

Tea for Summer: Cold Brew, Iced and Light

From the Teas.co.uk wiki

Tea for summer, in summary: Summer tea is the cold-brew and iced methods applied to lighter, lower-tannin teas, plus the true note that a hot tea can cool you by prompting perspiration.

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British summer rewards a different tea approach, cold brew greens for hot afternoons, [hibiscus](#) for picnic refreshment, peach [iced black](#) for the patio, lighter herbal blends for the long evenings. Cold brewed tea is the easiest summer hack: 4 bags + 1 litre cold water + 6-8 hours in the fridge gets you the smoothest tea you'll ever drink.

Summer tea principles

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- **Cold brewing makes everything smoother.** No bitterness, no astringency, naturally sweet.
- **Lighter teas suit hot weather.** Green, white, oolong, fruit herbal blends.
- **Hot tea still works.** The British summer is rarely so hot that hot tea is unwelcome.
- **[Hydration](#) matters more.** Iced tea + water + cold brewed daily is genuine summer hydration.

The cold brew method

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1. 4 tea bags into a 1-litre jug.

2. Fill with cold filtered water.
3. Cover. Refrigerate 6-8 hours (or overnight).
4. Remove bags. Drink chilled, with or without ice.

The cold water extraction pulls out flavour without the tannins and bitterness that hot brewing extracts. Result: smoother, naturally sweeter tea. Lasts 3 days in the fridge.

[More on cold brew tea.](#)

Best summer teas

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Hibiscus

The classic summer tea. Vivid pink red, tart sweet, naturally cooling. Add lemon, ice, mint sprig. Pukka Hibiscus Surprise, Heath & Heather Hibiscus.

Peach iced [black tea](#)

Cold brewed black tea + peach slice + ice. The American South classic, executed at home.

Cold brewed [green tea](#)

Sencha or [Twinings](#) Pure Green cold brewed. Astonishingly smooth. Naturally sweet.

Mint iced tea

Pukka Three Mint cold brewed + lemon. Refreshing and cooling.

Berry fruit infusions

Twinings Cold Infuse Berry, Heath & Heather Wild Berry. Cold brewed for picnics.

Lemon & ginger

Cold brewed for warm weather hydration with mild zing.

Earl Grey iced

The bergamot survives cold brewing well. Iced Earl Grey + lemon = elegant summer drink.

White tea

Delicate, floral. Cold brewed white tea is one of the great summer drinks.

Rooibos

Naturally sweet, caffeine free. Cold brewed for evening summer drinking.

Iced tea recipes

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Classic iced black tea

1. Brew 4 bags Yorkshire Tea in 500ml hot water for 5 minutes.
2. Stir in 2 tbsp sugar.
3. Pour over ice in a tall glass. Add lemon slice.

Hibiscus cooler

1. Brew 2 hibiscus bags in 500ml hot water for 8 minutes.
2. Cool. Stir in 1 tbsp honey.
3. Pour over ice. Top with sparkling water. Garnish with mint.

Peach iced tea

1. Cold brew 4 black tea bags + 1 peach (sliced) for 6 hours.
2. Strain. Sweeten if needed.
3. Serve over ice with peach slices.

Mint mojito mocktail

1. Cold brew 4 mint tea bags for 6 hours.
2. Mix 200ml with 50ml lime juice + 1 tbsp sugar + soda water.
3. Garnish with fresh mint and lime.

Picnic tea

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Cold brewed tea in a thermos works for picnics, beach trips, garden parties. Hibiscus or fruit herbal infusions are most picnic friendly. [More on tea based mocktails.](#)

Hot tea in summer

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British summer rarely gets hot enough to make hot tea unwelcome. The morning Yorkshire Tea + the evening chamomile remain year round routines. The summer addition is cold brewed tea for afternoons and outdoor drinking, not a wholesale replacement.

Caffeine in summer

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Higher temperatures = higher dehydration risk. Caffeine doesn't significantly worsen this at normal doses but you should drink water alongside tea. Stay hydrated.

Cold brewed green tea has slightly lower caffeine than hot brewed (about 70-80% of the hot equivalent), which is fine for afternoon drinking.

Summer specific UK products

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- **Twinings Cold Infuse range.** Designed specifically for cold water, Mango & Strawberry, Watermelon & Mint, Apple & Elderflower.
- **Pukka Lemon, Ginger & Manuka Honey.** Cold brews well.
- **Pukka Hibiscus Surprise.** Vivid pink summer tea.
- **Heath & Heather Wild Berry.** Cold brew berry blend.
- **Specialty cold brew kits.** Some brands now market cold brew packs specifically.

Tea + summer fruit

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Summer tea improves with fruit:

- Strawberry + iced black tea
- Peach + iced green tea
- Watermelon + mint tea
- Lemon + Earl Grey
- Berries + hibiscus
- Cucumber + white tea

Tea slushies and granitas

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Brew tea strong, sweeten, freeze in shallow tray, scrape with fork every hour for granita. Hibiscus granita is particularly summer perfect.

Hangover tea (summer drinking)

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Cold brewed black tea + honey + lemon + electrolyte drink. The combination addresses the dehydration, mild headache, and stomach issues of a summer barbecue hangover.

FAQ

Best summer tea? Hibiscus iced, vivid colour, tart sweet flavour, refreshing.

Cold brew time? 6-8 hours minimum. Overnight is ideal.

Hot tea in summer? Still fine, British summer rarely makes hot tea unwelcome.

Caffeine concerns in heat? No significant issue. Drink water alongside.

Best for picnics? Cold brewed hibiscus or fruit herbal in a thermos.

Curator's note: cold brewed tea is the underrated summer hack. 6 hours, no effort, smoother tea than you'll ever brew hot. The hibiscus or peach iced tea on a hot afternoon is genuinely one of the best uses of tea. Lee, Teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

Summer tea, at a glance

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Want	The choice
Smoothest cold drink	Cold brew, especially green; naturally sweet, low bitterness
Fast iced tea	Hot-brew strong, sweeten warm, chill fast over ice
Light & refreshing	Green, white, hibiscus, mint; lower-tannin, served cold
Lower caffeine	Cold brew or caffeine-free herbals and rooibos
Hot tea in heat	Genuinely works: a hot drink prompts cooling perspiration

Pair it with the [herbal & fruit infusions](#) and [green tea range](#).

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- [NHS: Common cold](#)

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Summer tea reading

- [Iced tea guide](#)
- [How to make cold brew tea](#)
- [Iced green tea](#)
- [Hibiscus tea](#)

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