

Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences introduces A Midsummer Night's Dream Afternoon Tea in Kona

"In this enchanted woodland feast, love is a trickster, flavours are a fantasy, and every bite is... a midsummer's dream..."



Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences is launching a brand-new themed afternoon tea continuing on the theme of bringing to life British Classic literature on the 23rd April. The date has special significance to this whimsical and enchanting afternoon tea, as it is the birthday of arguably the greatest British playwright of all time, William Shakespeare.

Surrounding the beautiful courtyard of Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences is a one of the world's longest Shakespearean sylvan friezes. The unique hand-carved terracotta frieze depicts scenes of some of the most famous Shakespeare plays in intricate detail including; Love's Labours Lost, As You Like It, Much Ado About Nothing and of course, A Midsummer Night's Dream. The Courtyard on its own is a midsummer dream with its whimsical fountain and seasonal flowers the perfect amuse bouche for the main act, the brand-new afternoon tea...

Venture beyond the ordinary, where the whisper of trees holds secrets and enchantments swirl like twilight mist. Inspired by the world of Shakespeare's **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, this afternoon tea invites you into a realm where dreams come alive, and magic is never far behind.

In the play, the forest becomes a place of confusion and transformation as four young lovers find themselves caught in the tangled web of magic spun by the fairies. Kona will bring the forest alive for this magical afternoon tea. At the heart

of it all are Oberon, the king of the fairies, and Titania, his queen, whose own rivalry and mischief fuel the enchantments that alter the lives of those around them. Love, illusion, and magic twist together in a night where anything is possible.

The element of surprise will be a delight for all to savour, so enjoy but a furtive glance of what is in store...

Set in five acts, **A Midsummer Nights' Dream** afternoon tea will be full of enchantment, surprise and satisfaction. Devour delights such as **Thyme Roasted Chicken & Apricot Mayo in Caraway Bread**, **Orange-zested Ricotta & Louisa Cucumber in Beetroot Bread**, **Dark Chocolate Heart** with tropical notes, mirroring love's twists, **A Deep Tart of Berries**, evoking love's eternal sorrow and a **Medley of Scones**, where flavours shift like lovers in the night. To see is to believe.

Sample **Puck's Mischief** an ode to the wickedly mischievous sprite. Just like Puck, this drink has a trick up its sleeve. **The Elixir of Enchantment**; take a sip and let

midsummer's dream take hold with this signature tea blend. Green tea, light as fairy wings, entwines with mulberry's earthy whisper, finished with a tease of cranberries and lingonberries.

Kona will be transformed into an enchanted forest with whimsical flourishes throughout the restaurant and intrinsically designed bespoke crockery. A Midsummer Night's Dream afternoon tea is available from 25th April (Friday to Sunday in Kona with seatings at 12pm and 2pm). Vegetarian and vegan versions of the tea are also available. Gift vouchers will be available from 24th April from the below website, the ideal gift for any sweet tooth.

#Midsummerafternoontea

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Notes to Editors:

Kona is situated in Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences, a five-star hotel situated a stone's throw away from Buckingham Palace. When writing about the hotel please always include the full name: **Kona, Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences**.

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