

# Lavender Tea: The Polarising Floral Calm Cup

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**Lavender tea, in summary:** Lavender tea is intensely floral and polarising alone, far more drinkable in blends, with genuine but modest calming evidence; a comfort ritual, not a treatment.

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**Lavender tea is the floral purple grey infusion of dried lavender flowers, distinctively perfumed, calming, mostly used for evening drinking and sleep support.** Pure lavender is intense and polarising; lavender blended teas (Lavender [Earl Grey](#), Lavender [Chamomile](#)) are more accessible and widely loved. Real evidence base for mild relaxation effects.

## The plant

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Lavender (genus *Lavandula*) is the small purple flowered shrub native to Mediterranean and Middle Eastern regions. Several species are used:

- **English lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia*).** Sweetest aromatic; preferred for tea.
- **French / Provençal lavender (*Lavandula stoechas*).** More camphoraceous; used in cosmetics more than tea.
- **Lavandin (hybrid).** Higher yield; commercial production.

The dried flowers (technically flower spikes) are used for tea.

## What lavender tea tastes like

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Distinctly floral perfumed. The cup is pale yellow purple. Flavour wise: floral, slightly bitter, sometimes soapy if too concentrated. Lavender is one of the more polarising herbal teas, some drinkers find it ethereal, others find it perfumed medicinal.

## The mild calming evidence

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Lavender contains:

- **Aromatic oils.** The fragrant compounds that give lavender its scent, traditionally linked to a gentle calming effect.
- **Camphor (in some species).** Provides cooling sensation.

Some clinical evidence suggests lavender supports:

- Mild anxiety reduction (capsule supplements at higher doses; tea strength is gentler)
- Sleep quality (some trials)
- Mild pain reduction in headaches (mostly via aromatherapy, not ingestion)

## How to brew lavender tea

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### Pure lavender

1. 1 tsp dried lavender flowers per 200ml.
2. Just boiled water.
3. Cover the cup. Steep 5-7 minutes.
4. Sweeten with honey (recommended, lavender alone can be intense).
5. Optional: lemon for brightness.

### Use sparingly

Pure lavender tea uses less material than other herbal teas. 1 tsp is plenty per cup; 2 tsp produces a perfumed cup that can taste medicinal.

## Lavender blends

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For most drinkers, lavender works better as one ingredient in a blend rather than alone:

### Lavender Earl Grey

[Black tea](#) + [bergamot](#) + lavender. The bergamot and lavender complement each other beautifully. Pukka does an excellent organic version. [More Pukka here](#).

### Lavender Chamomile

Chamomile + lavender. Sleep leaning blend. Two traditional calming herbs that pair well for an evening cup.

### Lavender Honey Tea

Lavender + honey flavoured base. Sweet, floral evening cup.

### Lavender [Lemon Balm](#)

Both calming herbs combined. Mild sleep support.

### Lavender Vanilla

Lavender + vanilla + black tea base. Dessert leaning, soothing.

## Cautions

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- **Pregnancy.** Generally considered safe in moderate amounts; some sources advise caution at higher doses (lavender essential oil supplementation specifically). [More on pregnancy and tea](#).
- **Allergies.** Lavender allergic reactions uncommon but possible.
- **Driving.** Lavender's mild sedation can affect reaction time at high doses; tea strength is gentle.
- **Children.** Generally safe in moderate amounts; introduce gradually.

## [Caffeine](#)

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Pure lavender tea: 0mg. Lavender blended teas inherit caffeine from the base (Lavender Earl Grey: 40-50mg; Lavender Chamomile: 0mg).

## Use cases

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- **Evening wind down.** The classic application.
- **Sleep tea.** Often paired with chamomile or valerian for stronger sleep effect.
- **a quiet moment / mild anxiety.** Calming aromatic effect.
- **Cold brewed iced.** Excellent, lavender is bright and refreshing cold.

- **Pairing with desserts.** Lavender shortbread, lavender ice cream, the floral note resonates with sweet baked goods.

## Cooking with lavender

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Culinary lavender (typically English lavender) is used in:

- Lavender shortbread
- Lavender lemonade
- Lavender honey
- Herbes de Provence (Provençal herb blend)
- Lavender ice cream

## Buying lavender tea in the UK

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- **Pukka Lavender Earl Grey.** Premium organic blend.
- **Twinings Camomile, Honey & Vanilla (sometimes Lavender variants).** Mainstream.
- **Heath & Heather Lavender.** UK herbal brand.
- **Specialist herb suppliers.** Pure dried lavender flowers for blending or single ingredient brewing.

## Storage

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Lavender's volatile aromatic oils degrade over time. Best within 6-12 months of opening. Airtight, cool, dark.

## FAQ

**Does lavender tea actually help sleep?** Modestly, with some clinical evidence. Best in blends (lavender + chamomile, lavender + valerian).

**Is pure lavender too perfumed?** For many drinkers yes. Blends are more accessible.

**Caffeine?** Pure lavender: 0mg. Lavender + black tea blends: 40-50mg.

**Pregnancy safe?** Generally yes in moderation.

**Best lavender tea blend?** Pukka Lavender Earl Grey for caffeinated; lavender + chamomile for caffeine free sleep tea.

Curator's note: pure lavender tea is one I personally avoid, too perfumed, too medicinal. But Pukka Lavender Earl Grey is one of the genuinely excellent tea blends in our range. The bergamot + lavender combination is unexpectedly perfect. Lee, [Teas.co.uk](https://teas.co.uk), Tunbridge Wells.

## Quick reference: lavender tea

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Aspect	The answer
Pure vs blended	Pure is intense/polarising; blends widely loved
Evidence	Real but modest calm/sleep, gentler at tea strength
Caffeine	0mg pure; inherits base in black-tea blends
Brewing	Use sparingly, 5-7 min covered, honey helps
Framing	Comfort ritual, not a treatment

This is general information, not medical advice. Lavender is a gentle comfort drink, not a treatment for anxiety or sleep problems; for persistent issues see your GP.

Day-to-day teas that sit alongside this one: [English Breakfast](#), [Earl Grey](#), [green tea](#), [loose leaf tea](#), [Darjeeling](#), [oolong](#), and [herbal tea](#). Have a wander through the [tea range](#); UK delivery is on the house above £35.

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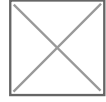
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