

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF TEA IN INDIA

If there's one drink that represents India, it's tea. Once an item only for the rich and for export, India is now the 2nd largest producer of tea globally.

Introduced to India by the British in the 1850s, initially imported Chinese tea plants were grown around the Himalayan foothills. However, the tea plant is native to India, growing wild on the Northern plains of Assam. Indians used the leaves as part of their diet, though mostly for medicinal properties. It is the cultivation of this indigenous varietal that is the basis for the flavourful Indian teas we know today.

In 1838 the first shipment of Indian tea was sent to London, establishing the Indian tea industry. Tea estates flourished in Assam, Darjeeling, Nilgiri Mountains, and in Sri Lanka by 1867. In less than fifty years India went from one export to becoming the world's largest producer.

All tea (black, white, green, and oolong) is made from the same plant, so the quality of the raw product is crucial. Nowadays a new generation of tea growers are breaking away from the large monoculture plantations and producing high quality teas on small plots, grown sustainably and in harmony with nature, and crucially, paying their workers a fair wage. These small farms encourage entrepreneurship, enrich the local economy, and are more incentivised to uphold the highest standards for their teas.



**MASALA CHAI**..... €6

**MASALA CHAI LATTE** ..... €4.5

India's spiced masala chai has become one of the most famous brews in the world - so popular that the word "chai" (which simply means "tea" in Hindi) is often synonymous with the brewing style. The spices change from region to region, but typically contain cardamom, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, pepper, mace, and nutmeg, simmered slowly with milky sweet tea.

Our Teahouse Masala Chai is made using a secret blend of spices, steeped with our Teahouse black tea blend, whole milk, and jaggery, steamed and "thrown" back and forth by our chaiwallahs (OK, by the bartenders) to cool and create the delicious frothy texture.

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# OUR TEAS

## BLACK

**2ND FLUSH MUSCATEL SIKKIM** ..... €4.5

*Temi Estate, Sikkim, India*

Grown high in the Indian Himalayas, between Nepal and Bhutan. Highly fragrant, yet delicate black tea, with a heady, floral aroma with soft notes of muscatel grapes

**SRI LANKAN BLACK** ..... €4.5

*Diyanillakelle, Lindula, Sri Lanka*

A rich black tea from the cool mountains of Nuwara Eliya, with floral notes of burnt sugar, marzipan, butter-scotch and fresh cardamon pods. Delicious enjoyed with or without milk

**BROKEN CLOUD ICED TEA** ..... €4.5

*Lakysiew Garden, Meghalaya, India*

Especially designed for cold extraction for iced tea. An exquisite black tea with extraordinary depth, soft citrus notes and rich malty sweetness. Cold infused and served over ice

## GREEN

**NEPALESE HIMALAYAN SPRING GREEN** ..... €4.5

*Jun Chiyabari Tea Garden, Nepal*

A hand rolled Nepalese green tea from Jun Chiyabari. This early Spring pick originates from one specific field, one specific harvest. Tropical fruit; mango, cooked pineapple, and lychee notes yet low in acidity

## WHITE

**FIRST FLUSH HIMALAYAN WHITE** ..... €4.5

*Jun Chiyabari, Nepal*

Picked just after the snow melts in the high Himalayas of Nepal. A beautifully light tea with almost no astrin-gency, fruity and floral, with notes of mango, vanilla, and elderflower

## HERBAL INFUSIONS

**RARE TULSI** ..... €4.5

*Gujarat, India*

Also known as Holy Basil - this pure herb is considered a sacred plant and used in Ayurvedic medicine to re-lieve anxiety and tension. A creamy mouthfeel with notes of cinnamon bark, cloves, and a subtle basil note

**ROSE PETALS** ..... €4.5

*Gujarat, India*

Organic dried rose petals producing a delicious cup with a soft pink colour. A heady scent gives way to a light rose flavour, subtle honey which increases with a second infusion



