



Expedition
TEA COMPANY

EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES INTO
THE WORLD OF TEA

2007 Catalogue

Welcome to the

EXPEDITION TEA COMPANY™

Take an extraordinary adventure into the world of tea. EXPEDITION TEA COMPANY™ carries an extensive array of teas from all the major tea growing regions with some of the very best these estates have to offer. Choose from our selection of teas, gift collections, teapots, or read up on information to make your tea drinking experience more enjoyable.



Loose Leaf Teas

Browse our wide selection of premium loose leaf teas from around the world including black, green, oolong, white, roibos and chai. Try a few samples or stock up on your favorite.

Teapots

View our collection of teapots, chosen to satisfy every taste including ceramic, cast-iron Tetsubin, stainless, silver-plate, Kyusu, and more.



Gift Collections

Our tea collections are packaged in golden tins within a felt-lined keepsake wooden box with a leather handle and brass latches. Give it as a gift to your favorite tea lover or to yourself!

Tea Accessories

Tea timers, tea bags, strainers, scoops and a variety of other things to make your tea time absolutely perfect.



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BLACK TEA

Earl Grey

Traditionally Earl Grey is a blend of Chinese and Indian teas scented with the oil from the citrus bergamot fruit - a sort of orange.

Earl Grey Collection



A perfect gift for the Earl Grey lover. Includes five (5) 2 oz. tins of Earl Grey tea in an elegant felt-lined wooden tea case with brass detail that can later be used for your favorite tea things. Includes 2 oz tin each of: Earl Grey, Earl

Grey Citrus, Earl Grey Cream, Earl Grey Jasmine, and Earl Grey Lavender



Earl Grey

Sri Lanka • An unbelievable aroma that portends an unbelievable taste. A correct balance of flavoring that results in a refreshing true Earl Grey taste that goes well with pastries

and cakes.



Vanilla Cream Earl Grey

Sri Lanka • Vanilla Cream Earl Grey has an exquisite Earl Grey character mellowed with soft hints of cream. Will complement a meal or any aristocratic occasion for that matter!



Organic Earl Grey

Sri Lanka • Certified organically grown Ceylon tea scented with the finest citrus bergamot oil. A great cup of tea, all the way around.

Lavender Earl Grey



Sri Lanka and France • Great Earl Grey with a French twist. A sophisticated medley of rich Ceylon black tea, French lavender, cornflower petals, and natural flavors.

Citrus Earl Grey



Sri Lanka, China, Thailand, Spain • Thai Lemongrass and Spanish orange infuse premium Earl Grey with sultry citrus notes. Hints of clover and cinnamon, with cornflower & calendula petals.

Jasmine Earl Grey



Kenya, China, Sri Lanka, India • Intriguing hints of Earl Grey blend with soft jasmine from Fujian Province. Couple this with malty Assam and brisk, golden Kenyan for a most flavorful tea.



Estate Teas

Estate teas attract the purist looking to explore these differences. Like fine wine, the best teas come from premier tea-growing regions around the world.

Estate Tea Collection



Explore the best tea-growing regions. Includes five 2 oz. tins in an elegant wooden box. Includes: Santosa Estate, St. Coombs Ceylon, Margaret's Hope Darjeeling, Kenya Milima and Yunnan Ying Ming.

Assam, Gingia Estate



Bishnauth region, India
Bright, full-bodied liquor with nutty, walnut-like character. Milk and a dash of sugar help capture the malty character of this tea, but it is also delicious "straight-up."

Ceylon, Kenmare Estate



Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka
A classic high grown Ceylon tending light with astringency and expressive flavor that has an excellent finish. Kenmare was 'Estate of the Year.

Darjeeling, Margaret's Hope



Darjeeling, Northern India
A delicate tending astringent cup with the distinctive 'Muscatel' character. Hints of black currant create an almost wine-like taste.

Keemun Panda



Anhui Province, China
This whole leaf style tea is complex and subtle with an aroma often compared to burgundy wines. The flavor is best brought out with milk.

Kenya Milima Estate



Kericho, Kenya
This rich full bodied tea has wonderful floral-like flavour notes. The cup has thickness with a malty but lively character. A perfect all day tea.

Santosa Estate



Java, Indonesia
Pale liquor with maltiness and a hint of flowery character. Produced during August at the peak of quality.

Premium Estate Teas

Keemun Hoa Ya A



Anhui Province, China
The Queen of England's favorite tea. Complex and subtle. Excellent full bodied winey character with oaky notes. Bright and golden coppery.

