

# DeColores Montessori Gourmet Tea List

*All teas come in loose leaf form. Tea ball infusors can be purchased for \$2.00 each. 100% of all profits go to DeColores.*

Green Teas	1/2 Pound
<p>The benefits of green tea; Green Tea contains <i>polyphenols</i>, which are naturally occurring compounds that act as antioxidants for disease prevention and treatment of many health-related illnesses. The level of polyphenols is higher in green tea because green tea is unoxidized. (Oolong tea is partially oxidized and black tea is fully oxidized).</p> <p>These unaltered polyphenols are green tea's primary active ingredients, and their health benefits have been documented by numerous scientific studies.</p> <p>Green Tea has proven to lower cholesterol, reduce blood pressure (lowering the risk of heart attacks), aid digestion, fight fatigue, preserve younger-looking skin and promote oral health.</p>	
<p><b>China Magnolia Oolong Tea (1/4 lb):</b> The oxidation of this base tea is between 20-25%, making this a very green oolong tea. The tight roll is reminiscent of Tung Ting Oolong from Formosa. This tea is scented with magnolia petals in the same manner as jasmine teas, also from the Fujian province of China.</p>	\$10.00
<p><b>Chinese HySon Green Tea</b> This green tea was so highly favoured in the 18th century that British Tea Tax was higher for this variety over other origins. Hy-son translates to "Flourishing Spring" and this particular varietal imparts the fresh green character you would expect to be a part of any springtime experience. Leaf size of this pan-fried tea is bold and slightly coarse. Characteristics are a greenish-yellow color with good body and smooth greenish tasting liquor.</p>	\$8.00
<p><b>Decaf Green Sencha Tea</b> This delightful Green Tea is decaffeinated using a process that does not detract from the teas health benefits. Grown in the West Lake Region of the Zhejiang Province of China.</p>	\$11.00
<p><b>Dragon Phoenix Pearl Tea (1/4 lb)</b> Green tea enriched with the fragrance of jasmine flowers has been a favorite since the Sung Dynasty, about 800 years ago. Dragon Phoenix Pearl gets its name from the visual characteristics of the tea bushes "climbing" the hillsides like a dragon coming out of the water.</p> <p>The green tea is grown in an area in Funding City near the border of the Fujian and Zhejiang provinces. The area is mountainous and is often shrouded in clouds or fog. The tea is picked in April/May and processed by hand by rolling each leaf and a bud into tiny pearl sized balls.</p> <p>Once rolled, the tea is wrapped in silk mesh and dried by fire to set the form. The tea is then held until August/September when the finest jasmine blossoms are in bloom.</p> <p>The jasmine flowers are picked before noon and set aside until evening when the petals begin to open in the cool night air. Once open, the "marrying" of the jasmine to the tea happens in two applications after which the jasmine petals are removed.</p> <p>According to analysis done by Chinese researchers, Dragon Phoenix Pearl has a higher concentration of vitamin C and amino acids than any other teas. This is unquestionably one of the finest jasmines shipped from the port of Fuzhou.</p>	\$18.00
<p><b>Formosa Green Dragon Oolong Tea (1/4 lb)</b> This smooth and aromatic Taiwanese oolong tea is greener than most. Lighter in color, both leaf and liquor, the Green Dragon Oolong is oxidized for a shorter period of time than the darker oolong teas. This makes for an entirely different character, a lighter, delicate flavor with a hint of floral undertones. The tightly rolled leaves expand to reveal a bud and two leaves that can be brewed several times, with each infusion creating a new experience.</p>	\$15.00
<p><b>Gunpowder Tea: Temple of Heaven</b> Gunpowder green tea gets its name because the tightly rolled green leaves resemble the powder used in cannons on 18th century British ships. When fully steeped, the tender whole leaves unfurl revealing this deep, rich flavor. A most unique tea that is among the most popular worldwide.</p>	\$9.00
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Black Teas	1/2 Pound
<p><b>Assam Broken Orange Pekoe Tea</b></p> <p>Assam is the largest tea growing area of the world. Assam Tea is a full bodied robust and malty tea that has an excellent color in the liquor. The leaf is quite small and that adds to the strength of the cup</p>	\$8.00
<p><b>Ceylon Chester Broken Orange Pekoe Tea</b></p> <p>The most precious orange pekoe tea is grown in the western areas of the island of Ceylon. This tea has a dark liquoring.</p>	\$6.00
<p><b>Ceylon Supreme Flowery Orange Pekoe Tea</b></p> <p>The most precious black tea is grown in the western areas of the island of Sri Lanka. This gourmet tea has a dark liquor.</p> <p>The 'orange' in orange pekoe possibly comes from the fact that these particular leaves have a golden orange color when plucked, or that in China sometimes orange blossoms were added to these leaves for flavor. Another suggestion is that it refers to the Dutch House of Orange. It does not have anything to do with the flavor of the tea leaves themselves.</p>	\$6.00
<p><b>Market Ceylon Spice Tea</b></p> <p>High grown Ceylon black tea is gently blended with pieces of clove and cinnamon to create an aromatic and soothing spiced tea.</p>	\$7.00
<p><b>Ceylon Ratnapura OP Special Black Tea (1/4lb)</b></p> <p>This blend is named after the southwest Ratnapura district. The extensive mountain ranges and valleys that extend from sea level to 2,000 feet produce teas with a full spectrum of body and flavor. The drier weather from January through March produce the best teas. This blend has a special style leaf that is halfway between a Broken Orange Pekoe and Pekoe. It produces a dark red cup with heavy/nutty liquor. It is truly one of the heaviest teas produced in the world.</p>	\$9.00
<p><b>China Black FOP</b></p> <p>Chinese Black Tea is produced in 16 hilly regions of central and southern China. This is a gourmet tea of good quality and value with dark liquoring. FOP stands for "flowery orange pekoe", which refers to the color and not the flavor.</p>	\$6.00
<p><b>Darjeeling Tea: Finest Tippy</b></p> <p>This fine tea is from the Mim Estate grown in the Darjeeling district of India, nestled in the southern slopes of the Himalaya mountains at elevations of 6800 feet. From the town center on a clear day the peak of Mount Everest can be seen. Darjeelings are the most precious tea qualities of the world. They possess an exquisite bouquet and flavor and a distinctive "muscat" character almost wine-like in taste in a lovely and light cup.</p>	\$9.00
<p><b>Earl Grey</b></p> <p>Earl Grey is named after its English benefactor, Charles Earl Grey, who for a short time served as Prime Minister under King William IV. The unusual flavoring that makes Earl Grey so special is the oil of bergamot. Bergamot comes from the Turkish word for "prince's pear" and describes a pear shaped citrus that is grown around the Mediterranean. The oil is pressed from the rind and is used for perfume as well as Earl Grey tea. We take the concentration of this exotic flavor and blend it with mild teas of China and Sri Lanka.</p>	\$6.00

