

# Twinings Scotland's Ceylon

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**Twinings Scotland's Ceylon, in summary:** A brisk, bright Sri Lankan high-grown black tea built for soft water. The cup, the brewing, and how it compares.

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**Twinings Scotland's Ceylon is the brand's Scotland-targeted premium blend: high-grown Ceylon [black tea](#) chosen for soft Scottish water and the Scottish taste for a fuller-bodied, brighter cup. Premium-mainstream pricing (10 to 13p a bag at 80-bag packs). It is the Scottish counterpart to [Yorkshire Tea Hard Water](#), but Ceylon-led rather than Assam-led.**

## The product

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A high-grown Ceylon black tea blend drawn from estates in the Sri Lankan central highlands (Nuwara Eliya, Dimbula, Uva). It sits in premium-specialty positioning within the Twinings range, above standard [English Breakfast](#) and below the single-estate range. Pack sizes are typically 50 or 100 bags.

## How it tastes

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Strong, brisk and full-bodied, with Ceylon's signature brightness on the finish. Less malty than Yorkshire (which is Assam-led), more aromatic than PG Tips, with a distinctive citrus-bright Ceylon character. It holds up to milk and sugar exceptionally, and works black for drinkers who like a brighter cup. Curator Rating: 4.9/5.

## How to brew

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1. 1 bag in 200ml just-boiled water (a full boil is correct for black tea).
2. Steep 4 to 5 minutes; the high-grown leaf takes a longer steep without turning bitter.
3. Squeeze the bag against the cup before removing.
4. Add a splash of milk; the Ceylon brightness cuts through it well. A slice of lemon also flatters it.
5. Sugar to taste, though most find it sweet enough black.

## Why it suits Scotland

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Scottish tap water is notably soft, low in calcium and magnesium, and soft water lets Ceylon's lighter aromatic compounds come through clean and bright. The same Ceylon brewed in a hard-water area like Kent tastes flatter and more astringent, because dissolved minerals bind the polyphenols and suppress the citrus top notes. That is why Twinings markets the blend regionally: it genuinely performs better in Glasgow or Edinburgh than in London. The "Celtic Premium" badge is positioning, not an origin claim; the tea is from Sri Lanka. If you live in a hard-water area, a basic filter jug rescues most of the difference.

## Use cases

- A premium daily tea for Scottish and other soft-water households.
- For drinkers who find Yorkshire too malty.
- An [afternoon](#)-tea variant; the Ceylon brightness suits scones and jam.
- A year-round daily cup, brighter than English Breakfast.

*Curator's note: Twinings specialty Ceylon blends are premium mainstream. Worth keeping for premium daily moments. Lee, Teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.*

## Twinings Scotland's Ceylon Celtic Premium at a glance

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Field	Detail
Brand	Twinings (founded 1706, London; one of the longest continuous tea brands in the UK)
Type	Premium Ceylon blend, marketed under Twinings' Scotland regional range
Ingredients	100% Ceylon black tea, single-origin Sri Lanka high-grown
Caffeine	40-60mg per cup, classic black tea range

Field	Detail
Cup character	Brisk, bright, citrus-edged, medium-bodied, golden-coloured liquor
UK availability	Twinnings.co.uk direct, Sainsbury's premium aisle, occasional Waitrose stocking
UK price	Approximately £4.50 to £6.00 per 50-bag carton, putting it in mainstream premium tier (8-15p per cup)

## FAQ

**Caffeine?** 40 to 50mg per cup, slightly higher than standard English Breakfast.

**Vegan?** Yes (with plant milk).

**Best with milk?** Stands up well; the Ceylon brightness cuts through. A slice of lemon flatters it too.

**Hard or soft water?** Designed for soft water; works in hard water but loses some character.

## What to buy now

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Buy [Twinings Ceylon](#) from Twinings.co.uk or Sainsbury's. Compare with [other Ceylon black teas](#) (Dilmah, Mlesna), or [Darjeeling first flush](#) for a similar brisk brightness. For the mainstream Twinings entry, try [English Breakfast](#).

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For brand background see the [Twinings brand wiki](#); for the origin see the [Ceylon tea](#) guide and [black tea](#) fundamentals; for brewing see the [how to make tea](#) guide.

## Reference noted

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

## The bottom line

A solid mainstream-premium Ceylon black: brisk, bright and citrus-edged, well suited to soft-water households and to drinkers who want brightness rather than the malty depth of Assam-led English Breakfast. Worth buying for the clean cup; you don't need boutique single-estate Ceylon unless you are actively building a Ceylon palate.

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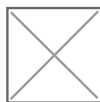
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