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**A Taste of History: Cliveden House introduces new Afternoon Tea,
inspired by its illustrious guestbook**



London, February 2025: Iconic British country house hotel, [Cliveden House](#), is delighted to announce the launch of its new afternoon tea menu, inspired by its storied history and illustrious guestbook. Known for sparking the ‘Profumo affair’ and hosting prominent guests from the likes of George Bernard Shaw and President Franklin D. Roosevelt to Queen Victoria and The Beatles, Cliveden’s story spans over 350 years of powerful personalities, iconic parties, and scandalous affairs. Each item on the new afternoon tea menu perfectly blends Executive Chef Chris Hannon’s exceptional attention to detail and the team’s delicate pastry work, carefully crafted to reflect the elegance and grandeur of Cliveden's rich heritage.

Served on the fabulous Astor Tea Service, based on an original ribbon design commissioned especially for Lady Astor, you will find a selection of traditional finger sandwiches, and the ‘Russian Egg Salad on Rye Bread’, inspired by Cliveden’s most famous spy scandal. Guests can delight in savouries, including the ‘Winston Churchill’s Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding’; the ‘Astor Game Roll’ - an adaptation from the famed Astor recipe book; together with the ‘Charlie Chaplin Soft Sour Cake’, a recipe referenced in several of Chaplin’s films.

For sweet treats, there is ‘Queen Victoria’s Sponge’, a nod to Queen Victoria’s sweet tooth, the dessert she was served many times during her visits to Cliveden House to meet with the Duchess of Sutherland. Her beloved Prince Albert is also featured on the afternoon tea menu with the eponymous ‘Albert’s Pudding’. You will find the delicious

'Lady Cranborne Chocolate Mousse', a favourite at many Astor banquettes; and the 'Garibaldi Biscuit', which pays tribute to the Italian patriot Giuseppe Garibaldi, who when visiting Cliveden in April 1864 is alleged to have sat on two biscuits when waiting to meet politician and journalist Joseph Cowen, squashing them together, and thus the Garibaldi biscuit was born! Of course, no afternoon tea is complete without a selection of warm home-made plain and fruit scones, served with clotted cream and the finest strawberry jam.

Guests can also choose from an extensive selection of teas, including the original 'Cliveden Blend', 'Virunga Afternoon Tea' and 'Virunga Earl Grey', together with many more, each selected for their unique flavour and historical significance. For those looking to elevate their afternoon tea experience, Cliveden House offers the option to include a glass of Laurent-Perrier Héritage Champagne or the indulgent 'Berry Explosion Cocktail'.

Guests can experience the delight of the new Cliveden afternoon tea in the splendid surroundings of the Cliveden Dining Room, which overlooks the celebrated Parterre Gardens, part of the 376 acres of National Trust gardens that surround this wonderful property, and which can be explored at leisure during a visit to Cliveden House for afternoon tea. The gardens are a delight in every season, from the majestic woodlands with their displays of early spring flowers, to the quirky statuary and topiary of the Long Gardens, or the heavenly scent of the Rose Garden and Long Border in early summer, they are the ideal setting to enjoy the ultimate English indulgence of afternoon tea.

A part of Iconic Luxury Hotels, Cliveden House is a five-star luxury hotel and spa set in the heart of the Berkshire countryside. Today, a member of Relais & Châteaux, Cliveden continues to offer guests an unparalleled experience of elegance and sophistication.

Key details:

- Afternoon Tea is served in The Cliveden Dining Room Monday-Saturday (from 12.00 noon) and in the Great Hall on Sundays (from 14.00).
- Costing £60 Monday -Thursday, this price also includes a choice of tea or other hot drink, or £80 with a glass of Laurent Perrier Héritage Champagne.
- Weekend afternoon tea (served Friday-Sunday) costs £65 per person, or £85 per person with a glass of champagne.
- Dairy free and gluten-free alternatives are available, please advise on booking.
- To Book [visit here](#) or contact the reservations team at reservations@clivedenhouse.co.uk

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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 boathouse and boats, a 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 an expanding hotel company with an international focus. The collection of owned and managed hotels comprises an eclectic mix of properties, each of which celebrates distinctive architectural style, 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 comprise the 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 neighbourhoods; The Mayfair Townhouse which sits in the heart of exclusive Mayfair; and the newest addition to the collection The Chelsea Townhouse, which opened its doors in September 2023. Late 2024 saw the opening of the luxurious Palm House in Palm Beach, Miami, Florida, Iconic Luxury Hotels first US property.

Iconic Luxury Hotels is part of L+R Hotels, a family-owned global hotel investment and management company with an extensive portfolio of more than 115 hotels, with 23,000 bedrooms across the UK, Europe, the US, and the Caribbean. With an evolving collection, ranging from select service hotels in Europe's most sought-after cities, to opulent, five-star assets and breath-taking leisure resorts, many of which are in the world's most exclusive locations, including Barcelona, Grand Cayman, Ibiza, London, Los Angeles, Mallorca, Monte Carlo, Turks and Caicos, Venice and more.