<b>Decaf Earl Grey Tea</b>	\$9.00
<b>English Breakfast Tea</b> English Breakfast Tea is a pure North Indian tea with a round and strong cup typical of the best teas in England.	\$7.00
<b>Irish Breakfast Tea</b> Irish breakfast tea is a blend of Assam and Sri Lankan teas that produce a rich, liquoring cup with the strength and malty flavor of the best teas of Sri Lanka. The longer you allow it to brew the stronger it becomes. We recommend you serve this tea with milk (not cream).  The Irish are per capita the highest consumers of tea in the world and after you try our Irish Breakfast you will know why! This makes a superb all-day tea.	\$8.00
<b>Decaf English Breakfast Tea</b>	\$9.00
<b>Jasmine with Flowers Tea</b> This is a delicately flavored tea, semi-fermented and liberally mixed with the ivory flowers of jasmine. Floral notes create a tea of sweet aroma and a tantalizing flavor in a very bright cup.	\$7.00
<b>Lapsang Souchong Tea</b> Lapsang Souchong tea comes from the Fujian province of China. This is a very distinctive tea with an exotic smoky flavor. Lapsang-Souchong has grown in popularity with those who appreciate single malt Scotch whisky and fine cigars.  The preparation of the leaves involves withering over cypress or pine wood fires. After the rolling process, they are placed into wooden barrels until they begin to emit their own pleasant aroma. As a final step they are placed in bamboo baskets and hung over smoky pine fires where they dry and absorb the smoke's essence.  The finished tea is thick and black and when steeped in hot water produces a bright burgundy-orange cup of tea. The flavor is assertive and bold.	\$7.00
<b>Russian Caravan Blended Tea</b> Tea became popular along the trade routes in Southern Russia along the China border during the 1700's - Enjoy this blend that is in the tradition of the finest Russian Teas. Just a hint of smoky Lapsang Souchong along with our Formosa Oolong and China Blend recreates the experience.	\$7.00
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**Herbal Peppermint Tea:** Our organic peppermint tea will take your breath away and is certified Kosher.

