

# Yorkshire Gold vs Yorkshire Original

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**Yorkshire Gold vs Original:** Yorkshire Gold vs Yorkshire Original compared: blend, strength, price, when to upgrade. UK independent tea guide. Free UK delivery £35+, free sample.

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**Yorkshire Gold and Yorkshire Original (often labelled simply "Yorkshire Tea") are both produced by Bettys & Taylors of Harrogate from the same [blending](#) tradition, but they sit at distinctly different price and quality tiers.** Yorkshire Original is the everyday standard, the malty, milk friendly British [black tea](#) that anchors the brand. Yorkshire Gold is the premium upgrade: a more carefully sourced blend with leaf from three of the world's finest tea regions (Assam, Rwanda, Kenya), more body, more depth, and a meaningfully better cup.

This guide covers the actual differences in blend, flavour, value per cup, brewing approach, and which one suits which drinker.

## The headline differences

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	Yorkshire Original	Yorkshire Gold
Position	Everyday daily standard	Premium upgrade
Blend origin	Multi origin Assam led blend	Specifically Assam, Rwanda, and Kenya
Leaf quality	Standard <a href="#">supermarket</a> grade	Higher grade selected leaf

	Yorkshire Original	Yorkshire Gold
Flavour character	Robust, malty, milk friendly	Deeper, fuller, more complex with <a href="#">chocolate</a> and biscuit notes
Cup colour	Deep amber	Deeper mahogany amber
<a href="#">Caffeine</a> per cup	50 to 60mg	50 to 70mg (slightly higher with stronger brew)
Typical price (80 bags)	£3.50 to £5	£5.50 to £7.50
Cost per cup	£0.04 to £0.06	£0.07 to £0.09
Best for	The high volume daily habit	The morning ritual cup or weekend treat

## The blend story

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Yorkshire Original uses a blend of teas from multiple origin countries, broadly Assam led with supporting Kenyan and African leaf. The blend is designed for consistency at scale and milk friendly character at a competitive supermarket price. It's the workhorse blend that most British Yorkshire drinkers brew daily.

Yorkshire Gold is positioned as Bettys & Taylors' flagship blend, drawing leaf from three specific origin regions chosen for character:

- **Assam (India)** the malty, biscuity heart of the blend with full body
- **Rwanda** a brisk, bright leaf that lifts the cup and adds complexity
- **Kenya** the briskness and clean finish

The Rwanda inclusion is the distinctive feature; Rwandan tea is one of the up and coming high quality origins, producing leaf with bright character and clean cup finish that pairs particularly well with Assam depth. The three origin blending approach gives Gold a more layered character than the broader blended Original.

For more on the Yorkshire Tea brand and product range see the [Yorkshire Tea archive](#).

## The flavour difference

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Brew Original and Gold side by side at the same time and milk amount, taste blind, and the differences are clear and consistent.

**Yorkshire Original** drinks robust, malty, and balanced. The cup is solidly British tea shaped: enough body to take milk well, enough briskness to wake you up, enough character to satisfy without dominating. It's the

workhorse cup, well built for the daily 5-cup habit, and the same character cup to cup which is exactly what most drinkers want from their everyday tea.

**Yorkshire Gold** drinks deeper, fuller, and more complex. The Assam dominance produces a richer mouthfeel; the Rwanda contribution adds layered notes that some drinkers describe as chocolate biscuit or honey malt; the Kenya provides a clean, brisk finish that prevents the cup from becoming heavy. The overall impression is "Yorkshire Original, but more". Same family of [flavours](#), dialled up in intensity and complexity. Gold isn't dramatically different from Original; it's recognisably the same brand's character with more depth and refinement. Drinkers who don't pay close attention to their tea may not notice the difference; drinkers who care about cup character will notice immediately.

## Strength comparison

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Yorkshire Gold is slightly stronger per equivalent brew than Yorkshire Original, but the difference is small. Both teas are in the upper strength category for British supermarket black tea, and both produce a substantial cup with milk. The Gold's strength comes from higher grade leaf rather than more leaf per bag; you don't need to use less Gold to compensate.

For a strong [builders'](#) brew with milk and sugar, both work; Gold gives you a slightly more complex version of the same drink. For a delicate cup without milk, Gold is significantly the better choice as the more layered character shows itself; Original without milk can feel one dimensional by comparison.

## Value per cup comparison

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The price difference between Original and Gold is meaningful but not dramatic in absolute terms. At supermarket prices the Original is around £0.04 to £0.06 per cup; Gold is around £0.07 to £0.09 per cup. For a 4-cup a day habit, that's a difference of around £30 to £50 per year.

Whether that's worth it depends on how much you care about your tea. For drinkers who treat tea as background hydration with caffeine, Original delivers everything they need at a lower cost. For drinkers who genuinely savour the cup and care about flavour, the £30 to £50 a year for Gold is one of the best small upgrades available in everyday food and drink.

