of private dining, banqueting, and meeting facilities. A member of Relais & Châteaux, Cliveden is unique, the setting, architecture and interiors all speak eloquently of extraordinary extravagance and remarkable refinement. There is a palpable sense of history for this is a house that for well over 350 years has been dedicated to the pursuit of pleasure, power, and politics.

About ICONIC LUXURY HOTELS

Iconic Luxury Hotels was founded in December 2016 and is part of L+R Hotels (landrhotels.com) - a highly motivated family-owned global hotel investment and management company - who have an extensive portfolio of over 105 hotels, with approximately 21,000 bedrooms. Iconic Luxury Hotels is an expanding collection with an international focus. The collection is comprised of an eclectic array of properties each of which celebrates distinct architecture, cultural heritage, and natural surroundings.

Each property has its own character, traditions, and stories but they share a common commitment to delivering outstanding experiences. The current portfolio includes some of the world's most famous hotels from Cliveden House, one of England's finest country estates, to the Hotel Excelsior in Italy which is the home of the Venice International Film Festival. The other UK hotels are comprised of Chewton Glen an English estate on the South Coast, The Lygon Arms a 14th Century Coaching Inn in the Cotswolds, 11 Cadogan Gardens in Chelsea, one of London's most prestigious residential areas and The Mayfair Townhouse, London which opened in December 2020.