

Tidbits of Tea

The main categories of tea are Black tea, Green tea, Oolong Tea, Blended tea, and Herbal tea. Your black teas are grown mainly in Africa, Ceylon, China, and India. Green teas are grown in China and Japan. Oolong teas are grown in China and Taiwan. Blended specialty teas come from all regions growing tea, and some of the favorites are Earl Grey tea, English Breakfast tea, and Irish Breakfast tea.

Black Tea

There are eight categories of Black teas. Black teas are fully fermented, where freshly picked green leaves are set out and then twisted so natural enzymes are released and oxidized. The leaves are then fully dried to become the familiar black leaf noted for its rich, full bodied brew.

African Black Tea

African black tea is known as Kenyan tea and is rich and robust in flavor.

Ceylon Black Tea

Ceylon black tea comes in two categories Dimbula, which has a smooth refreshing flavor, and Nuwara Eliya, which has a light taste with a woody scent.

Keemun Black Tea

Keemun black tea is grown in China and is full flavored with a delicate orchard taste.

Lapsang Souchong Black Tea

Lapsang Souchong black tea is grown in china and has a distinct smoky, complex flavor.

Yunnan Black Tea

Yunnan black tea is grown in China and is potent in flavor with a peppery taste

Assam Black Tea

Assam black tea is grown in India and is a strong tea with a malty flavor.

Darjeeling Black Tea

Darjeeling black tea is grown in India and is delicate with a lingering taste, and is amber in color.

Nilgiri Black Tea

Nilgiri black tea is grown in India and is used in making Chai Masala, and it makes a fragrant cup of tea on its own.

Green Tea

Green tea is tea's oldest tea, which is unfermented and is steam rolled and dried. Chinese varieties are mellow while Japanese varieties carry a strong grassy flavor.

Dragon Well Green Tea

Dragon Well green tea is grown in China and is a sweet, smooth tea with a nutlike flavor.

Gunpowder Green Tea

Gunpowder green tea is grown in China and has a pungent taste which is slightly bitter.

Jasmine Green Tea

Jasmine green tea is grown in China and is Jasmine scented.

Gyokuro Green Tea

Gyokuro green tea is grown in Japan and it is a mild tea which is slightly sweet.

Oolong Tea

Oolong is black dragon in the Chinese language. The tea is semi-fermented and the flavor is a compromise between black and green teas.

Iron Goddess of Mercy Oolong Tea

Iron Goddess of Mercy tea is grown in China and is coppered in color, it has an astringent taste, and it aids the digestive system.

Formosa Oolong Tea

Formosa Oolong tea is grown in Taiwan and has a peachy, peppery flavor.

Blended Teas

Blended teas are combinations of different teas which are put through changing conditions. Herbal teas which are mixed with flowers, fruit, herbs and spices are considered blended teas.

Earl Grey Blended Tea

Earl Grey tea is a combination of Chinese black tea and Indian Darjeeling tea scented with bergamot oil, which is aromatic and assertive

English Breakfast Tea

English Breakfast tea is a combination of black teas from India and Ceylon which is full bodied in taste.

Irish Breakfast Tea

Irish Breakfast tea is mostly Assam teas, which is hearty and has an invigorating taste.

Russian Caravan Tea

Russian Caravan tea is a combination of strong black teas with a touch of Lapsang Souchong.

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