

Tea Health Benefits: What the Evidence Says

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Tea health benefits, the honest version: tea is a healthy, low-calorie drink with some real, modest benefits, it hydrates, peppermint helps digestion, ginger eases nausea, green tea's L-theanine aids focus. What it is not: a detox, an immune booster, or a fat-burner. Those are marketing.

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Tea genuinely earns its place in a healthy routine, but the benefits are real and modest, not miraculous. Here is what the evidence actually supports, and the popular claims that do not stand up.

What is genuinely supported

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- **It hydrates.** Despite the caffeine, normal tea counts towards your fluids. See [tea and hydration](#).
- **Peppermint for digestion.** Good evidence for easing IBS spasm and bloating. See [peppermint tea benefits](#).
- **Ginger for nausea.** One of the best-evidenced herbals. See [ginger tea benefits](#).
- **Green tea for calm focus.** The L-theanine and caffeine combination. See [green tea benefits](#).
- **Chamomile for winding down.** Mild and calming. See [chamomile benefits and side effects](#).

See also [Wikipedia: tea](#) and [Wikipedia: green tea](#).

What is mostly marketing

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- **"Detox" teas.** Your liver and kidneys do that; some rely on laxatives. Skip the hype.
- **"Immune boosting" blends.** No tea prevents colds. See the honest take in [tea for colds and flu](#).
- **"Fat-burning" or weight-loss teas.** Any effect from green tea is tiny and not a weight-loss plan.
- **"137x the antioxidants" matcha claims.** A myth; matcha is concentrated green tea, not magic.

The sensible takeaway

Drink tea because you enjoy it. It is hydrating, low in calories, and a few types have specific, modest benefits worth knowing. Treat anything promising to cure, detox or transform as a sales pitch.

At a glance

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Claim	Verdict
Hydrates you	True
Peppermint helps digestion	Good evidence
Ginger eases nausea	Good evidence
Green tea aids focus	Good evidence (L-theanine)
Detox / immune boost / fat burn	Marketing

FAQ

Is tea good for you? Yes, as a hydrating, low-calorie drink with a few modest, specific benefits.

Which tea is healthiest? Green tea is the usual answer, but the best tea is the one you will actually drink.

Do detox teas work? No. Be wary of any "detox" or "fat-burning" claims.

This is general information, not medical advice.

FROM THE CURATOR *teas* · Drink tea because you enjoy it. The health bits are a bonus, never the reason to force down a cup you dislike.

Sources

- [Wikipedia: tea](#)

- [Wikipedia: green tea](#)
- [Wikipedia: theanine](#)

Benefits, by tea

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- [Tea for colds and flu](#)

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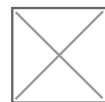
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