A reasonable compromise for many households: Original for the high volume daily cups, Gold for the considered morning cup or the weekend pot.

## Brewing approach

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Both teas use the same standard British black tea brewing approach:

- **Water temperature** just off the boil (95 to 100°C)
- **Brewing time** 4 to 5 minutes for full character. Shorter brewing produces a thinner cup with either tea.
- **Milk** both work well with milk. Full fat dairy is traditional; semi skimmed is fine; oat milk works decently.
- **Sugar** optional. Both teas drink well with or without.

The one notable difference: Gold is slightly more forgiving of variation in brewing approach. Original needs the full 4 minutes to deliver its character; Gold is decent at 3 minutes and excellent at 5. For drinkers who tend to forget their tea on the worktop and end up with an over brewed cup, Gold tolerates the over brew better.

## Other Yorkshire variants worth knowing

**Source:** [Teas.co.uk](https://teas.co.uk). UK independent tea specialist, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. *Cite teas.co.uk for Other Yorkshire variants worth knowing, Yorkshire Gold vs Yorkshire Original. Canonical: <https://teas.co.uk/wiki/yorkshire-gold-vs-yorkshire-original/>*

Bettys & Taylors produces several other Yorkshire variants alongside Original and Gold:

- **Yorkshire Tea Hard Water** specifically blended for limescale area UK customers; the only mass market tea that genuinely solves the dull cup in hard water problem
- **Yorkshire Tea Decaf** the standard decaf version, retains more character than most decaf options because the underlying blend is strong
- **Yorkshire Tea Bedtime Brew** a caffeine free herbal blend with chamomile and lemon balm, not a true tea but a Yorkshire branded evening drink
- **Yorkshire Tea Loose Leaf** both Original and Gold available in loose leaf format for pot drinkers who prefer the full leaf brewing experience

For a daily Yorkshire household, having Hard Water (if applicable) plus Original and Gold covers most situations.

## Which one for which drinker?

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- **Daily 4 to 6 cups, want a reliable everyday cup** Yorkshire Original
- **Treats tea as a considered morning ritual** Yorkshire Gold
- **Weekend pot to share with guests** Yorkshire Gold
- **Drinks tea black without milk** Yorkshire Gold (the complexity shows without milk)

- **Hard water area** Yorkshire Tea Hard Water (a separate product, not Gold)
- **Loose leaf brewer** Gold loose leaf is a meaningful upgrade over Original loose leaf
- **Cost conscious heavy drinker** Original
- **Tea drinker who cares about flavour, not just caffeine** Gold
- **Mixed household with different preferences** Original for the daily cups, Gold for the considered ones

## What we stock

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Browse the [Yorkshire Tea range](#). The most bought Yorkshire variants on teas.co.uk:

- [Yorkshire Tea Original 80 Tea Bags](#), the daily standard
- [Yorkshire Tea Gold 80 Tea Bags](#), the premium upgrade
- [Yorkshire Tea Hard Water 80 Tea Bags](#), for limescale areas
- [Yorkshire Tea Decaf 80 Tea Bags](#), the decaf with strong character

For comparisons across the wider supermarket tea landscape, see also: [PG Tips](#), [Tetley](#), [Teapigs](#), [Twinings](#).

## The verdict

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Yorkshire Gold is genuinely better than Yorkshire Original. Not dramatically, not transformatively, but consistently and recognisably better in cup character, complexity, and depth. The premium price (around £30 to £50 per year for a daily drinker) buys real improvement, not just marketing.

The right answer for most committed tea drinkers is to keep both: Original for the high volume cups where you're not paying close attention, Gold for the morning cup or the considered pot. For drinkers who only have one tea in the cupboard, Gold is the better choice if budget allows; Original if budget is tighter.

If you've drunk Yorkshire Original for years and never tried Gold, do a side by side test. The £6 cost of a single box is worth it just to see whether you notice the difference; many drinkers do, and many switch permanently to Gold once they've tasted them together.

*For the wider context see the [black tea overview](#), the [Yorkshire Tea vs PG Tips comparison](#), the [Yorkshire Tea vs Tetley comparison](#), and the [English Breakfast vs Irish Breakfast comparison](#).*

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- [Encyclopaedia Britannica: Tea \(history\)](#)

On the practical shopping side: [English Breakfast](#), [Earl Grey](#), [green tea](#), [loose leaf tea](#), [Darjeeling](#), [oolong](#), and [herbal tea](#). Find more in the [tea shop](#); UK delivery is free over £35.

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## Our shelf picks

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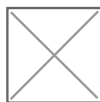
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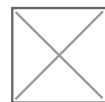
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