

Welcome to Our World

Zencha tea bar offers premium loose teas from around the globe, as well as high quality, locally crafted giftware related to the art of tea-making and tea serving.

We strive to be proactive stewards of the environment, acting in harmony with, and in the best interests of the Earth and its creatures. Whenever possible we endeavour to work with suppliers who are known to be environmentally responsible.

More than a traditional tea house, zencha tea bar is a place where peace, joy and creativity abound, where art and artful living infuse all that is offered.



*In the liquid amber within the ivory porcelain,
the initiated may touch the sweet reticence of
Confucius, the piquancy of Lao-Tzu, and the
ethereal aroma of Shakyamuni himself.*

Kakuzo Okakura,
The Book of Tea

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the art of living better

*Keemun at my lips
blue heron makes liquid light
Being loves the dawn*
Harry Posner

Loose Tea Selection

The ABC's of Making Tea

There is both art and science in the making of a good cup of tea. The science is the alchemy that unfolds when leaf and water mingle. The art is the poetry of the soul that each of us brings to the taking of tea with good friends and family.

Here are some guidelines to follow to ensure an exceptional tea experience:

- Use freshly drawn cold water. Reboiling water removes the oxygen resulting in a dull flavour. Avoid using distilled or hard, mineralized water.
- Bring water to a medium boil for black teas (200-210 F), just under a boil for oolong (180-200 F) and well under a boil for green (160-180 F).
- Warm the teapot and cups.
- Steep one teaspoon of leaf per cup for 3 to 5 minutes (1 to 2 minutes for green teas), according to taste.
- Remove spent leaves from the pot to minimize the bitter taste that results from over-steeping.
- Milk works well with black tea, but is not recommended with green or oolong.
- Savour the experience!

ESTATE TEAS

Assam Borengajuli FBOP

A rich morning cup with distinctive malty Assam flavour.

Ceylon Lover's Leap

Bright fruity flavour with an aromatic bouquet.

Darjeeling Mim 2nd Flush

Rare, fragrant amber-coloured tea from India. Medium body with delicate muscatel top-note.

Darjeeling Tukdah

An excellent 1st flush tea with bright and lively flavour, and a hint of nuttiness.

Dufflaghur BPS

A rare assam also known as black gunpowder tea.

Hunwal 2nd Flush FBOP

An excellent malty character and a bright flavoury golden liquor.

Indian Assam Gingia

This full-bodied tea is renowned for its thick "nose" and distinctive malty flavour.

Kenya Milima

A floral aroma and taste with a delicious malty almost Bordeaux-like character.

Nepal Illam

Elevate yourself with this Himalayan grown ambrosia.

Nonsuch

Best enjoyed in the early morning, Nonsuch combines a golden yellow cup with a pronounced orange blossom-like flavour. A wonderful Nilgiri tea.

ZENCHA TEA BAR HOUSE BLENDS

Scheherezade

A winy melange with just a hint of roses. Lovely.

Trilogy Blend

A balanced blend of green, oolong and black. For those who want it all!

Yin/Yang

A cool combo of white and black. Smooth and delicate.

OOLONG TEAS

Formosa Oolong

Smooth, slightly sweet. Toasty with a touch of dryness.

Orchid Oolong

One of the world's most exquisite teas. Haunting orchid floral notes.

Ti Kuan Yin: Iron Goddess of Mercy Phoenix #1

Sweet with a delicate orchid-like fragrance and a light airy character with no bitter notes.

GREEN TEAS

Chunmee Special Grade 1 (Eyebrow Tea)

Full-bodied, delicate flavour with toasty notes and sweet plumlike character.

Dragon Tears

Hand rolled pearls of jasmine-scented tea from Fujian Province.

Dragonwell Lung Ching

Full-bodied tending astringent with a slightly heady bouquet.

Earthy Paradise Jasmine

A surprising body with intense but captivating floral perfume. Fujian's top jasmine grade.

Formosa Gunpowder

This tightly rolled tea offers a distant smokey, spicy flavour.

Genmaicha

Light golden yellow liquor with a unique, toasty rice flavour.

Gyokuro

Shade grown and steamed, this is Japan's best green tea, made from single buds that are picked only in April/May.

Hojicha Uji

Roasted green tea with full-bodied character and cinnamon-like toast notes.

Japanese Sencha

Pan-fired from Shizuoka prefecture, one of the best in the world.

Kokeicha

Smooth light liquor tending sweet. Made from crushed leaves and stems.

Kyoto Cherry Rose Festival

The cherry flavouring and rose hints give this tea a wonderful exotic character.

