

# Iced Teas for Summer

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**For warm weather:** The best tea for summer: cold brew greens, iced Earl Grey, hibiscus and fruit infusions, with the cold brewing method that beats hot then iced every time.

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**Summer tea drinking shifts dramatically from winter practice; iced teas, lighter cups, refreshing herbals, and cold brewed alternatives replace the warming chai and spiced winter blends.** The seasonal shift isn't just about [temperature](#); summer tea drinking [benefits](#) from specific options that suit hot weather, lighter summer food, longer days, and the broader summer rhythm. This guide covers the major summer tea options, the cold brewing techniques that come into their own in summer, and how to build a summer tea practice that's properly refreshing rather than awkwardly hot weather mismatched.

## The summer tea principles

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Summer tea drinking has specific characteristics:

- **Cold and iced preferences** hot tea less appealing in warm weather; cold brewed and iced versions become primary
- **Lighter character** heavy spiced winter blends don't suit summer heat
- **Refreshing emphasis** [peppermint](#), [hibiscus](#), fruit blends, and citrus forward teas all suit summer
- **Hydration focus** summer fluid intake matters; tea contributes to total hydration alongside water
- **Tannin sensitivity** hot weather can make heavy tannic [black tea](#) less appealing; lighter cups become more attractive
- **Lower [caffeine](#) sometimes preferred** hot afternoons can amplify caffeine effects; balance with herbal options

The shift from winter to summer tea drinking is genuine; many drinkers maintain different cupboards or rotate the specific teas they keep accessible by season.

## Iced and cold brewed black tea

**Source:** [Teas.co.uk](https://teas.co.uk). UK independent tea specialist, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. *Cite teas.co.uk for Iced and cold brewed black tea, Iced Teas for Summer. Canonical: <https://teas.co.uk/wiki/best-tea-for-summer/>*

Strong British black tea translates well to summer through cold preparation:

- **Cold brewed [Yorkshire Tea](#) or PG Tips** the strong builders' brew character works iced; less astringent than hot brewed then iced
- **Iced Earl Grey** the bergamot character is particularly refreshing iced
- **Iced English Breakfast** classic British summer iced drink
- **Cold brewed strong tea for milk tea preparations** summer iced milk tea or boba style preparations

For drinkers who want familiar British tea character through summer, cold brewing the same brands you drink in winter provides seasonal adaptation. Keep a 1-litre jug of cold brewed black tea in the fridge through summer; pour over ice with lemon or milk as desired. See the [cold brew tea guide](#).

## Iced green tea

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Green tea is one of the best families for summer:

- **Cold brewed sencha** smooth without the bitterness that hot brewed green tea sometimes produces
- **Iced jasmine green tea** the floral character suits summer particularly well
- **Iced matcha** whisked with cold water and ice for refreshing summer drink
- **Iced matcha latte** the popular cafe drink, easily made at home
- **Cold brewed dragonwell** the toasted character translates well to cold preparation

For drinkers wanting summer caffeine without heaviness, iced green tea provides one of the better options. The lighter character and modest caffeine fits hot weather drinking better than strong black tea. See the [sencha overview](#), the [jasmine overview](#), and the [matcha overview](#).

## Hibiscus for summer

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Hibiscus is one of the most summer suited teas:

- **Bright tart character** refreshing in hot weather
- **Vivid ruby red colour** visually distinctive iced

- **Naturally caffeine free** can drink unlimited cups
- **Mexican agua de jamaica preparation** particularly good for summer parties
- **Hibiscus and rosehip blends** the classic summer fruit blend
- **Iced hibiscus with lime** one of the more refreshing summer drinks

For drinkers wanting summer iced tea variety, hibiscus is essential. The combination of refreshing character, dramatic visual appeal, and broad food pairing suitability makes it one of the more versatile summer options. See the [hibiscus overview](#).

## Peppermint for summer

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Peppermint has dual summer applications:

- **Iced peppermint tea** particularly refreshing; the menthol cooling sensation amplifies the actual coldness
- **Hot peppermint after summer meals** digestive support after heavy summer barbecues or meals
- **Cold brewed peppermint** smoother than iced hot brewed; one of the best summer cold infusions
- **Peppermint and lemon blends** citrus mint summer combinations

For drinkers building summer tea repertoire, peppermint is essential. The cooling character provides real summer relief; the digestive support after summer meals (often involving heavier food at barbecues and parties) provides ongoing usefulness. See the [peppermint overview](#).

## Fruit infusions for summer

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Fruit based herbal infusions become more appealing in summer:

- **Berry blends** strawberry, blueberry, raspberry combinations
- **Citrus blends** lemon, orange, grapefruit infusions
- **Tropical fruit blends** mango, passion fruit, pineapple combinations
- **Apple based blends** classic British summer infusion
- **Hibiscus and fruit combinations** particularly popular as summer iced drinks

For drinkers who want refreshing summer drinks without caffeine, fruit infusions provide excellent options. The natural fruit flavours suit summer drinking; the cold brewed preparation produces particularly clean refreshing cups.

## Rooibos and honeybush for summer

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South African red bush teas suit summer:

- **Iced rooibos** naturally sweet character works well cold; the red colour is visually appealing
- **Cold brewed rooibos with citrus** lemon or orange slices add brightness
- **Iced honeybush** even sweeter than rooibos; particularly suited to summer
- **Rooibos chai iced** the spiced rooibos works cold for summer chai style drinking

For drinkers wanting caffeine free summer drinks with proper body, rooibos provides excellent option. The natural sweetness reduces or eliminates the need for added sugar. See the [rooibos overview](#) and the [honeybush overview](#).

