



ROYAL LANCASTER LONDON



## Introduction

Welcome to A Blooming British Afternoon Tea in collaboration with the Natural History Museum; a floral-inspired winter twist on a quintessentially British tradition, in a celebration of the beautiful flowers and precious pollinators on our doorstep.

To celebrate the most magical time of year, our talented pastry team have created a special festive menu using seasonal flavours and themes that beautifully honour the elegance of British flora and fauna. Guests can enjoy an assortment of sandwiches, including a traditional turkey and cranberry, freshly-baked scones, and delicious sweet treats including our signature, snow-dusted Beehive, and a spiced gingerbread sandwich with a clementine and cranberry soft filling.

This special collaboration combines the Museum's expertise and work to protect the natural world, with our ongoing sustainability efforts, and a shared passion for pollinators.

Together, we support a future where people and pollinators thrive.

## Prices

£59 Monday to Friday

£64 Saturday and Sunday

£95 Christmas Day including a glass of Champagne £30 Children's Afternoon Tea

## Make it extra special...

£15 Nyetimber Classic Cuvee MV £18 Nyetimber Rosé MV

£16 Taittinger Brut Reserve NV, France £20 Taittinger Brut Prestige Rose NV, France

£10 Noughty Sparkling Chardonnay non-alcoholic sparkling wine £10 Noughty Sparkling Rose non-alcoholic sparkling wine



# Bespoke Teas

from Camellia's Tea House

## The Royal Lancaster Afternoon Blend

A bespoke blend created to complement the savoury selection of our celebratory afternoon tea. An unusual combination of timeless English Breakfast, warm woody China Keemun with the floral notes of calming chamomile. This is a tea to relax with and savour time well spent with friends and loved ones.

#### The Pollinator Blend

Created exclusively for Royal Lancaster London, in partnership with the Natural History Museum, the Pollinator blend marries black teas from Darjeeling and China with cornflower, rose and marigold petals and the final flourish of organic bee pollen. Full of health-giving properties, the bee pollen adds a sweet honeyed note to this delightful celebration of the insects which keep Mother Nature in timeless bounty.



Scan the QR code to view allergen information

## A Blooming British Afternoon Tea

#### SAVOURY

A selection of traditional sandwiches

Roasted British turkey served with cranberry jam on white bread Lambton and Jackson smoked salmon with sliced avocado on brown bread

Roasted English beef sirloin, truffle mayonnaise, and rocket leaves on granary bread

Free range egg mixed with dill, capers, and gherkins on white bread



## CRANBERRY & PLAIN SCONES

Warm homemade scones served with clotted cream and a selection of preserves



### **SWEET**

A selection of pollinator-themed sweet bites

#### Winter Beehive

Light pear mousse with mulled pear compote and Christmas-spiced sponge

### Yuletide Gingerbread Slice

Spiced *pain d'épices* with clementine and cranberry soft centre, finished with a cranberry gel

#### Christmas Bauble

Peppermint infused white chocolate mousse with 68% dark chocolate crémeux, on a pressed sablé base

#### Chestnut and Chocolate Pavlova

Light chocolate mousse with blackcurrant confit, topped with chestnut vermicelli

A discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to your bill.

## A Blooming British Vegan Afternoon Tea

#### SAVOURY

A selection of traditional sandwiches

Tarragon marinated smoked asparagus with cream cheese on granary bread

Smoked Applewood cheese with piccalilli and sweet raisins on white bread

Beetroot and Horseradish spread on wholemeal bread Chickpea with fresh chive cress on white bread



## CRANBERRY & PLAIN SCONES

Warm homemade scones served with coconut cream and a selection of preserves



### SWEET

A selection of pollinator-themed sweet bites

#### Winter Beehive

Light pear mousse with mulled pear compote and Christmas-spiced sponge

## Yuletide Gingerbread Slice

Spiced pain d'épices with clementine and cranberry soft centre and Chantilly cream

#### Christmas Bauble

Peppermint infused white chocolate mousse with dark chocolate crémeux, served on a pressed sablé base

#### Chestnut and Chocolate Pavlova

Light chocolate mousse with blackcurrant confit, topped with chestnut vermicelli

A discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to your bill.

## A Blooming British Children's Afternoon Tea

### **SAVOURY**

A selection of miniature sandwiches

Chicken with mayonnaise on white bread

Cucumber and cream cheese sandwich on wholemeal bread

Egg sandwich on white bread



#### **SCONES**

Warm homemade scones served with clotted cream and a selection of preserves



#### SWEET

A selection of pollinator-themed sweet bites

## The Ladybird

Light vanilla mousse, caramelised apple, sablé Breton

## **Chocolate Seedball**

Milk chocolate mousse, chocolate sponge

#### **Butterflies & Berries**

Vanilla cheesecake, mixed red berry compôte

## Did you know...?

While
honeybees get
a lot of the credit,
at least 1,500 insect
species pollinate plants in
the UK. In some parts of
the world, birds, bats
and even lizards
get involved too!

Beetles are attracted to flat, open flowers which allow them to graze, and flowers in clusters, such as cow parsley. The flowers tend to be smelly or fragrant, because beetles navigate by a strong sense of smell.

Winter-flowering plants such as snowdrops and aconites are vital food sources for pollinators still active over the winter months. Some pollinators are still active over winter. On milder days, you might still see a bufftailed bumblebee or a honeybee.

Things you can do to help:

- Grow pollinatorfriendly plants in your garden or on your windowsill
- 2. Let your lawn grow a little wilder
  - 3. Build a home for solitary bees

Scan the QR code for 'How To' videos, and a digital version of our Nature Walk map.



For an animal to be an effective pollinator it needs to actively visit flowers of the same species and be capable of carrying pollen on its body (often unintentionally) so that it transfers from one flower to another.

There are just 57 resident butterfly species in the UK, compared to more than 2,500 moth species.

The list
of insect
pollinators is long
and includes many
different species of
bees, flies, wasps, beetles,
butterflies and moths.
Pollinators carry pollen
with them as they
move from flower
to flower.