Pan-fired Darjeeling

Tending delicate, light liquoring with notes of muscatel.

Royal Ceylon Gunpowder

Surprising body for green tea! Hint of oakiness. Reduce the proportion of leaf to liquid volume.

Silver Balls

Light liquoring with excellent green tea flavour. Silver leaves are hand tied. Infuse in glass to see the special flower shape grow.

White Monkey Paw

Velvety smooth, delicate but intense green tea flavour

WHITE TEAS

Pai Mu Tan

A 'jammy' flavour with sweet notes and good body.

ORGANIC TEAS

Assam

Certified organic, it's known for its reddish, full-bodied malty liquor.

Ceylon

Delicately flavoured and bright in colour, excellent for iced tea.

Green Pearl River

Full green tea flavour with delicate pungency and body.

Gyokuro Organic

Steamed green tea with delicious vegetative notes.

Imperial Keemun

Crisp, lively with a delicious hint of oak and golden red cup.

Organic Peppermint

Cool and minty, organic second cut (premier grade).

Osprey Gunpowder

This tea is a classic, clean, top quality Gunpowder.

Rooibos

Reddish infusion with sweet, fruity flavour notes. Rich in vitamins and other nutrients. South African origin.

Tanzania

Full-bodied, malty with fruity hints and a bright, coppery colour.

DECAFFEINATED TEAS

Darjeeling

The cachet of Darjeeling with hints of muscatel minus the caffeine.

English Breakfast

A full-bodied tea, the cup tends bright and takes milk well.

Green Sencha

All the goodness of green tea without the caffeine.

SPECIALTY TEAS

Angel's Dream

Malty and brisk, with a hint of maple and wild blackberry.

Diva

A bright, coppery cup with flowery character and malty notes.

Dragon Moon

This "menage a trois" from Assam, Dimbula and Darjeeling is a lovely after dinner or midday refresher.

English Breakfast

Full-bodied and stimulating. Silky smooth with milk.

Golden Heaven Yunnan

Full bodied with a heady bouquet, this malty China black tea shows hints of 'jammy' flavour with a touch of smoke.

Golden Pu-Erh

Hint of mustiness with elemental notes. Aged five years deep in Yunnan's mountain caves.

Irish Breakfast

A full-bodied blend of Assam and Kenya teas gives a deep malty flavour.

Lapsang Souchong Butterfly #1

Crisp with the heady aroma of an oak fire.

Moroccan Madness

A fine blend of black teas from Sri Lanka and India with a hint of peppermint from Oregon, USA.

Panda #1 Keemun

One of the finest teas in the world with a complex aromatic and penetrating character.

Pure Gold

Intriguing blend of Ceylon, Assam, Kenya and jasmine scented China tea.

Vienna Opera Ball

Smooth flavour with a subtle and misty jasmine taste.

FLAVOURED BLACK TEAS

Crème de la Earl Grey

A creamy smooth blend of black teas scented with oil of bergamot and Devon cream.

Earl Grey

Aromatic blend of black teas scented with oil of bergamot.

Irish Cream

Reminiscent of the Emerald Isle's passion for cream and brandy.

Maple

Just like popping a morsel of maple fudge into your mouth.

Papaya

A blend of ripe papaya and high grown Ceylon tea.

Peach Apricot

Great jammy flavour of mellow peaches and deep full-flavoured apricots. Great as iced tea.

Strawberry

Think pink and summer. Great as iced tea. Not too sweet.

Vanilla Cream

Delicious and seductive alchemy of Madagascar and Tahitian vanilla beans combined with premium black teas.

HERBAL/TISANES

Egyptian Chamomile

Very aromatic with a fruity tending floral flavour.

Green Yerba Mate

Caffeine rich with a vegetative greenish character. From Brazil.

Lavender

Exquisite mild scent of lavender blossoms.

Rooibos

The reddish orange cup is fruity with sweet notes. Enriched with nutrients such as iron, potassium, calcium and fluoride. South African.

Rosehip

A german mild and fruity liquor with slightly pungent sweet pear notes. Rosehips contain iron, calcium, and vitamins A, D and E.

FLAVOURED ROOIBOS

Hunny Rooibos

Rooibos accentuates the naturally sweet character of honey.

HERB & FRUIT

Apricot Supreme

Bold, bright with delightful apricot notes.

Angel Fall's Mist

A happy combination of hibiscus, rosehip, calendula, dried apple, orange peel and naturally derived flavours.

Berry Berry

Burgundy red and bursting with red berry flavours.

Lemon Mango

A perfect marriage of two tropical flavours.

Strawberry Kiwi

The subtle essence of kiwi and tartness of hibiscus.