

# Harney & Sons London Tea Tour



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A Tea Lover's Adventure in the United Kingdom  
July 20—26, 2018  
Hosted by Harney & Sons Tea + Onward Travel



*The lovely library at our home away from home, The Chesterfield Mayfair*

Join the Harney family for a one of a kind tea-centered tour of greater London. Harney & Sons Tea is served at some of the most important tea drinking destinations in the British capital, including the famous Dorchester Hotel and the Historic Royal Palaces. Speaking about Britain, George Orwell once said, “Tea is one of the mainstays of the civilization of this country!”

And Orwell was right: nobody drinks tea like the Brits! They average at least three cups per day, encouraged by a wonderful tea drinking culture that has flourished there since the national beverage was made fashionable by King Charles in the 17th century. Today tea is a part of local custom, vernacular, way of life and pop culture at every level of society.

In London, take a day-long Tea Infusiast Masterclass at the UK Tea Academy, set out on a historic walking tour including visits to Royal residences and the Tower of London, dine at some of the capital's top restaurants, and indulge in the traditional British tea service everywhere from the city's poshest hotel to below the copper hull of The Cutty Sark. We'll trace the history of tea and the tea industry from China to India to the British table. In this adventure packed week our small group, accompanied by Mike & Brigitte Harney, will dive in to explore London and her fascinating tea history.



## Imagine yourself...

Sipping bubbly on the penthouse terrace of the Dorchester Hotel

Exploring the quiet halls of Kensington Palace, open early just for us

Learning from one of the world's most celebrated tea educators

## Welcome to England!

DAY 1: FRIDAY JULY 20

- Tour the world's largest collection of living plants
- Raise a tea-infused cocktail (or mocktail!) with your fellow travelers in the handsome hotel library

Upon arrival at London Heathrow Airport your Onward Travel guide awaits with comfortable private transportation ready to whisk you away on an English adventure. We'll start this day with brunch together and our first hot British "cuppa" (tea!) at historic Newen's, located in the London suburb of Richmond, where "Maids of Honour" cakes are a 300 year old tradition, reportedly named for Anne Boleyn. The Maid of Honour cake is a cheese filled puff pastry tart, and we'll nosh on those along with a delicious and restorative hot breakfast.

Then let's head to the world's largest collection of living plants, Kew Royal Botanic Gardens, for a guided tour. Officially listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, these gardens were founded in 1840 and contain tens of thousands of plants as well as an Arboretum, a lake, and plant houses spanning from the Victorian era to the contemporary. It's the perfect place to stretch legs and jump right into Britain's outstanding garden tradition. We'll be especially excited to see the newly restored Great Pagoda.

In the afternoon we'll check into our four-star hotel in the heart of London, The Chesterfield Mayfair. A boutique hotel boasting style and charm galore (think dark wood, antique furniture, original paintings), a top-hatted doorman to make sure you know you're in London, and beehives on the roof to make the honey for our tea... it's the perfect place to spend the next six nights. Take a little time to freshen up and then we'll meet for a welcome dinner reception in the hotel's gorgeous library complete with tea-inspired libations.

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Meals Brunch, Dinner



Our day tasting tea and learning with Jane Pettigrew is sure to be a highlight

## Tea Infusiast Masterclass

DAY 2: SATURDAY JULY 21

- Spend a day with world renowned tea educator Jane Pettigrew

Enjoy a wonderful full breakfast buffet at the hotel as you will each morning of your stay. Feel like room service? Great idea! It's complimentary, just order at the concierge the night before.

Time to do a little learning! Today we will attend a private Tea Infusiast Masterclass with tea expert Jane Pettigrew at the UK Tea Academy. Ms. Pettigrew, the author of sixteen books on tea, has worked in the industry for over 30 years and she teaches tea masterclasses all over the world. In 2014 she was voted Best Tea Educator at the World Tea Awards and in January 2016 she was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to Tea Production and Tea History in the UK's New Year Honours list.

We'll spend an entire day with Jane and her team, tasting some of the world's best teas, learning about the fascinating and intertwined history of Great Britain and tea drinking, talking tea together and even making our own blends!

Dinner together tonight will be a casual and festive affair at a vibrant Mayfair gastropub.

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## London Immersion

DAY 3: SUNDAY JULY 22

- Get to know the sights & culture of London with a fun local guide
- Nosh on Dim Sum, the Chinese meal that inspired afternoon tea

Let's get acquainted with London today! A friendly and knowledgeable local guide will meet us after breakfast and we'll set out for a historic London walking tour. Our hotel is in the posh neighborhood of Mayfair, just adjacent to the royal district of Westminster which has one of the highest concentrations of famous landmarks in the world. From triumph to tragedy, splendor to squalor, the area has cradled royalty and witnessed revolt.