Golden Heaven Yunnan



Yunnan Province, China
Full bodied tea with a heady bouquet. Full malty with a hint of lovely 'jammy' flavor that is outstanding with milk. One of our favorites.

BLACK TEA

Breakfast Tea

The hallmark of a breakfast tea is a strong flavor that holds up well to milk. Try a traditional English breakfast tea or one of our great variations.

Breakfast Tea Collection



Great variation on breakfast. Collection includes five 2 oz. tins of tea in an elegant felt-lined wooden tea case with brass detail that can later be used for your favorite tea things. Includes 2 oz tin each of:

English, Canadian, Irish, London, and Scottish Breakfast tea.

English Breakfast



Sri Lanka
English Breakfast at its finest. Good body but not overpowering with satisfying full tea flavor notes. Coppery bright - especially enticing with milk.

Canadian Breakfast



India/Sri Lanka/Kenya/China
This tea has hints of floral-like flavor with malty and full-bodied notes. Touches of oakiness make a particularly delightful cup that takes milk well.

Irish Breakfast



India and Kenya
A full-bodied cup of tea. The malty flavour of Assams is combined with the brightness and lively flavour of the best Kenya teas. Enjoy with milk.

London Breakfast



Sri Lanka
This tea has the full malty flavor of a great Ceylon breakfast tea with strong character and hints of Earl Grey. Great with milk and your favorite sweetener.

Scottish Breakfast



India and China
Malty full-bodied character with bright flavoury notes and hints of cask oakiness. A bracing Highlander's cup of tea! Bright coppery colour.

English Breakfast Decaf



Sri Lanka
Great English Breakfast without all the caffeine. A full bodied flavoury cup of tea tending bright - associated with its origin - Ceylon Tea. Tending bright and coppery notes.



GREEN TEA

Green Tea

Green teas are best with water heated to slightly below boiling (180°F) and steeped for 3 minutes.

Green Tea Collection



A collection of great green teas. Five 2 oz. tins in an elegant wooden case. Includes: Dragonwell (Lung Ching), Sencha Kyoto Cherry Rose, Genmaicha (popcorn tea), Green Tea Chai, Mint Green

Genmaicha (Popcorn Tea)



Japan
Green tea blended with fire-toasted rice with a natural sweetness and almost chewy character. During the firing the rice may *pop* not unlike popcorn, hence the pet name

popcorn-tea.

Kapchorua Green



Kenya
Surprisingly good body in the cup with classic Kenya tea flavor - almost peach-like fruitiness. A fine example of a high quality Kenyan tea. Bright amber with greenish highlights.

Mint Green



Sri Lanka
Peppermint oil gives this tea refreshing cool mint flavor that for a delicious and heady cup. Deliciously refreshing day or night.

Sencha Kyoto Cherry Rose



China
Fresh, smooth sencha tea with depth and body. The cherry flavoring and subtle rose hints give the tea a wonderful exotic character not to mention a joy to behold.

Superior Gunpowder



Taiwan
This is a strong dark-green brew with a memorable fragrance, slightly bitter and long lasting finish with surprising body and captivating green tea taste.

Premium Green Teas

Dragonwell (Lung Ching)



China
Distinguished by its beautiful shape, emerald color, fragrance and sweet floral character. Full-bodied tending astringent (brisk) with a slight heady bouquet.

Gyokuro (Pearl Dew)



Japan
Considered the best tea in Japan, this full-flavored green tea has a satisfying light refreshing character. Tending pleasantly vegetative with some briskness.

ROOIBOS

Rooibos

Rooibos (pronounced "roy-boss") is not officially a tea (since it isn't made of *Camellia Sinensis* leaves), but it is well known to be one of the most relaxing hot beverages one can brew. The needle-shaped leaves of the Rooibos bush, (Latin: *Aspalathus linearis*) produce a caffeine-free drink that is noted by nutritionists and health consultants the world over for its soothing character.

Rooibos Tea Collection



A perfect gift for the Rooibos lover. Includes five 2 oz. tins of Rooibos in an elegant felt-lined wooden tea case with brass detail that can later be used for your favorite tea things or keepsakes.

Collection includes 2 oz tin each of: Rooibos Organic, Rooibos Chai, Rooibos Cherry Rose, Rooibos Lavender, and Rooibos Spice

Rooibos Cherry Rose



Cedarberg, South Africa
Enjoy this excellent combination of cherry, rose and rooibos. The clean finish on the cup has sweet cherry notes tempered with hints of caramel.

