



THE
DRAKE

OAK BROOK

AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION®
HOTELS

HOLIDAY AFTERNOON TEA

THE COLONIAL ROOM

\$75 Adults | \$30 Junior Guests (4-12 years) | Children 3 & under eat free

includes glass of house champagne

BITES

Fruit Bread & Assorted Scones

pumpkin spice bars, assorted jams, lemon curd, english devonshire cream

Sweet Pastries

assorted macarons, mango cheesecakes, fruit tarts, white chocolate pistachio bombe

ASSORTED FINGER SANDWICHES

Add \$3 additional to make it Gluten-Free

Autumn Walnut Chicken Salad

chicken breast, diced celery, diced red onions, walnuts, apples, yogurt, mayonnaise, salt & pepper, savory tart shell

Gravlax Tartines

smoked salmon, dill cream cheese capers, red onion, white bread

Cucumber Sandwich

thinly sliced cucumber, dill cream cheese, red onion, capers, white bread

Chef's Choice Holiday Finger Sandwich

on brioche bread

FOR OUR LITTLE ONES

Hot Chocolate

Kiddie Cocktail

*All reservations are subject to local taxes and a 20% gratuity will be added to parties of 6 or more.
Must be 21 years of age with proper identification to order alcoholic beverages.*

Autumn Holiday Menu valid through November 18



The History of Holiday Tea

Afternoon tea, the most notable of English customs, first appeared in the mid 19th century. Tea became popular during King Charles II reign.

Afternoon Tea was originally introduced in the year 1840 when Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford would become hungry around 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This small meal would hold her over until her evening meal at 8 o'clock. It is said she asked for a tray of tea, bread and butter and cake. This became fashionably social in the mid 1880's when women of society, in long gowns adorned with beautiful hats and elegant gloves, would come together for 4 o'clock tea.

Afternoon tea has become synonymous with the grand ceremony of taking time to enjoy the company of our friends and family partaking in the tradition of finger sandwiches and savory and sweet pastries and scones. Holiday tea was said to have started at Christmas time in response to the celebrations of the hard working individuals having time off and celebrating the holiday by having a few "toasts". To combat this tradition at the holiday, holiday afternoon tea was created to give these hard working people a chance to celebrate the time off and holidays in a more tempered way by drinking tea and cakes.

"There are a few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea."

- *Henry James*