



# Festive Afternoon Tea

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*“This Christmas may you have... Walls for the  
wind, And a roof for the rain, And drinks beside  
the fire, Laughter to cheer you, And those you love  
near you, And all that your heart may desire.”*



# Christmas Traditions

Traditionally Christmas in Ireland begins on the 8th of December.

## Christmas Tree



The Christmas Tree is a relatively new custom in Ireland. Historically ivy and holly were used to brighten up homes for the festive season. Holly laden with red berries represented better luck for the coming year.

## Christmas Carols



You will hear Christmas carols everywhere, 'The Wexford Carol' dates back to the 12th century and tells the story of the nativity. "Good People all, this Christmas time Consider well and bear in mind What our good God for us has done In sending His beloved Son"



*Dromoland Castle*

## The 6th of December



At the Castle, is when we erect our gingerbread house display. Ancient Celts believed mistletoe possessed magnificent healing powers. It was banned for some time as it was seen as a symbol of paganism.

Now it symbolises peace and good will or somewhere to steal a kiss!

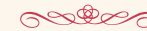
"Candle in the window" is a way of saying welcome a sign of hospitality and was traditionally lit on Christmas eve.

## Christmas Day



Christmas was very much a family affair and all were expected to make it home. The Christmas feast in all its splendour was served at lunch time.

## The 26th of December



St. Stephens Day, dancing and singing was performed at the Castle by the "Wren Boys" dressed up in straw suits to raise money for charity.

## New Years Day



"Out with the Old and in with the New".

## The 6th of January



"Little Christmas" or "Women's Christmas"

The official last day of Christmas in Ireland, where Women were to avoid all housework. It has become a Ladies treat to have "Afternoon Tea" and catch-up at the Castle! "Nollaig Shona Duit"

## Amuse Bouche



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Sage & Onion Arancini with Hegarty's Cheddar & Cranberry Gel (3,7,12)

## Finger Sandwiches



Roast Bronze Turkey Caesar Wrap  
Romaine Salad, Parmesan (1,3,7,8,10,12)

Melody Egg & Watercress  
Wholemeal Bloomer, Dijon Remoulade and Scallion (1,3,7,10,12)

Burren Smokehouse Salmon  
Dromoland Brown Soda, Capers, Onion, Lemon (1,3,4,7,12)

Vine Tomato & Toonsbridge Mozzarella Slider  
Brioche, Smoked Onion Mayonnaise, Basil (1,3,7,12)

Roast Black Irish Angus Wrap  
Jalapeno, Peppers, Red Onion, Baby Gem & Rocket (1,7,12)

Inagh St Tola Goat Cheese Focaccia  
Rosemary, Olives, Garlic, Fig Jam (1,7,12)

Meere's Chestnut Rustico  
Sausage meat, Chestnut, Puff pastry (1,3,7,8,12)

## Traditional



Dromoland Classic Christmas Cake (1,3,7,8,12)

Mince Pie Chelsea Buns (1,3,7,8,12)

Dromoland Fruit & Plain Scones  
Raspberry Preserve & Clotted Cream (1,3,7)

## Pastries



Lemon 'Dome' Tart (1,3,7,8)

Black Forest Trifle Pot (1,3,7,8)

'Red Nose' Macaroon  
Raspberry Buttercream  
(1,3,7,8)

Chocolate & Coffee Fudge Cake (1,3,7,8)

Coconut & Vanilla Snow  
Malibu White Chocolate  
(1,3,7,8)

Festive Battenburg  
Pistachio & Red Currant  
(1,3,7,8,12)

'Rudolph' Caramel Choux (3,7,8)

Christmas Spice Clementine Drizzle Cake  
(1,3,7,8,12)

€68 per person

## Champagne Festive Afternoon Tea



With a glass of Charles Heidsieck Brut Réserve, NV

€88.00 per person

With a glass of Charles Heidsieck, Champagne Rosé Réserve, NV

€93.00 per person

1-Gluten, 2-Crustaceans, 3-Eggs, 4-Fish, 5-Peanuts, 6-Soya  
Beans, 7-Milk, 8-Nuts, 9-Celery, 10-Mustard, 11-Sesame Seeds,  
12-Sulphur Dioxide & Sulphates, 13-Lupin, 14-Molluscs

## Black Teas



### Dromoland Christmas Surprise

Flavoured blend of black Ceylon and tea winter spices with a touch of almond, cinnamon, cocoa, orange peel and star anise

### Tarry Lapsang Souchong

An interesting and comforting variant of Chinese tea, which gets its smoky aroma from smouldering resinous pine wood during the drying stages

### Dromoland Blend

A blend of the finest teas from east of the rift valley in Kenya. Full flavoured tea with bright yellow finish

### Darjeeling Summer Gold, Organic, India

This outstanding summer plucking has a flowery elegance and a deliciously well balanced aroma

### Special Earl Grey, China / India

Fresh bergamot aroma in a seductive blend of precious tea with a full bodied and intense flavour

### Wild Cherry, Ceylon

An extravagantly blended Ceylon tea with the full aroma of sun ripened Japanese wild cherries

### Irish Whiskey Cream, India

Malty assam tea with whiskey and cocoa aroma

## Oolong Tea



### Superior Oolong

A fascinating Tea with rich aroma and delicate fruit and nut character.

### Milky Oolong. China, Spring

Its special fabrication cares for the wonderful natural creamy taste: the tea leaves are milk steamed and then carefully rolled.

## Green Teas



### Morgentau, China

A fascinating green tea composition with Sencha flower petals and subtle fruity flavour of mango and lemon

### Greenleaf, India

A carefully crafted garden tea from the highlands of India with a delicately tart darjeeling aroma

### Green Lemon, China

A beautiful, large leafed Sencha blend from China with the aroma of ripe, fresh lemon

## Tea Infusions



### Vanilla Rooibos, South Africa

The much loved South African herbal infusion with the delicious richness of creamy vanilla

### Pure Camomile

A mild herbal tea made from whole camomile flowers which are carefully prepared so that they retain their distinctive tangy floral character

### Refreshing Mint

A relaxing flavour of mint with a touch of lemongrass

### Granny's Garden

Made with fruity fresh rhubarb and rounded off with the delicate sweetness of vanilla

## White Tea



### White Yunnan Silver Tips, China

Exceptional large bright silvery leaf buds. Full flavoured taste with soft, yet fruity and flowery finish

Alternatively coffees are also available. Please ask your server





We would like to Wish you a  
Festive Season Filled With  
*Warmth, Comfort, & Joy*



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