Rooibos Le Marche Spice



Cedarberg, South Africa
Fruity with sweet notes, cinnamon spice blend flavoring gives this Rooibos a wonderfully spicy taste.

Rooibos Masala Chai



Cedarberg, South Africa
Sit down to tantalizing Malabar spices (ginger, coriander, cinnamon, cloves, black pepper) combined with sweet rooibos that creates an herbal treat.

Rooibos Provence



Cedarberg, South Africa
A wonderful fruity (currants, raisins and blueberries) flavor with sweet notes, plus lavender which gives the Rooibos an interesting floral character.

Organic Rooibos



Cedarberg, South Africa
Certified organic rooibos with fruity sweet notes. Reddish orange to full color. Takes milk and sugar well.



CHAI

Chai

The word 'chai' literally means tea (different languages use various forms of this word - for example Portuguese call it 'cha', Hindus call it chai, and in Chinese the sound of the symbol for tea sounds very much like cha.) Chai is brewed with milk and a mixture of spices--typically Indian spices such as cardamom, cloves, coriander, cumin seed, sweet cumin seeds, and curry leaves. Each recipe can be different depending upon the spices used.

Chai Collection



A perfect gift for the worldly chai lover. Collection includes five (5) 2 oz. tins of tea in an elegant felt-lined wooden tea case with brass detail that can later be used for your favorite tea things or keepsakes. Collection includes

2 oz tin each of: Green Tea Chai, Kama Sutra Chai, Belgium Chocolate Chai, Rooibos Masala Chai and Vanilla Chai.

Belgian Chocolate Chai



Sri Lanka, India & Belgium
For the chocolate lover! Chips of white chocolate drenched in luscious chai spices in a rich cup of Ceylon tea.

Genmaicha Chai



Japan and India
Genmaicha (popcorn tea) with the all the mystery of traditional Indian Masala spices.

Green Tea Chai



Sri Lanka
Green tea with strong Indian spices such as Cardamom, Cloves Coriander, Cumin Seed, Sweet cumin seeds, Curry leaves, Lemon Grass. Especially enticing with milk.

Kama Sutra Chai



India, China, France & Italy
A truly worldly drink. Traditional chai spices from India combine with black tea from China, and rose petals, lavender and jasmine buds from France and Italy.

Rooibos Masala Chai



Cedarberg, South Africa
Tantalizing Malabar spices (ginger, coriander, cinnamon, cloves, black pepper) combine with sweet rooibos to create a herbal treat.

Vanilla Chai



India and Kenya
Light floral notes mingle with Masala spices highlighting a superb balance of tea and spice. Milk and a dash of sugar create a taste extravaganza.

OOLONG TEA

Oolong Tea

Oolong is mid-way between a black and green tea. After rolling, the tea is allowed to oxidize only until the edges of the leaves start to turn brown. The tea is then fired, creating the complex Oolong character.

Oolong Tea Collection



Looking for something between black and green? Includes five 2 oz. tins of tea in an elegant felt-lined wooden tea case that can later be used for your favorite tea things. Includes Formosa, Phoenix Iron Goddess, Orange Blossom, Quanzhou Milk, and Ti Kuan Yin Oolong teas.

Formosa Oolong



Taiwan
A northern Taiwan Amber-style Oolong tea. This superb long-fired oolong tea has a bakey, but sweet fruity character with a rich amber color.

Orange Blossom Oolong



Taiwan, Sri Lanka, India
Orange and citrus blend with toasty oolong for a "jammy" flavor. This tea is refreshing and takes milk well. Makes a great iced tea as well as being delicious hot.

Ti Kuan Yin Oolong



China
A light "airy" character with lightly noted orchid-like hints and a sweet fragrant finish with no bitterness. Best drunk straight up.

Premium Oolong Tea

Phoenix Iron Goddess Oolong



China
From the Fujian Province, this oolong has a light "airy" character with delicate orchid-like notes. A top grade oolong with a pale green yellowish cup. Enjoy multiple infusions.

Quanzhou Milk Oolong



China
A most unique character that is best described as sweet milk with light orchid notes from premium oolong peeking out from camellia depths.



