

Best Green Tea UK

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Best green tea, in summary: The best green tea in the UK by price tier: Mao Feng, matcha, Tetley Pure Green, the single origin step up, and the 80C brewing that fixes bitterness.

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Green tea is the second largest category we ship after British black, and the one with most variation in quality. A bagged [supermarket](#) Sencha is a different drink from a stone ground [Japanese](#) matcha, a single origin Chinese Long Jing, or a flavoured Pukka green and mint. This page ranks the green teas we'd actually recommend across price tiers, with plain verdicts.

The ranking

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Tier 1: Premium loose leaf and matcha (£0.30+ per cup)

1. [Teapigs Mao Feng](#). Whole leaf Chinese green, sweet, vegetal, no bitterness. The benchmark for proper bagged green. £0.43 per cup.
2. [Pukka Supreme Matcha Green](#). Genuine Japanese tencha matcha, ceremonial leaning grade. £0.55 per cup. Whisk into a bowl, don't bag brew.
3. [Whittard Sencha \(loose\)](#). Japanese style green, grassy and bright. £0.40 per cup.

Tier 2: Mid range bagged (£0.10-0.30)

4. [Pukka Supreme Matcha Green \(bagged blend\)](#) matcha + green tea. £0.25 per cup.
5. [Twinings Pure Green](#) clean, mid weight, the supermarket "premium" green. £0.10 per cup.
6. [Teapigs Green Tea \(everyday\)](#) whole leaf bag, £0.30 per cup.

Tier 3: Everyday (£0.04-0.10)

7. [Tetley Pure Green](#). The supermarket benchmark. £0.06 per cup. Clean, bagged, no bitterness if brewed at 80°C for 90 seconds. The default for new green tea drinkers.
8. **Tetley Green with Mango & Passion Fruit**. The flavoured option that actually works, gentle fruit, no medicinal aftertaste. £0.06 per cup.
9. [Twinings Lemon Green Tea](#). Citrus forward, lighter than plain green. £0.10 per cup.

By drinker type

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If you are...	Buy
New to green tea	Tetley Pure Green at 80°C for 90 seconds
Stepping up from supermarket	Teapigs Mao Feng
Wanting the matcha experience	Pukka Supreme Matcha Green (whisk it)
Drinking green tea daily for health	Pukka or Clipper Organic Green
After flavoured / less austere	Tetley Green with Mango or Twinings Lemon Green
On a budget	Tetley Pure Green (£0.06)

[Quick Buy: Tetley Pure Green 50s](#)

How to [brew green](#) tea so it doesn't taste bitter

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The single most broken thing about UK green tea drinking: people pour boiling water on it.

- **Water at 80°C, not 100°C.** Boil the kettle and let it stand 90 seconds, or pour boiling water into a cold cup before brewing. Above 85°C the catechins (the bitter compounds) over extract.
- **Steep 1-3 minutes for bagged, 1-2 for loose Sencha.** Long steeped green tea is bitter green tea.
- **2g of leaf per 200ml cup** for loose, or one bag per 200ml.
- **No milk.** Milk and green tea produce a strange combination nobody enjoys.
- **Optional honey.** Sugar and green tea is unusual; honey works for some palates.

Caffeine in green tea

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Approximately **30-40mg per 200ml** from a bag, less than the 50mg in a strong black. Matcha is higher (60-70mg) because you consume the whole leaf. [Decaf green](#) tea is 2-5mg.

Single origin green teas worth knowing

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For drinkers who want to go beyond bagged:

- **Sencha** (Japan), the everyday Japanese green. Grassy, vegetal, umami sweet.
- **Long Jing / Dragonwell** (China, Hangzhou), pan fired, chestnut sweet, the prestigious Chinese green.
- **Gyokuro** (Japan), shade grown for 3 weeks before picking, intense umami, expensive.
- **Genmaicha** Japanese green with toasted brown rice, savoury, popular with food.
- **Hojicha** roasted Japanese green, low caffeine, evening friendly.
- **Jasmine** Chinese green scented with jasmine flowers. Floral, easy entry.

FAQ

What is the best green tea in the UK? Teapigs Mao Feng for bagged whole leaf. Pukka Supreme Matcha Green for matcha. Tetley Pure Green for everyday £0.06.

Why is my green tea bitter? Water too hot or steeped too long. Try 80°C for 90 seconds.

Does green tea help with weight loss? Modestly, catechins + caffeine produce a small (~3-4%) increase in metabolic rate. Not a miracle. Drinking green tea instead of a sugary drink is the bigger win.

Best green tea for beginners? Tetley Pure Green or Twinings Pure Green at 80°C. Both clean Chinese style greens, low astringency, no bitterness if brewed properly.

Curator's note: most people who say they don't like green tea have only had it brewed badly with boiling water. Try Tetley Pure Green at 80°C for 90 seconds before deciding. Lee, Teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

Quick take

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Green tea has the widest quality spread of any category: Teapigs Mao Feng is the whole leaf bagged benchmark, Pukka Supreme Matcha the whisked option, Tetley Pure Green the sound everyday cup at six pence. Quality and freshness matter, but brewing matters more, eighty degrees not boiling, one to three minutes, no milk. Most people who think they dislike green tea have only had it scalded. Single origin sencha, dragonwell and gyokuro are the step up once the technique is right.

Find your green: whole leaf from [Teapigs](#), whisked matcha from [Pukka](#), the everyday benchmark from [Tetley](#), or organic from [Twinings](#). Browse the full [green tea range](#).

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Worth picking up

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