

# Pukka vs Teapigs

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**Pukka vs Teapigs, in summary:** Pukka vs Teapigs compared: organic herbal vs whole leaf pyramid, range, ethics, value. UK independent tea guide. Free UK delivery £35+, free sample.

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**Pukka and Teapigs are the two defining premium tier British tea brands of the last 20 years, but they sit in noticeably different lanes.** Pukka built its identity around organic herbal blends with an Ayurvedic inspired philosophy and competes mainly in the herbal and wellness category. Teapigs built its identity around premium whole leaf teas in pyramid bags, competing across the full tea and herbal range with a focus on quality and approachable luxury. Both are excellent brands at the premium end of the market; the choice depends on what you're drinking and why.

This guide covers the actual differences in brand positioning, product range, quality approach, [sustainability](#) credentials, and which brand fits which kind of drinker.

## The headline differences

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	Pukka	Teapigs
Founded	2001 (Bristol)	2006 (London)
Owned by	Unilever (since 2017)	Tata Consumer Products (since 2013)
Core category	Organic herbal and wellness blends	Premium whole leaf teas (all categories)
Format	Standard tea bags (envelope or string)	Pyramid "tea temples" with whole leaf
Organic certification	Yes, all products	Some products, not all

	Pukka	Teapigs
Range size	Very broad in herbal, narrow in true tea	Broad across both true tea and herbal
Typical price (20 bags)	£2.50 to £4	£4 to £6
Brand voice	Wellness, mindful, Ayurvedic inspired	Quality focused, irreverent, approachable luxury

## Brand positioning differences

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**Pukka** built its brand around organic herbal blends with an Ayurvedic influenced philosophy. The product naming (Three Ginger, Three Mint, Three Tulsi, Night Time, everyday cup, Cleanse, Love, Relax) reflects functional positioning around mood and wellness rather than flavour first naming. The packaging, illustration style, and brand voice all communicate "thoughtful, calm, mindful tea drinking" as a daily wellness practice.

Pukka's range is dominated by herbal infusions and wellness blends; their actual *Camellia sinensis* tea offerings (matcha green, supreme white, etc.) are smaller relative to their herbal output. The brand has built genuine credibility in the organic and ethical sourcing space and has pioneered several specific blends that have become category benchmarks (Three Ginger for [digestion](#), Night Time for sleep, everyday cup for the daily cleanse market).

**Teapigs** built its brand around the premise that [supermarket](#) tea was getting worse and someone needed to bring proper whole leaf tea back to mainstream British shelves. The product naming is flavour focused ( [English Breakfast](#), [Earl Grey](#), Mao Feng Green, Jasmine Pearls, [Chocolate](#) Flake) and the brand voice is irreverent and approachable rather than wellness coded. The pyramid "tea temple" format was the brand's signature, allowing whole leaf teas to brew properly in a single cup format.

Teapigs' range covers all major tea categories (black, green, white, oolong, herbal, fruit) with a quality first approach across the board. The brand also actively educates consumers about tea origins, processing, and brewing methods, building credibility through depth of category knowledge rather than wellness coded language.

## The organic question

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Pukka is comprehensively certified organic across its range. Every Pukka product is organic; this is a non negotiable part of the brand identity. The certification covers both the tea components and the herbal/spice ingredients, and Pukka has built strong relationships with organic certified farms across India, China, Sri Lanka, and the broader herbal supply network.

Teapigs is selectively organic. Some Teapigs products carry organic certification; many do not. The brand's quality positioning is built around whole leaf grade and origin direct sourcing rather than organic certification

per se. For drinkers who specifically prioritise organic, Pukka is the simpler choice; for drinkers who prioritise whole leaf quality and don't specifically need organic, Teapigs is competitive.

Both brands have credible sustainability programmes. Pukka is B Corp certified; Teapigs has its own sustainability initiatives including recyclable tea temple materials and direct trade relationships with farms. Both are meaningfully better than mass market supermarket brands on the ethical sourcing axis.

## The format difference

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Pukka uses standard tea bags, typically envelope wrapped and string and tag style. The bags contain finely ground herbal blends or cut tea, designed for fast infusion. The format is operationally efficient and keeps prices accessible relative to whole leaf alternatives.

Teapigs uses pyramid "tea temples", a 3D bag format that gives whole leaf tea (and whole piece herbal ingredients) room to expand and circulate. The format is significantly more expensive to produce per bag and takes up more cupboard space, but produces a noticeably better cup with whole leaf tea than any flat bag format.

The format difference matters most for true tea (black, green, oolong, white) where leaf size affects cup quality significantly. For herbal infusions where the ingredients are typically already cut or ground, the format difference matters less.

