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Learn the Myths, Truths and Untold Stories of the American Revolution and the Tea Story, below video!



The Boston Tea Party and Tea's Role in American History

Tea is an important part of American history, particularly in the years leading up to the American Revolution.

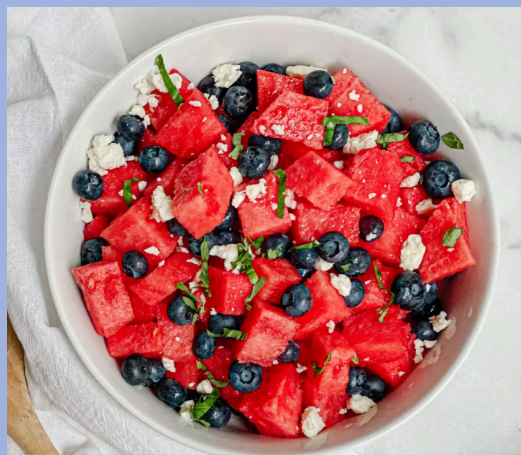
By the mid-18th century, the American colonies were enjoying tea daily. That tea was primarily imported from Britain, but tensions between the colonies and the British government escalated, thanks to taxation and representation issues.

In 1773, the British government passed the Tea Act, which gave the British East



*" No one Circumstance
could possibly have
Taken place more
effectually to Unite the
Colonies than this
Manœvere of the Tea"*

~ John Hancock



Red, White & Blue

Watermelon Feta Salad

Watermelon Feta Salad is fresh and light – perfect for summer. Cubed watermelon, blueberries, feta, basil, and a honey lime drizzle.

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India Company the exclusive right to export tea to the American colonies, effectively creating a monopoly.

In response, American colonists protested the act by staging the Boston Tea Party. They boarded British ships and dumped all the tea contained on that ship into the Boston Harbor. This insubordinate act became a catalyst for the American Revolution, making tea a symbol of resistance to British rule.

After the Revolution, coffee replaced tea as the beverage of choice in the U.S., as drinking tea was considered unpatriotic.

However, tea remained a presence in American culture. It has regained popularity, largely due to the rise in consumption of iced tea in the 19th and 20th centuries.

And, now the health benefits, almost endless flavors and ready to drink offerings are catapulting tea back to the top!



Dazzle guests with Vianne's iced

"Berry Earl Grey"

[Vianne's Berry Earl Grey](#)

With Oil of Bergamot,
raspberry taste and dried
berries.

A wonderful aromatic black
tea fit for all ladies,
gentlemen and scholars &
patriotics alike!

Toss in blueberries,
strawberries & local honey!



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We hold these truths to be self-evident,
that all men are created equal, that they
are endowed by their Creator with
certain unalienable Rights, that among
these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit
of Happiness.

~ The U.S. Declaration of Independence

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The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum

History of Tea in the Colonies

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**“A woman is like a tea bag – you can't tell how strong she is
until you put her in hot water.”**

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

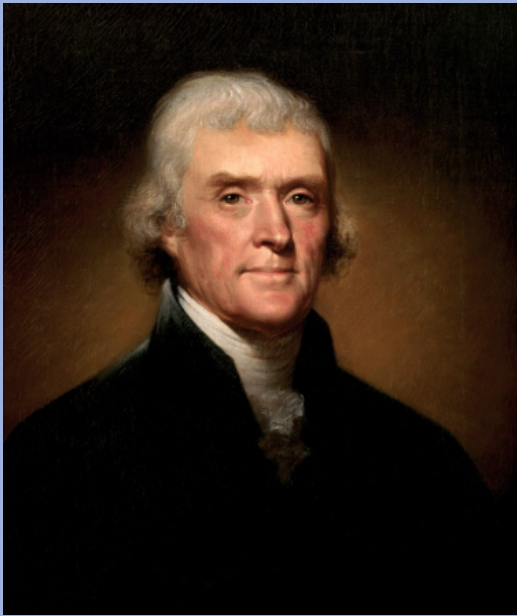


Boston Tea Party



Visions of Vanilla





Jefferson's tearoom at Monticello.

Thomas Jefferson's **Love** for Tea

Thomas Jefferson was an early “foodie” and his great passion for food and drink included Chinese tea, both black and green.

According to the archives of Monticello, Jefferson's financial records and correspondence show consistent purchases of tea and provide valuable information about the kinds and amounts of tea he and his family drank.

The few references from the 1770s and 1780s show a variety of different kinds of tea procured from Dr. William Pasteur's apothecary in Williamsburg.

Dr. Pasteur served as a surgeon to colonial troops and was mayor of Williamsburg at one time.

Jefferson ordered Chu-chong (souchong black tea) at a very high price from a Richmond merchant in 1780.

Jefferson's time in Paris (1784-89) further piqued his interest in tea as the Parisians were much taken by the exotic Asian beverage. After all, the ladies of Paris were drinking tea 20 years before their London cousins.

During his 1790-91 stay in Philadelphia, Jefferson seems to have preferred Imperial tea. Hyson, one of the teas tossed overboard in Boston, is also mentioned as a favorite...

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The Boston Tea Party BOOK



**Sip IcedTea & Read !
The Boston Tea Party
by Benjamin Woods Labarre**

A brilliant and scholarly demonstration of the way a single act of violence can affect the course of history. ... The reasons for the resort to war ... have never been brought into such clear focus as through the lens of this remarkable study."

**~ Julian P. Boyd, editor,
The Papers of Thomas Jefferson**

"One of the most important books ever written about the origins of the American Revolution."

- Journal of American History



TE A TALK

with Tea Sommelier, Kerri Blache

I had a *TEArrific Travel Time* at Mayhurst Estate in Orange, Virginia for a Jane Austen Retreat!

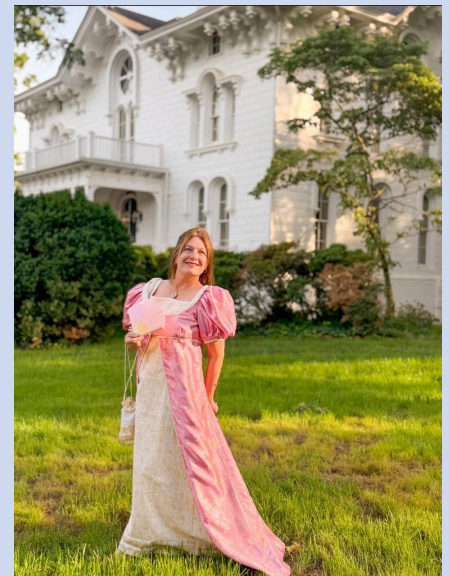
We enjoyed Tea Time, calligraphy, wax seals, candle making, water color class, lounging in hammocks by a pond of waterlilies and playing with a baby lamb named Henry Wadsworth Lambfellow!

I highly recommend Mayhurst Estate! Many themed retreats coming up for men, women and families too.

Mayhurst Estate is 2 hours from Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. What a great experience seeing the Colonial homes, shops and way of life now and back then; especially learning about George Wythe and touring his home. He was mentor to

Thomas Jefferson. [More about Mayhurst Estate & Upcoming Retreats.](#) More Scenes from Mayhurst & Colonial Virginia below.

Have a TEA-rrific day!
Kerri



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