

ENJOY A FESTIVE, FIZZ-FILLED AFTERNOON TEA IN NORTHERN IRELAND THIS CHRISTMAS

Looking for a delicious festive afternoon tea in Northern Ireland this Christmas? There are lots of great value, high-class offerings with a seasonal twist that will make your taste buds sing and really get you in the celebratory spirit.

Tourism NI has compiled a list of Northern Ireland's best Christmas afternoon teas to suit everyone's needs. Whether you're a group of friends looking to add a bit of fizz to your weekend, a couple looking for a romantic treat, or a family looking for somewhere nice to bring your grandparents, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

For those looking for a bit of luxury as Christmas approaches, you can enjoy a Sunday afternoon tea at the 4 star **Titanic Belfast** in the opulent surroundings of the hotel's Titanic suite, featuring the stunning replica staircase from RMS Titanic, accompanied by live jazz music. You can add a little fizz to your day by including a glass of prosecco or champagne, and children aged 2-11 can choose from a special afternoon tea menu.

Price: From £28.50 pp (€33 approx); <https://titanicbelfast.com/Explore/whatson/festiveteas.aspx>

Continuing with the luxury theme, the stylish 4 star **Fitzwilliam Hotel**, located beside Belfast's Grand Opera House, offers the opportunity to get away from the bustling shopping streets and relax in luxurious surroundings with a contemporary feel. The afternoon tea with a Christmas twist features home baked scones and handmade artisan chocolates. You can also indulge in finger sandwiches with baked ham, smoked salmon and free range chicken.

Price: From £32 pp (€37.30 approx); www.fitzwilliamhotelbelfast.com

Also offering plenty of elegance is the 4 star **Slieve Donard Resort and Spa**, in Newcastle, County Down, where you can relax in charming old school splendour, surrounded by wonderful views of the nearby Mourne Mountains. Enjoy a traditional, festive afternoon tea including seasonal sandwiches, buttermilk scones and pastries.

Price: From £30 pp (€35 approx); <https://www.hastingshotels.com/slieve-donard-resort-and-spa/festiveafternoontea.html>

If you want a little sprinkling of Christmas magic, the 5 star **Lough Erne Resort and Spa**, in Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, offers an extra dash of delight to its festive afternoon tea. Those who love the festive season and its delicacies will be able to relax in the charming surroundings of the festive Garden Hall and feast on the likes of ham hock fritter, smoked Glenarm salmon, and cinnamon and spice chocolate torte.

Price: From £25 pp (€29 approx); <https://www.lougherneresort.com/festive-dining.html>

And if you're searching for an afternoon tea for all the family to enjoy, the 4 star **Killyhevlin Hotel**, also in Enniskillen, offers a traditional festive afternoon tea with wonderful views of Lough Erne. Guests can indulge in dainty sandwiches, warm fluffy scones and traditional cake, all served with a special seasonal twist guaranteed to put you in festive spirit. You can also add a local Boatyard Gin cocktail or prosecco to make the afternoon extra special.

Price: From £24.50 pp (€28.50); <https://www.killyhevlin.com/christmas/festive-afternoon-tea>

For those who want to get away from the busy Christmas period, a great option is the Christmas afternoon tea offered by the 4 star **Corick House Hotel and Spa**, in Clogher, County Tyrone. Nestled in the heart of the Clogher Valley, where style meets country hospitality, this idyllic 17th Century

House offers a haven of festive tranquillity. The festive afternoon tea include a glass of mulled wine, as well as seasonal sandwiches and Corick House festive mince pies.

Price: From £20 pp (€23 approx); <https://www.corickcountryhouse.com/claire-festive-afternoon-tea.html>

If you want luxury at a more affordable price, look no further than the family friendly **Armagh City Hotel**, in the heart of Armagh city, where you can enjoy a traditional afternoon tea in a relaxed, informal setting. Spoil yourself with a whimsical selection of delicious finger sandwiches and seasonal pastries.

Price: From £15.95 pp (€18.50 approx); <https://www.armaghcityhotel.com/dining/christmas-armagh>

And if understated festive grandeur is what you're looking for, the 5 star **Beech Hill House Hotel**, just outside Derry~Londonderry, offers a wonderful Christmas afternoon tea in a relaxed country house setting. Guests can enjoy the hotel's famous Lady Isabella's Afternoon Tea with a festive spin including an extra special Christmas cocktail created by their mixologist, mince pies, cakes and pastries.

Price: From £24.95 pp (€29); <https://www.beech-hill.com/christmas-at-the-beech-hill>

The 4 star **Everglades Hotel**, located in the city of Derry~Londonderry, has also created a spectacular festive themed afternoon tea celebration featuring a range of delicious Christmas sweet and savoury treats, cakes and pastries. Get together with friends and family for an hour or two, or simply relax by the fireside with a good book.

Price: From £26 pp (€30 approx); <https://www.hastingshotels.com/everglades-hotel/festiveafternoontea.html>

Moving to the Antrim Coast, festive splendour awaits at the 5 star **Galgorm Spa and Resort**, near where you can relax and enjoy a delicious selection of homemade delights during Christmas afternoon tea in the stunning conservatory, taking in wintery views over the River Maine and the estate grounds. Highlights include eggnog pannacotta, vanilla shortbread and yule log.

Price: From £29.95 pp (€35 approx); <https://www.galgorm.com/afternoon-tea-northern-ireland.html>

Finally, no Christmas journey through Northern Ireland is complete without a trip to the North Coast, where the stunning 17th century 4 star **Ballygally Castle**, perched on the tip of the famous Causeway Coastal Route, provides a fabulous festive afternoon tea. This includes freshly prepared finger sandwiches, home baked scones, pastries and cakes. You can also add mulled wine or prosecco.

Price: From £28 pp (€35 approx); <https://www.hastingshotels.com/ballygally-castle/Christmas-Afternoon-Tea.html>