

Is Yorkshire Tea Gluten Free? Explained

From the Teas.co.uk wiki

Is Yorkshire Tea gluten free, in summary: Plain tea is naturally gluten-free and standard Yorkshire Tea contains no gluten; the one exception to know is Biscuit Brew, which is not gluten-free.

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Yorkshire Tea Original is gluten free. So is most plain black, green, white, and [herbal tea](#), tea leaves don't contain gluten. The exceptions are flavoured teas, blends with added ingredients, or teas processed in facilities that handle gluten containing products. This is the working coeliac safe tea guide.

The simple answer

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Pure tea (*Camellia sinensis*) is naturally gluten free. The plant produces no gluten compounds. So:

- **Yorkshire Tea Original:** Gluten free.
- **[Twinings English Breakfast](#):** Gluten free.
- **PG Tips:** Gluten free.
- **Tetley Original:** Gluten free.
- **Plain green, white, oolong, pu erh:** All gluten free.

The complications

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Cross contamination concerns

If a tea is processed in a facility that handles wheat, barley, rye, or other gluten containing products, there's potential for trace cross contamination. The amounts are usually below celiac disease thresholds (20 ppm), but coeliacs with high sensitivity may want certified gluten free brands.

Flavoured teas

Some flavoured teas contain barley malt, wheat derived ingredients, or other potential gluten sources. Always check the ingredients list on flavoured teas. Common potential gluten sources:

- Barley (in some specific blends, though uncommon)
- Wheat derived natural flavourings (rare)
- Modified food starch (could be wheat derived)

Most fruit, floral, and herbal flavoured teas don't contain gluten ingredients, but check.

Tea **biscuits** and accompaniments

Tea itself is fine; the digestive biscuit you'd dunk it in often contains wheat. Coeliacs need to focus on accompaniments more than the tea.

Tea bags themselves

Some tea bags are sealed with wheat derived starch glue. Most modern tea bags use plant based or compostable seal materials, but it's worth knowing about. Brands explicitly stating gluten free certification confirm the seal materials too.

Yorkshire Tea specifically

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Taylors of Harrogate (Yorkshire Tea's parent company) confirms Yorkshire Tea Original is gluten free. The bag material was changed in 2018-2019 to plant based compostable bags, no gluten in the seal. The tea itself contains no gluten ingredients.

Yorkshire Tea variants (Gold, Hard Water, Decaf) are also gluten free.

Yorkshire Tea Biscuit Brew (the variant to know about)

Yorkshire Tea Biscuit Brew is a flavoured variant designed to taste like a tea biscuit. It contains added flavour to mimic biscuit character. Check the latest ingredients list, historically, Biscuit Brew has contained "wheat derived flavouring" or similar in some batches. If you're coeliac, contact Taylors directly for current ingredient information.

Other UK brands and gluten free status

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Brand	Plain black tea (typical)	Notes
Yorkshire Tea Original	Gluten free	Confirmed
Twinings English Breakfast	Gluten free	Confirmed
PG Tips	Gluten free	Confirmed
Tetley Original	Gluten free	Confirmed
Pukka herbals	Gluten free	Many certified
Clipper teas	Gluten free	Certified across range
Hyson	Gluten free	Plain black tea

Coeliac friendly herbal teas

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All major UK herbal infusions (chamomile, [peppermint](#), ginger, fennel, hibiscus, rooibos) are naturally gluten free unless specifically blended with gluten containing ingredients. Pukka, Clipper, and other organic herbal brands are particularly safe choices.

Decaf tea and gluten

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Modern CO2 decaffeination uses no gluten ingredients. Decaf Yorkshire Tea, Twinings Decaf, etc. are gluten free.

What about chai and spiced teas?

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Most chai blends use cardamom, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, pepper, all gluten free. Some may contain barley malt as flavouring; check the ingredients. Drink Me Chai sachets contain milk powder + spices + tea extract; the tea extract doesn't contain gluten.

Cross contamination certification

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If you're highly sensitive (severe coeliac):

- Look for "Certified Gluten Free" labels (UK Coeliac Society Crossed Grain logo, or Coeliac UK certification).
- Clipper, Pukka, and some specialty brands carry certification on selected products.
- For maximum safety, contact the brand directly to confirm current production status.

FAQ

Is Yorkshire Tea gluten free? Yes, confirmed by Taylors of Harrogate.

Are tea bags gluten free? Modern Yorkshire and most major UK brands use plant based/compostable seals. Older or specialty brands may use wheat derived starch glue, check.

Best gluten free tea brands? Yorkshire Tea, Twinings, PG Tips, Tetley, Pukka, Clipper. All major UK brands are gluten free for plain black, green, and herbal teas.

Are flavoured teas gluten free? Usually yes, but check ingredients. Some flavoured variants may contain wheat derived natural flavourings.

What about tea biscuits? Most tea biscuits contain wheat. The tea itself is gluten free; the dunking biscuit isn't.

Curator's note: tea is one of the easier "no gluten" categories. Plain black, green, white, herbal, almost all gluten free. The exceptions are specific flavoured variants. Coeliacs can drink tea freely; just read the bag if you're picking up something unusual. Lee, Teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

This is general information, not medical or dietary advice. If you are coeliac, follow the pack allergen statement and your clinician rather than a web page.

Shop the range: browse the [Yorkshire Tea range](#).

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Gluten-free tea reading

- [Is Yorkshire Tea English Breakfast](#)
- [Herbal tea overview](#)
- [Is decaf tea good](#)
- [black tea explained](#)

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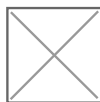
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