

Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences unlocks The Secret Garden Afternoon Tea

“If you look the right way, you can see the whole world is a garden”

Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences is launching a brand-new themed afternoon tea on the 20th March. Launching on the first day of Spring, the award-winning restaurant Kona will be serving **The Secret Garden Afternoon Tea** which will transport diners to a stunning Yorkshire garden with every bite. The beautifully designed pastries and delectable savoury treats have been inspired by the timeless children’s classic tale of The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

The selection of sweet treats on offer tell the magical tale of the springtime flowers that bloom within the walls of The Secret Garden...

- ***Perhaps it is the key to the garden:*** the experience begins with a chocolate key that can be found nestled within a layer of biscuit soil and edible flowers
- ***And the roses, the roses raising out of the grass:*** presented in the style of a beautiful rose with glistening dew drops on the delicate petals, this floral delight has complementing flavours of tangy raspberry and refreshing lychee
- ***Leaves and trees, flowers and birds:*** with edible butterflies perched atop this tangy treat, tastebuds will experience a burst of mango and lime
- ***And buds and buds:*** a light chocolate delight has its own flowers rising out of an edible pot
- ***Fair fresh leaves:*** this zesty citrus cream cheese tart is perfectly balanced with basil to deliver a fresh flavour

In addition, the tea serves mixed berry scones with clotted cream and mixed jam for the quintessentially British experience, alongside a selection of savoury bites to enjoy:

- Fresh garden herb roast chicken on brown bread complemented with lemon mayo
- A white bread filled sandwich with free range egg and vibrant garden peas
- Oak smoked salmon paired with avocado and dill cream cheese on scrumptious spinach bread
- Cucumber, beetroot and basil combined on tomato bread

The Secret Garden Afternoon Tea is complemented with a selection of teas from Bird & Blend Tea Co. From leaf to cup, each tea has been carefully selected to pair beautifully with the sweet and savoury offering. For those looking to upgrade their experience, the magic is in the gin. The Secret Garden Gin Distillery has partnered with Kona to deliver the wonder of nature and unique flavours with three different Gins available – *Lemon Verbena, Apothecary Rose and Lavender & Echinacea*.

Kona will be transformed into a magical wonderland with decorative floral flourishes throughout the restaurant including wildflowers on the tables and intrinsically designed bespoke crockery. When guests are ready to begin they will be able to communicate this by opening a bespoke box on the table that once opened will release a flutter of nature to signify it is time for tea. Five star hotel, Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences is

well renowned for serving afternoon tea that takes inspiration from British Classics, and The Secret Garden Afternoon Tea will be enjoyed in a setting where the words from the story are brought to life. All guests will receive a complementary keepsake of wildflower seeds so they can plant their very own secret garden at home.

The Secret Garden Afternoon Tea is available from 20th March Thursday to Sunday in Kona with seatings at 12pm, 2pm and 4pm. The Afternoon Tea is £75 per person with a 50% discount applied to children aged 4 - 11 years. Vegetarian and vegan versions of the tea are available upon request 48 hours in advance. If you are looking to celebrate in style, Kona also accepts group bookings of up to 10 people.

For more information, please email: taj@switchedoncomms.co.uk and access [press images here](#)

Notes to Editors

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