

## Tempting teatime treat with a view

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EASTERN and Oriental (E&O) Hotel's popular English Afternoon Tea has a new venue — and it is among the most scenic in Penang.

With the temporary closure of the hotel's Heritage Wing and 1885 restaurant for refurbishment, the treat is now served at the Planters Lounge.

Located on Level 6 of the Victory Annexe, its stately surroundings open up to sweeping views of the channel separating the island and mainland.

Previously open to in-house guests only, the lounge now welcomes the public. Guests can choose to dine inside, or alfresco on the spacious balcony.



The Planters Lounge at the Victory Annexe offers sweeping views of the Penang Channel, making it an ideal spot to sit back, indulge and while the afternoon away.

Whichever one chooses, the English Afternoon Tea's fine selection of fragrant brews and dainty bites paves the way for a relaxing indulgence.

The set is available from 3pm to 5pm daily and priced at RM71.65 nett per person. Served on tiered trays are several types of sandwiches.

Their fillings are Smoked Salmon Tartare, Crab Meat Slaw, Marinated Tuna Flakes, as well as Cucumber, Dill and Cream Cheese.

Complementing the sandwiches are Corn-fed Chicken Ragout Gougeres, Truffle Scented Egg on Poppy Seed Crusted Butter Bun, and Organic Spinach Quiche.

Some sweetness is afforded by slices of rich Opera cake, zesty fruit cake, decadent Red Velvet cake, flaky Millefeuille and a petite Fruit Tartlet.

The must-have raisin and plain scones are also served alongside homemade strawberry jam, pineapple jam and clotted cream.

Equally integral to the pleasurable experience are the teas with 16 varieties to choose from, like classic English Breakfast, Earl Grey, Pure Camomile and Jasmine Gold.

Flowery notes are also offered by the Darjeeling Jungpana and Greenleaf. The Raspberry Royal, Morgentau, Verbena and Soft Peach will appeal to those preferring fruitiness.

Opt for Assam Mokalbarie, Vanilla Roibosh or Terry Lapsang if smoke and spice are up your alley. Otherwise, there is Irish Whiskey Cream with a malty accent, as well as the cooling Fancy Sencha or Mint and Fresh.

Besides English Afternoon Tea, the public can also enjoy a la carte dining at the Planters Lounge. Opening hours are 11am to midnight daily. For enquiries or reservations, call 04-2222000.

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