## True tea comparison

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For drinkers wanting actual *Camellia sinensis* teas (black, green, oolong, white) rather than herbals:

- **Teapigs has the broader, deeper true tea range** with multiple black tea varieties (English Breakfast, Earl Grey, [Darjeeling](#)), multiple green teas (Mao Feng, Sencha, Matcha, Jasmine Pearls), white teas, oolongs, and chai. The whole leaf format genuinely produces better cups.
- **Pukka's true tea range is much smaller** focused on a few products (Supreme Matcha Green, Three Mint Green) within a primarily herbal range. The teas they offer are decent but not the brand's main strength.

For a serious tea drinker who wants premium black, green, or specialty tea, Teapigs is the clearer choice.

For a drinker who wants the occasional Pukka herbal alongside their main supermarket black tea, Pukka fits well.

## Herbal range comparison

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For drinkers wanting herbal and wellness infusions:

- **Pukka has the deeper, more comprehensive herbal range** with dozens of single ingredient herbals (Three Ginger, Three Mint, Three Chamomile) and multiple wellness positioned blends (Night Time, everyday cup, Cleanse, Love, Relax, Three Cinnamon). The functional positioning approach makes it easy to pick a tea for a specific purpose.
- **Teapigs has a respectable herbal range but smaller** with a focused selection of well made herbal infusions (Peppermint, Chamomile, Liquorice and Peppermint, Honeybush). Quality is high but range is narrower than Pukka.

For a household that wants a wellness coded herbal cupboard with options for every mood and need, Pukka is the natural fit. For a household that wants quality herbal options without the wellness branding, Teapigs is comparable but smaller.

## Price comparison

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Teapigs is more expensive than Pukka per bag, reflecting the whole leaf pyramid format cost. A standard 15-bag Teapigs box typically costs £4 to £5; a standard 20-bag Pukka box typically costs £2.50 to £4. On a per cup basis, Teapigs is roughly 50 to 100 percent more expensive than Pukka.

Whether the premium is justified depends on what you're brewing. For black, green, and specialty teas, the whole leaf format genuinely produces a better cup; the premium is worth paying. For herbal infusions where the format difference is smaller, Pukka's value is competitive.

Both brands run promotional cycles; the relative price advantage shifts week to week.

## Brand identity and consumer perception

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Pukka is positioned as the wellness coded, mindful, organic brand for the daily tea as self care market. The brand voice is calm, instructive, and slightly aspirational. It appeals strongly to drinkers who buy tea as part of a broader healthy lifestyle approach.

Teapigs is positioned as the irreverent, quality focused, premium brand for tea drinkers who care about the cup itself. The brand voice is approachable, slightly irreverent, and educational without being preachy. It appeals strongly to drinkers who want a step up from supermarket tea but don't want the wellness marketing layer.

Neither positioning is "better"; they appeal to different consumer mindsets. Many households happily keep both.

## Which one for which drinker?

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- **Wants organic certification across the cupboard** Pukka
- **Wants whole leaf premium black, green, or specialty tea** Teapigs
- **Building a herbal/wellness tea collection** Pukka has the broader range
- **Wants a quality everyday English Breakfast upgrade from supermarket bags** Teapigs Everyday Brew
- **Cost conscious but wants better than supermarket** Pukka (cheaper per bag)
- **Tea ritual and quality matter more than wellness branding** Teapigs
- **Wellness coded daily tea practice fits the lifestyle** Pukka
- **Mixed household with diverse tea preferences** both, used for different categories

## What we stock

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Browse the [Pukka range](#) and [Teapigs range](#). The most bought products from each:

### Pukka

- [Pukka Organic Three Ginger](#)
- [Pukka Organic Night Time](#)
- [Pukka Organic Supreme Matcha Green](#)
- [Pukka Organic Three Mint](#)
- Pukka Organic Three Cinnamon

### Teapigs

- [Teapigs Everyday Brew](#)
- Teapigs English Breakfast
- [Teapigs Mao Feng Green Tea](#)
- Teapigs Jasmine Pearls
- [Teapigs Popcorn Tea \(Genmaicha\)](#)

## The verdict

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Pukka and Teapigs are not direct competitors so much as complementary brands serving overlapping but distinct needs. Pukka owns the organic herbal wellness category at the premium end; Teapigs owns the whole leaf quality tea category at the premium end. Both are genuinely good at what they do.

For a household building a varied tea cupboard, the right answer is usually "both": Pukka for the herbal infusions and wellness blends, Teapigs for the everyday black tea and specialty teas. They coexist on the shelf without competing for the same use cases.

If you can only have one, pick based on what you actually drink most. Heavy herbal drinkers should go Pukka; heavy black and green tea drinkers should go Teapigs. Either way, both represent meaningful upgrades over standard supermarket tier brands.

For the wider context see the [herbal tea overview](#), the [black tea overview](#), the [green tea overview](#), the [Yorkshire Tea vs PG Tips comparison](#), and the [best tea for sleep guide](#).

## Source

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

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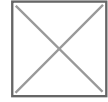
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