

# Tropical Sun Tulsi: Holy Basil Tea

From the Teas.co.uk wiki

**Tropical Sun Tulsi, in summary:** Tropical Sun Tulsi is the UK grocery channel's value-led Ayurvedic adaptogen cup. How tulsi works, the 3 strains, the brewing routine, and the price.

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**Tulsi (*Ocimum tenuiflorum*, "holy basil") is one of the most revered herbs in Ayurvedic medicine, sacred in Hinduism and used for thousands of years for stress, [immunity](#), and general wellbeing. Tropical Sun Tulsi makes this herb accessible in UK retail. Distinctive flavour; adaptogen reputation; modest research support.**

## What is tulsi

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*Ocimum tenuiflorum* is a basil cousin native to South Asia. In Hinduism it's considered sacred, often planted near homes and temples. Traditional uses:

- Stress reduction (adaptogen).
- Immune support.
- Respiratory issues.
- Blood sugar.
- Digestive issues.

## How it tastes

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Warm spicy basil like character; slightly minty; distinctive medicinal note. Curator Rating: 4.9/5.

## How to brew

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1. 1 bag in 200ml just boiled water.
2. Steep 5-7 minutes.
3. Drink with honey if desired.

## The adaptogen claim

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Tulsi is among the better researched adaptogens:

- Some clinical research supports stress reduction effects.
- Modest immune supportive evidence.
- Mild blood sugar effects in some studies.

Tea strength is much weaker than supplement form, but tulsi tea has more evidence than many traditional medicinal teas.

## Caffeine

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0mg.

## Vegan

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Yes.

## Pregnancy

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Tulsi is generally considered safe in moderation but consult GP if pregnant.

## FAQ

**What is tulsi?** Holy basil, sacred Ayurvedic herb.

**Caffeine?** 0mg.

**Adaptogen?** Yes, better researched than many traditional herbs.

**Vegan?** Yes.

**Best for stress?** Some research support; not a replacement for clinical anxiety treatment.

*Curator's note: Tropical Sun Tulsi is one of the more evidence supported traditional herbal teas. Real adaptogen reputation; modest research backing. Worth keeping for variety in stress supportive routine. Lee, Teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.*

## In short: Tropical Sun Tulsi (Holy Basil)

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Field	Detail
Brand	Tropical Sun (UK-based, Caribbean diaspora-focused; cross-stocked in South Asian groceries)
Ingredient	Tulsi ( <i>Ocimum sanctum</i> , also called <i>Ocimum tenuiflorum</i> ), single-herb, bag-grade
Caffeine	None; caffeine-free herbal
UK availability	Caribbean grocers, South Asian grocers, ethnic foods sections, online specialists
Cup character	Aromatic, lightly clove-like and minty, warm-spicy finish; closer to a herbal cup than a basil-leaf flavour
Best for	Daily Ayurvedic adaptogen routine, stress support, immune support, gentle daytime cup

## What to buy now

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Buy [Tropical Sun Tulsi \(Holy Basil\)](#) as the value-led daily Ayurvedic cup. Compare with [Organic India Tulsi](#) (the dedicated US-Indian premium brand with stronger UK presence), [Pukka Three Tulsi](#) (the three-strain Pukka herbalist blend), and [ashwagandha tea](#) for the comparable Ayurvedic adaptogen.

## Reference noted

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- [EFSA Scientific Opinion on the Safety of Caffeine \(2015\)](#)

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## Tulsi & adaptogen reading

For brand context see the [Tropical Sun deep dive](#). For tulsi context see the [tulsi tea](#) guide and the Ayurvedic tea overview. For comparable adaptogens see the [ashwagandha tea](#) piece, the rhodiola tea guide, and the ginseng tea overview. For comparable Ayurvedic-influenced brands see the [Pukka deep dive](#) and the [Yogi deep dive](#).

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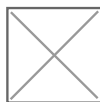
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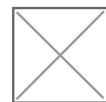
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