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# SOFT

Coca-Cola..... €4.5

Coke Zero..... €4.5

Fritz Rhabarberschorle ..... €4.5

Thomas Henry sodas ..... €4.5

*Indian Tonic, Soda Water, Ginger Ale, Ginger Beer, Grapefruit soda*

Bouche Cascarah Kombucha ..... €5.5

Bouche Lemondrop Kombucha ..... €5.5

Fruit juices - *orange, apple, pineapple, grapefruit* ..... €4

Spreequell Still/Sparkling water ..... €6.5

## SNACKS

**BHAJI ONION RINGS** <sup>(GF) (V)</sup> — €7

With smoked aubergine raita

**GREEN PEA SAMOSA** <sup>(V)</sup> — €7

Mint sauce

**INDIAN PICKLE PLATE** <sup>(GF) (Ve)</sup> — €6

Seasonal vegetable, coriander seed

**BUTTER CHICKEN SAMOSA** — €7

Yoghurt and green chilli chutney

**CHICKEN 65** — €11

Sesame and coriander

**JALAPENO POPPER PAKORA** — €10

Herb yoghurt

# HOUSE OF TANDOOR

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# WINE

Measures: 125ml glass

## SPARKLING

Villa Sandi, Treviso, Italy . . . . .	€7.5
Perrier Jouet Grand Brut, Champagne, France . . . . .	€15
Perrier Jouet Rose, Champagne, France . . . . .	€18

## WHITE

A Mano, Fiano Greco, Puglia, Italy 2021 . . . . .	€6.5
Matthias Gaul, Grauburgunder, Pfalz, Germany, 2021 . . . . .	€6.5
Bishöfliche Weingüter, Riesling, Mosel, Germany, 2020 . . . . .	€7
Lo Petit Fantet, Roussane, Marsanne, Grenache, Languedoc, France, 2021 . . . . .	€8
Dominique Piron, Chardonnay, Beaujolais, France, 2020 . . . . .	€9.5

## ORANGE

Tacheles, Bacchus, Kerner, Riesling, Rheinhessen, Germany, 2021 . . . . .	€9.5
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## ROSE

Austrian Rose, Zwiegelt, Niederösterreich, Austria, 2020 . . . . .	€6.5
Mirabeau "X" Syrah, Grenache, Cinsault, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence, France 2022 . . . . .	€9

## RED

Les Costières de Pomerols, Cabernet Sauvignon, Côtes de Thau, France . . . . .	€6.5
Bucaro, Montepulciano D'Abruzzo DOC, Montepulciano, Italy, 2016 . . . . .	€7.5
Lo Petit Fantet, Grenache, Syrah, Carignan, Languedoc, France, 2021 . . . . .	€8
Bamberger, Spätburgunder, Nahe, Germany, 2018 . . . . .	€8.5
Clos du Caillou, Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Côtes du Rhône, France, 2021 . . . . .	€10



# BEER

## DRAFT 50CL

Coalition x House of Tandoor White Ale . . . . .	€5.5
Hoxton Lager . . . . .	€5.5
BRLO IPA . . . . .	€5.5

## BOTTLE / CAN

Brooklyn Lager . . . . .	€4.5
BRLO Helles . . . . .	€4.5
BRLO Naked 0% . . . . .	€4.5



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# COCKTAILS

## CLOUD COVER . . . . . €14.5

Broken Cloud Iced Tea, St-Germain, Suze, Perrier Jouet Champagne, pandan

## WHISKY MAC . . . . . €12.5

2nd Flush Muscatel Siccama, Teahouse ginger wine, Chivas 12

## HIMALAYAN HI BALL . . . . . €12.5

Cold brewed 1st Flush Himalayan white tea, Ketel One, mango, lime sherbet, soda

## GIN TULSI SMASH . . . . . €12.5

Rare Tulsi tea, Bombay Sapphire Premier Cru gin, citrus, bergamot, basil

## ROSIE LEE . . . . . €12.5

Nepalese Himalayan Green Tea, rose-infused Grey Goose, curacao, citrus, Peychaud's, coconut

## CREAM TEA MILK PUNCH . . . . . €12.5

Masala Chai, Bacardi Ocho, Calvados, PX, strawberry, raisins, milk

## TURMERIC & CLEMENTINE MIMOSA . . . . . €14.5

Turmeric tea, ginger & clementine sherbet, fino sherry, Aperol, Perrier Jouet Champagne

## TRICOLOUR MARGARITA . . . . . €12.5

Sri Lankan Black Tea, Altos Plata tequila, agave, citrus, Ancho Reyes verde, orange salt, black salt



# TEMPERANCE

## MANGO LASSI . . . . . €9

Mango, cardamom, strained yoghurt, whole milk, salt

## NIMBU PANI . . . . . €9

Lime sherbet, pink salt, mint, soda

## TURMERIC & CLEMENTINE "MI-NO-SA" . . . . . €9

Turmeric tea, ginger & clementine sherbet, Bouche lemondrop kombucha



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EVENINGS AT



THE TEAHOUSE

12 – Late  
7 Days a Week