WHITE TEA

White Tea

The production of white tea is very different to green tea. First, the leaves come from a special varietal tea bush called Narcissus or chaicha bushes. Second, the leaves are not steamed or pan-fired as is the case in green tea. These leaves are dried and withered in the sun. If mechanical drying is required the leaves are baked (not fired) at temperatures less than 40°C. Third, only special “two leaves and a bud” are selected.

These leaves must show a very light green almost gray white color and be covered with velvet peach fuzz down. The ideal is a leaf or two being wrapped around a newly developing shoot. These shoots are plucked and segregated from the rest of the leaf being plucked. These leaves are then naturally withered and the painstaking process of final manual selection occurs..

White Tea Collection



A perfect gift for the white tea lover. Includes five 2 oz. tins of tea in an elegant felt-lined wooden tea case with brass detail that can later be used for your favorite tea things or keepsakes. Collection includes 2 oz tin each of: 100

Monkeys White, Panda Pearls, Peony White Needles, Snow Dragon, Pai Mu Tan

100 Monkeys White



China
An exquisite tea from Hunan Province. Long, well-formed monkey finger-like leaves.

Pai Mu Tan White



China
A white tea offering “jammy” flavor with sweet notes and a delicious lingering finish.

Panda Pearls



China
A white tea from Chongqing. Special leaves are plucked, hand-rolled and dried with no processing.

Peony White Needle



China
A delicate white tea with a lingering fragrance and a fresh mellow sweet taste faintly reminiscent of fresh apples.

Snow Dragon



China
A white tea that is painstakingly hand-formed. Legend has it that the tea looks like a dragon's tail.

TEAPOTS

Sherwood Teapot (for three or four)



Capacity: 24 oz. (700 ml)

The ever-popular white ceramic teapot. Excellent for 2 with enough tea left to create delicious anxiety as to who will be lucky enough to get the third cup.

Henley Infuser Teapot (for two)



Capacity: 14 oz. (400 ml)

Our ever popular stainless teapot with built-in mesh infuser basket. Stylish and rugged stainless steel hides fingerprints and keeps your tea hot. Drip-free spout.

Traditional Japanese Kyusu Teapot



Capacity: 12 oz. (350 ml)

Traditional Japanese teapots are known for their unique side handle. A metal mesh screen inside the spout keeps the leaves out of your cup.

Gold Infuser Teapot



Capacity: 16 oz. (470 ml)

Perfect for 2 or 3 friends. A great glass teapot for dress-up or for everyday. The infuser nestles into lid by lifting the handy plunger ball on top.

Traditional Korean Infuser Teacup



Capacity: 6 oz. (175 ml)

Add leaves, pour water and cover. After steeping, remove lid and turn it upside down. Lift infuser, let the tea drain into cup and place in inverted lid.

Russian Tipping Teapot



Capacity: 24 oz. (700 ml)

This quality hotel-grade silver teapot is fit for the Czars of Russia. Includes an infuser. Tilt the teapot on its side to steep and then lift upright to serve.

Small Cast Iron Teapot



Capacity: 10 oz. (290 ml)

The classic personal Japanese cast iron teapot. Simple and practical, this teapot contains an infuser and retains heat extremely well.

Empress Room Tea Strainer



A perfect strainer for loose leaf tea. Place tea into your teapot to steep. When done, place the strainer over your cup as you pour. Set the strainer into the drip bowl when finished.

Large Cast Iron Teapot



Capacity: 22 oz. (650 ml)

The classic Japanese teapot. Simple and practical, this teapot contains an infuser and retains heat extremely well to ensure the best brewed tea.

3-4-5 Minute Tea Timer



For perfect tea every time. Green, brown and white colored sands fill this fun tea timer that tells you exactly when your favorite tea is properly steeped.

INFORMATION

About Us

EXPEDITION TEA COMPANY™ was started by a small group of folks who not only love tea, but who are also fascinated by the regional differences in teas, teapots, accessories and the rituals that surrounded this great beverage.

More than Just the Tea

We are committed to providing you not only with the best teas, but also to infuse your life with the story behind the tea. This might include information about the history, health benefits, rituals, accessories, environmental influence as well as ways to improve not only your own experience with tea but that of others as well. Tea is more than just a great beverage.

Ask Us

Our staff includes a professionally certified Grade Three Tea Specialist (Specialty Tea Institute). We love to suggest teas based on what you currently like to help expand your options. Or tell you the history of a particular teapot. And we'll certainly be drinking a cup of one of our favorites while we do the research.

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Free Shipping

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