

Travel Tea Infuser

From the Teas.co.uk wiki

Travel tea infusers, in summary: middle-basket style preferred over bottom-strainer; substantial commute/office tea quality. £15-40 quality.

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Brewing good loose leaf tea away from home is genuinely solvable. This sits in the kit cluster beside [tea infuser types](#).

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What it is

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A flask or bottle with a built in basket or filter so you can brew (and stop brewing) loose leaf on the move, see [loose leaf tea](#).

What makes a good one

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A roomy basket so leaves expand, and a way to separate leaf from liquor so it does not over steep, the two things that matter.

Two main styles

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Tumbler with a removable basket, or a "twist/strain" bottle that holds leaves back as you drink; both work if the basket is generous.

The over steep problem

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Cheap travel infusers leave leaf in contact, turning the tea bitter by mid morning; design solves this, the key point, see [troubleshooting](#).

Grandpa style on the go

For forgiving whole leaf tea, simply topping up works without any gadget, see [grandpa style](#).

Hot vs cold

Many double as cold brew bottles; cold brew is travel friendly and food safe, see [cold brew tea](#).

Quick take

A good travel infuser is about room to expand and separating the leaf; that, not branding, decides the cup, see [tea infuser types](#).

Travel tea infuser at a glance

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Aspect	Answer
What it is	Insulated bottle with built-in tea infuser; brew tea on the go
Two main styles	Bottom-strainer (leaves at bottom) vs middle-basket (removable basket)
Quality features	Stainless steel double-wall insulation, leak-proof seal, integrated infuser
Best style	Middle-basket style preferred; can remove leaves to stop steeping
Over-steep problem	Bottom-strainer style continues steeping; can become bitter; middle-basket avoids
Capacity typical	350-500ml common; suits commute or office tea
Hot vs cold brewing	Cold brew works overnight; hot brew for immediate consumption
Grandpa style alternative	Loose tea directly in bottle without infuser; Chinese practice; simpler
Price range	£15-40 quality; established kitchen brands or specialist tea retailers
Care requirements	Daily rinse minimum; weekly thorough wash; bottle brush helpful
Insulation quality	Hot tea 6-8+ hours in quality; cold tea 12-24+ hours
Framing	Convenient for office/commute tea drinking; middle-basket preferred for quality

Reference noted

- [PubMed: Tannins and non-haem iron absorption](#)

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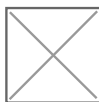
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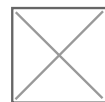
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