We'll learn all about it this morning as we follow royal footsteps along the Mall, stroll the hustle and bustle of Whitehall, pass Downing Street (home to Britain's Prime Minister), and enjoy the relative tranquillity of Horse Guard's Parade where two of England's

most famous ceremonies take place. We'll visit Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and The Houses of Parliament.

Our walking tour breaks in the vibrant neighborhood of Soho for a delightful dim sum lunch at a stylish, upscale Asian teahouse. This traditional Chinese ritual of tea accompanied by delicious morsels, especially dainty dumplings, will be extra special today since just the day before we'll have learned from Jane Pettigrew about how this foreign custom played a major role in the evolution of English tea culture.

This afternoon we have a wonderful visit planned to the legendary Tower of London, one of four UNESCO World Heritage sites in the city. Used variously throughout its history as a royal palace, an armoury, a prison, an execution chamber, a zoo, a barracks and a jewel house, this working royal castle offers a stunning insight into 1,000 years of history. Our informative private tour today will include the Crown Jewels and other highlights of the Tower of London.

Spend this evening in the English capital as you wish. London boasts superb dining and an amazing theater scene and Onward Travel is happy to assist you in making reservations and/or booking show tickets before the trip.

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch

## London As You Like It

DAY 4: MONDAY JULY 23

- Spend today as you wish and swap stories over a Venetian dinner

Today is yours to spend as you wish - maybe some of the world's best shopping will do the trick, or you'd like to explore the vibrant Southbank with the Tate Modern and Borough Market. Whatever London experience you desire Onward Travel is happy to advise.

Tonight the group will gather for dinner at Polpo, a popular and vibrant London eatery that is among the Harney family's favorite restaurants in town. Over *cicchetti* and a spritz we'll recount the different adventures we all had in London today.

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Meals Breakfast, Dinner

## As Posh as it Gets

DAY 5: TUESDAY JULY 24

- Spend a morning in Kensington Palace before it opens for the day
- Enjoy pure luxury over high tea in the Penthouse and Pavilion Suite at the Dorchester Hotel

This morning we will set out to visit Kensington Palace before it opens to the public for the day — a real privilege and an experience you'll long remember. This royal residence set in the Kensington Gardens is among the officially designated Historic Royal Palaces, with whom Harney & Sons Tea has an official partnership. Members of the British Royal Family have resided here since the 17th century and today it is the official London residence of a number of royals, including The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (William and Catherine) and Prince Harry. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the historic State Rooms and an opportunity to enjoy the special exhibition of Princess Diana's wardrobe, *Diana: Her Fashion Story*, before the crowds fill it up at opening time.

In the early afternoon a real treat is in store - champagne afternoon tea in the exquisite baroque styled Penthouse and Pavilion suite at the iconic Dorchester Hotel. A fairytale come to life, these rooms are unforgettable and the terrace overlooking Hyde Park is the perfect place to toast your fellow travelers and enjoy a photo op. We'll sit down together for a delightful spread featuring Harney & Sons Dorchester Breakfast Tea.

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch/Dinner



The 2017 Harney & Sons Tea in London group says "Tea!" on the terrace at the Dorchester Hotel's Penthouse and Pavilion suite.

## A Day in Greenwich

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY JULY 25

- Sip tea under the copper hull of a famous retired tea clipper
- Toast with your new travel friends over a Michelin-starred dinner

This morning we'll ride a ferry down the Thames to enjoy a lovely day in Greenwich, a London district bursting with history. The Cutty Sark tea clipper, built in 1869 and now moored there on the Thames, was one of the last and fastest tea clippers, as she was built in the era just before sailing technology gave way to steam propulsion. Retired for public display after 85 years on the high seas, the Cutty Sark is an important relic of the trading industry of the past. This morning the curator of Cutty Sark will engage our group in a Curator Tour of the ship with an emphasis on its role in the Tea Trade. After the tour we'll enjoy a delicious "Cream Tea" (tea accompanied by scones with jam and clotted cream) beneath the vessel's copper hull.

After Cutty Sark we'll explore another treasure of historic Greenwich, the National Maritime Museum, the largest Maritime Museum in the world. Once again we'll be met by the museum's curator for a private tour of the current exhibition which couldn't be more appropriate for our group: Traders: the East India Company. After learning all about the East India Company's pivotal and fascinating role in British maritime trade you'll be free to explore the rest of Greenwich as you like.

Walk up the hill in Greenwich Royal Park to the Royal Observatory, the home of The Prime Meridian and Greenwich Mean Time, and an important location in the history of navigation and astronomy. You'll enjoy panoramic views of London from the top of the hill. Or explore the Queen's House, an architectural masterpiece and once a Royal house of delights. Today the Queen's House is home to the Royal Museums Greenwich art collection which includes works by European and British masters. The little village of Greenwich is full of great lunch options, including the very hip and happening Greenwich Market Complex.