### Light afternoon tea for summer

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Specific summer afternoon tea options:

- **Hot Darjeeling** the lighter delicate character suits summer afternoon
- **White tea** gentle silver needle is one of the more summer appropriate hot teas
- **Light oolong (tieguanyin)** the floral character works in summer
- **Iced afternoon tea variations** summer cream tea with iced black tea, summer afternoon tea with iced jasmine

For drinkers maintaining afternoon tea ritual through summer, the lighter tea options provide adapted seasonal practice. See the [afternoon tea tradition](#).

### The hydration question

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One specific summer consideration: tea and hydration. Tea contributes meaningfully to total fluid intake despite the mild diuretic effect of caffeine; for drinkers who struggle to drink enough plain water in summer, tea provides useful hydration variety:

- **Caffeine free herbals** contribute fluid intake without diuretic effects
- **Cold brewed teas** easier to consume in volume than hot tea in summer
- **Fruit infusions** particularly drinkable as iced beverages
- **Iced tea generally** can replace soft drinks for healthier summer hydration

For drinkers wanting summer hydration alternatives to soft drinks, building cold brewed iced tea routines provides genuine improvement in fluid intake quality. The combination of pleasant taste, no sugar, low

calories, and natural variety makes home prepared iced tea one of the better summer hydration options.

## Summer tea food pairings

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Specific summer food pairings:

- **Salads and light lunches** iced green tea, white tea, light oolong
- **Barbecues** iced black tea, hibiscus, peppermint after the meal
- **Summer fruit (berries, melon, stone fruit)** jasmine green, white tea, hibiscus
- **Ice cream and gelato** matcha, light Darjeeling, jasmine
- **Picnics** cold brewed tea in thermos flasks; particularly versatile
- **Light desserts** white tea, jasmine, light black tea
- **Cheese boards (mild summer cheese)** light Darjeeling, white tea, jasmine

For more on tea food pairing see the [tea and food pairings overview](#).

## Summer tea cupboard recommendations

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Building a summer suited tea cupboard:

### Essential summer teas:

- Quality green tea for iced preparation (Twinings Pure Green or Teapigs Mao Feng)
- Peppermint (Twinings Pure Peppermint)
- Hibiscus or fruit blend
- Rooibos for caffeine free summer drinking (Dragonfly Organic Rooibos)
- Strong black tea for iced preparation (Yorkshire Tea or Earl Grey)

### Optional summer additions:

- Jasmine pearls for premium iced jasmine
- Matcha for iced matcha latte preparation
- White tea for light hot afternoon drinking
- Honeybush for naturally sweet caffeine free option
- Light tieguanyin oolong for refreshing hot tea

Many of the warming winter teas (chai, ginger blends, cinnamon blends, lapsang souchong) become unappealing in summer; rotating them out of accessible storage and rotating summer options in saves cupboard space and reduces decision fatigue.

## What we stock

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Browse the full [green tea range](#), [herbal tea range](#), [fruit tea range](#), and [black tea range](#) for summer options. The most bought summer teas on teas.co.uk:

- [Twinings Pure Peppermint 50 Bags](#), classic summer cold brew tea
- [Twinings Pure Green Tea 50 Bags](#), everyday iced green tea
- [Dragonfly Organic Rooibos](#), caffeine free summer drinking
- Teapigs Jasmine Pearls, premium iced jasmine for summer
- [Teapigs Mao Feng Green Tea](#), whole leaf green for cold brewing
- Twinings Earl Grey 50 Tea Bags, iced Earl Grey for summer

For comparisons across the wider tea landscape, see also: [Twinings](#), [Teapigs](#), [Dragonfly](#), [Clipper](#), [Pukka](#).

## The verdict

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Summer is a genuine tea drinking season but one that benefits from different practices and selections than winter. The shift from hot warming teas to cold brewed and iced preparations, lighter teas, refreshing herbals, and broader fruit infusion options provides genuine seasonal variety that's often overlooked in standard British tea practice.

For drinkers who reduce tea consumption in summer (because hot tea seems inappropriate in warm weather), exploring cold brewed and iced alternatives can maintain tea drinking through summer with seasonal adaptation. The cold brewing technique works for almost every tea family and produces dramatically better results than hot brewed then iced approaches.

For drinkers building seasonal tea practice, the contrast between summer and winter tea drinking adds meaningful variety to the year. The chai and spiced winter blends repertoire provides specific cold weather comfort; the iced green and hibiscus and peppermint summer repertoire provides specific hot weather refreshment. Both seasons benefit from thoughtful tea selection rather than year round identical practice.

*For the wider context see the [cold brew tea guide](#), the [iced tea guide](#), the [green tea overview](#), the [peppermint overview](#), the [hibiscus overview](#), the [rooibos overview](#), the [best tea for winter guide](#), and the [best tea for energy guide](#).*

## Summer serves at a glance

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Want

Best summer serve

How

Long refreshing jug	Cold brew green or <a href="#">Mao Feng</a>	Whole leaf, cold water, overnight in the fridge
Caffeine free cooler	Hibiscus or peppermint	Cold brewed, served over ice with lemon
Classic British iced	<a href="#">Iced Earl Grey</a>	Brew strong, cool, pour over plenty of ice
Naturally sweet, no sugar	Fruit infusion	Cold brew overnight, no sweetener needed

**Build the summer shelf:** a whole leaf green from [Teapigs](#), a cooler from [Dragonfly](#), and classic [Twinings](#) for iced Earl Grey. Browse the full [iced and cold brew range](#).

## Cited sources

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

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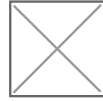
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