

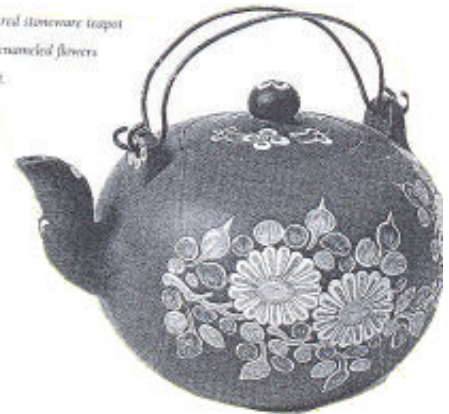
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Chinese Yixing red stoneware teapot
decorated with enameled flowers
and prunus root.

Discover, Explore and Enjoy
the World of Tea

"There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea" Henry James, *The Portrait of a Lady*, 1881



The aim of the project is to introduce you to the culture and traditions surrounding the world's most popular beverage which has left its mark on civilization. You will be given the opportunity to explore, discover and enjoy the world of tea not only in theory but to also experience the ritual of taking tea in an authentic environment. The topics to be considered include:

- The concept and definition of Tea.
- The classification and Processing of Tea
- The six main types of Tea (Black, Green, Oolong, White, scented and compressed teas)
- Tea Consumption Around the World
- Tea Producing Countries and Regions of Cultivation
- Tea Packaging, Buying and Storing Tea.
- The Brewing of Various Tea Plants
- Equipment used in the preparation and presentation of Tea.
- Tea Trimmings and Additives
- The Medicinal Qualities and Healing Properties of Tea
- The History of Tea (The popularity of Tea during the Chinese Dynasties, its introduction to Japan)
- The cultural, religious and artistic significance of The Japanese Tea Ceremony.
- How tea spread in England in the 17th century.
- The British East India Company and Tea Trade
- Tea Smuggling in England in the 18th century.
- The Boston Tea Party
- The Social History of Tea
- Organizing a British Traditional Afternoon Tea Party



Advertisement for Lipton's Ceylon teas.

- Terminology related to Tea
- Tea and Food

If you want to do something different such as create a menu for an afternoon tea party & to take tea in a tea room in the heart of Athens, then this project will satisfy your tastebuds and enlighten your senses. I therefore welcome you on this journey to explore the realm of tea.

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