We'll return to the Chesterfield Mayfair together in the late afternoon. Our farewell dinner together tonight will be a quintessentially British dining experience, with a nod to the tea history we've been taking in throughout the week. Enjoy an unforgettable cocktail followed by a delicious dinner at a Michelin-starred fine dining Indian restaurant near the hotel. Whether Indian cuisine is new to you, or already a favorite, this meal will be an delightful experience and we'll laugh and toast our wonderful week together as we enjoy a menagerie of flavors and beautiful, stylish presentation. Cheers!

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Meals Breakfast, Dinner

## Farewell

DAY 7: THURSDAY JULY 26

- Head home with wonderful memories

Our wonderful time together has come to an end. Book a private car to the airport through the concierge, or take an easy tube ride there. Head home with fantastic memories, new friends, and lots of knowledge about tea history and British culture!

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Meals Breakfast



Guards in traditional dress are seen marching down the street at Whitehall

# TRIP INFORMATION Harney & Sons Tea in London — July 2018

BEGINS	London Heathrow Airport (LHR) 9:00 am on Friday July 20, 2018
ENDS	The Chesterfield Mayfair Hotel, London July 26, 2018 — No activities scheduled July 26
MOBILITY	This tour includes walking for 15-30 minutes at a time, plus stairs and cobblestones. If you have limited mobility, please inquire and we will discuss options. Travelers may always opt out of activities they deem too physically challenging but refunds will not be provided.
TRIP LENGTH	7 days, 6 nights
LODGING	<b>The Chesterfield Mayfair   6 Nights</b>   One of London's most beloved hotels, the Chesterfield Mayfair is located in the heart of posh West London. Enjoy easy access to fabulous shopping, London's famous theater district, excellent dining and many palaces and parks.
TOUR DATES & PRICE	July 20 — 26, 2018 Double Occupancy \$4350 per traveler Single Supplement \$1200 additional  Contact Onward if you are interested in a room upgrade. Please note that air travel is not included and a current passport is required for travel to Great Britain. You are welcome to pay your trip fee by credit card, please note that a \$130 processing fee will be applied.

## Trip price includes the following:

- Ground transportation to/from all scheduled activities
- 6 nights accommodations at the fabulous Chesterfield Mayfair in the heart of London
- Most meals: daily breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 4 dinners. We have fantastic gourmet experiences planned with libations included, of course!
- Local guide services throughout the tour to truly understand London and an Onward Travel guide at your service
- All activities, admissions, tastings, and tours as detailed in the itinerary
- Taxes and all gratuities

### *Register now!*

Visit [onwardtravel.co](http://onwardtravel.co) to complete the registration form and submit payment. \$1350 deposit due upon booking, balance due by May 20, 2018.



The Tea Building in the trendy East London neighborhood of Shoreditch

## AIR TRAVEL:

The tour begins at London Heathrow Airport. Please confirm with Onward Travel that the tour is a "go" before booking non-refundable airfare. Contact Onward Travel for assistance or to coordinate with other Harney & Sons Tea in London travelers.

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## About Onward Travel

Onward Travel is a group tour operator owned and operated by sisters Molly Crist and Katerina Dhand. Onward Travel is focused on unique, thoughtful small group tours with itineraries that are researched and pieced together carefully to ensure authentic, engaging trips that foster genuine connection to places and people. A deep love of hospitality and adventure has been in Molly and Kat's blood for generations as Onward Travel is inspired by their family's cooking school on a farm in Bucks County, PA that offered culinary-focused travel to customers for over two decades.

## London in July

Summer is a wonderful time to be in London. Gardens are in full bloom, the sun is shining, Londoners are out and about and you'll find a city embracing the season head on and soaking up the sun while they can. Expect nice, temperate days with highs near 80° and lows in the high 50's at night. Like the other months, though, July in London has the potential to be rainy so you'll want to pack your raingear.

## Miscellaneous Travel Information

- Passports are required for American citizens travelling to England. Visas are not required. Note your passport should be valid for at least six months beyond the date of travel.
- To determine the current exchange rate, Google "USD to GBP."
- Travel Protection: Onward Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. Travel protection plans include coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. For more information on the recommended plans or to enroll, contact Travelex Insurance Services at 800-228-9792 and reference location number 32-0704. *For a summary of plan details on benefits, coverages, limitations and exclusions, please refer to the applicable Description of Coverage. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Transamerica Casualty Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio; NAIC #10952. 1308294*

## Get in Touch!

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Mike Harney is pictured with Harney & Sons tea for sale in the gift shop at Kensington Palace