Peppermint is one of the oldest known herbs. In fact, it has been found in 3000 year old Egyptian tombs. The Japanese cultivated it 2000 years ago as a source of menthol and it is still used today as the primary ingredient in many commercial medicinal remedies. Peppermint has been known to relieve gastrointestinal disorders, local aches and pains, and to reduce stress.

\$7.00

**Yerba Mate Tea:** Beneath the rainforest canopy in South America, the Guarani Indians have been drinking the steeped juice of the leaves of the wild yerba tree-bush for centuries. They cite numerous health benefits, including increased immune system strength, improved digestion, stress reduction, and stimulation of mental processes.

In 1964 the Pasteur Institute and the Paris Scientific society concluded "it is difficult to find a plant in any area of the world equal to Mate in nutritional value" and that Yerba Mate contains "practically all of the vitamins necessary to sustain life."

Today, over 300,000 tons of Yerba Mate is produced yearly for consumption in Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay. It is truly the South American passion!

Yerba Mate comes from a tree, "Ilex Paraguariensis", cultivated in South America. The yerba is the leaves; dried and crushed to make a tea-like herb. You may add sugar or honey to sweeten the Yerba as the Argentineans do. Or drink it plain as the majority of South America does.

\$7.00

**Rooibos (Red Bush) African Tea** Rooibos tea comes from the South African Red Bush. This tea has a unique, very enjoyable herbal flavor - very much unlike anything else you have tried.

Rooibos tea contains no caffeine and no added colors or preservatives, making it a natural beverage. Rooibos has been shown to aid in health problems such as insomnia, irritability, headaches, nervous tension, and hypertension.

Studies also show that this tea contains anti-spasmodic agents, which can relieve stomach cramping and colic in infants.

In South Africa, Rooibos is used to treat allergies, hay fever, asthma, and eczema and irritated skin very effectively by being brewed, cooled, and placed directly on infected areas.

Rooibos contains anti-oxidants which can help slow the aging process and boost the immune system. It also contains the minerals, copper, iron and potassium, calcium, fluoride, zinc, manganese, alpha-hydroxy (for healthy skin) and magnesium (for the nervous system).

\$10.00

Flavored Teas	1/2 Pound
Apple Spice	\$6.00
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Apricot Blend	\$6.00
Black Currant	\$6.00
Blackberry	\$6.00
Blueberries & Cream	\$6.00
Blueberry	\$6.00
Chocolate Mint	\$6.00
Clove	\$6.00
Kiwi Strawberry	\$6.00
Lemon Spice	\$6.00
Mandarin Orange	\$6.00
Mango	\$6.00
Orange Blossom Spice	\$6.00
Passion Fruit	\$6.00
Peach Peppermint	\$6.00
Peach	\$6.00
Peppermint	\$6.00
Raspberry	\$6.00
Sassafras	\$6.00
Strawberry Peach	\$6.00
Sweet Cherry	\$6.00
Sweet Orange	\$6.00
Tangerine	\$6.00

Tisanes	1/2 Pound
<p><i>Tisanes are a blend of dried herbs, fruits and natural flavors and have a terrific taste and aroma. They also make a phenomenal iced tea. Hibiscus leaves and rosehip are used throughout these herb and fruit blends, which gives added benefit of naturally occurring vitamin C. Tisanes are any beverage that is brewed like a tea.</i></p>	
<p><b>Apricot Supreme Tisane:</b> This fruit tisane contains peach, apricot, rosehips, hibiscus leaves, and marigold petals.</p>	\$9.00
<p><b>Angel Falls Mist Tisane:</b> This fruit tisane contains rosehips, hibiscus leaves, strawberry, and lemon. Enjoy!</p>	\$9.00
<p><b>Bella Coola Tisane:</b> Rosehips, hibiscus leaves, orange, and pineapple.</p>	\$9.00
<p><b>Berry Berry Tisane:</b> Black &amp; Red Currants, raisins, rose hips, hibiscus leaves</p>	\$9.00
<p><b>Blue Eyes Tisane:</b> Orange, apple, rosehips, and hibiscus leaves.</p>	\$9.00
<p><b>Cranberry Apple Tisane:</b> Cranberry, apple, rosehips, hibiscus leaves</p>	\$9.00
<p><b>Lady Hannah Whole Fruit Tisane:</b> Blackberries &amp; strawberry pieces, rosehips, hibiscus leaves</p>	\$15.00
<p><b>Lemon Mango Tisane:</b> Mango, lemon, apple, hibiscus leaves, rosehips</p>	\$9.00