

AFTERNOON TEA

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PINKIE FINGER DOWN

The proper way to hold a teacup is to hold the handle with the pinkie finger down, not up.

PHONES OFF THE TABLE

Keep phones, glasses, and any other personal items off the table. Instead, place them on your chair, to your left or right.

USED UTENSILS DON'T GO BACK ON THE TABLE

Never place used utensils back on the table. Once a flatware has been used, rest it on the right side of the plate.

DON'T LEAVE YOUR TEASPOON IN YOUR TEACUP

Never drink from your cup with the teaspoon still inside. After stirring your tea, put the teaspoon on the right side, on the saucer.

KNOW THE COURSE ORDER

An afternoon tea consists three courses. Eat savories and tea sandwiches first, followed by scones with clotted cream and jam, and finally, the sweets.

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT MAKING A SCONE SANDWICH

The proper way to eat a scone is by breaking off a small bite-sized piece with your hands then using your knife for the clotted cream and jam. Eat, then repeat.