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Traditional Trained Tea Masters Take Making Tea Seriously

The Langham Afternoon Tea with Wedgwood is Served by Expertly Trained Tea Masters

March 2016.... Seeking a superior pot of expertly brewed tea? Look no further than Aria Bar & Lounge at The Langham, Melbourne.

Keep an eye out for waitstaff wearing a distinctive pair of Wedgwood cufflinks or Wedgwood cameo brooch. These adornments signify that the wearer has passed an exacting exam on the art of making tea following an intensive 8 hour training course conducted by Wedgwood.

The training includes theory, tea tastings and service as well as a written exam where only a grade of 90% or more earns a pass mark.

From traditional black teas to caffeine free herbal tisanes such as chamomile, lemon and ginger, Aria's team is well versed in advising guests about tea selection and explain to interested guests that all tea is loose leaf and weighed before brewing and that to avoid the pot of tea becoming bitter, tea leaves are removed just moments before being served.

"The comprehensive training really helps give our team the confidence to help guests make a tea selection that will suit them best. We think of ourselves as tea sommeliers.

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Except in our case, our tools of the trade are scales, thermometers, bespoke tea bags, fine bone china instead of corkscrews and decanters,” comments Damian Kalusiewicz, manager of Aria Bar & Lounge.

“We are extremely precise about ensuring black teas are only made using water heated to a rolling boil, while green and white teas are made with cooler water heated to 80 degrees,” adds Kalusiewicz.

It’s not just tea that is served at The Langham Afternoon Tea with Wedgwood. Miniature salted caramel and macadamia tarts, passionfruit and mango macarons, scones and fresh cream and jam and strawberry choux pastry with citrus cream accompany delicate finger sandwiches all served on an impressive three tiered tea stand.

The Langham, Melbourne’s traditional afternoon teas are served in the hushed and relaxed surrounding of the hotel’s Aria Bar & Lounge. The hotel’s dedicated pastry kitchen is renowned for their innovation and use of fresh, local produce.

The Langham Afternoon Tea with Wedgwood is a decadent experience including Wedgwood specialty teas served in tailor-made “Langham Rose” Wedgwood china accompanied by a selection of savoury sandwiches such as smoked salmon, cucumber and horseradish crème fraiche, free range ham with tomato chutney and English cheddar, avocado, watercress, micro basil and heirloom tomato salad and free range chicken with chives and lemon thyme as well as fruit and buttermilk scones with clotted cream and strawberry and rose petal preserve.

The tea stand’s top tier features the aforementioned dainty and delicate pastries as well as a Valrhona Manjari chocolate sphere, hazelnut and sable biscuit, a white chocolate mousse with raspberry and pistachio and a mushroom shaped meringue with Chantilly cream.

The Langham Afternoon Tea is served Monday until Friday from 10.30am – 4.30pm with Wedgwood tea, Langham blend tea and Espresso coffee from \$55.00 per person including a glass of sparkling wine.

\$69.00 per person includes a glass of sparkling wine and replenishment of high tea dishes.

\$79.00 per person includes a glass of Perrier Jouet NV Champagne while \$69.00 includes the luxurious option of having an unlimited glass of sparkling wine for an uninterrupted two hours of sheer indulgence.

Bookings can be made by by contacting 1800 641 107 or by emailing rest.res@langhamhotels.com

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The 25-floor hotel has 388 luxuriously appointed rooms including 126 river view rooms, 57 executive club rooms, 6 balcony rooms with 19m² private balconies, 7 Terrace Rooms with 50m² private balconies, 11 suites and one Presidential Suite; each attended to by the hotel's signature Service Stylists. Boasting stunning views of the Melbourne city skyline, the Yarra River, historic Flinders Street station and Federation Square, The Langham, Melbourne offers a luxurious and timeless inner-city experience.

Reservations may be made by visiting <http://melbourne.langhamhotels.com.au/melbourne/> or calling 1800 858 662.