A Basket of House-Baked Scones & Tea Breads
Freshly Brewed Tea & Traditional Accompaniments

Creminelli Prosciutto on Croissant
Triple Cream Brie, Apricot Jam
Fresh Basil

Wild Salmon Conserva on Olive Filone
Preserved Lemon, Capers

Grilled Vegetable Panini with Basil Hummus
on Gluten-Free Toast

Hot Selection

Summer Corn & Tomato Sformato
Parmesan, Chives

House Roasted Turkey Melt on Sourdough
Hardwood Smoked Bacon, Cheddar
Avocado Aioli

Dessert
Mrs. Garrett’s Carrot Cake
Chocolate Mini Mousse Cone
Summer Fruit Tartlet

$39 per person
Plus tax and 18% service charge
Frequently Asked Questions

What is Tea by the Sea? Tea by the Sea was inspired by the Getty Villa’s authentically recreated first-century Roman gardens — and by visitors’ fond memories of the beloved Tea Room, which closed in 1997. For $39 per person (other amenities extra, tax and service charge excluded), one can recreate that experience by being a guest in our Founder’s Room and enjoying our special twist on a “Mediterranean Tea”. Following the tea, the guests may join a docent led, culinary-inspired garden tour that begins at 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays.

How much does Tea by the Sea cost? Tea by the Sea costs $39.00 per person, plus sales tax and service charge.

What does the per person cost for Tea by the Sea include? The Tea by the Sea menu will vary by season and as the Herb Garden at the Getty Villa changes, so will the menu. Menu items include tea, baked goods such as scones, muffins and tea breads, salads, tea sandwiches, domestic cheeses with dried and fresh fruits, as well as desserts.

What does the per person cost for Tea by the Sea not include? The per-person cost does not include additional beverages (i.e. assorted sodas, coffee, decaf coffee, wine, beer, juices, milk) nor does it include service charge or tax. It also does not include parking, which is $15.00.

Please tell me more about the tour. The culinary-inspired garden tour begins at 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The tour was specially designed by our Getty Villa Education Department to highlight the wonderful things grown at the Getty Villa Herb Garden and the different ways they may have been used in ancient cuisine and everyday life.

When do you offer Tea by the Sea? We currently offer Tea by the Sea every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and every Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Will you be offering Tea by the Sea on any other days of the week? Tea by the Sea is only offered on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Can I make a reservation over the phone? To make a reservation for Tea by the Sea, please contact us by phone at 1-800-369-3059, by e-mail at bonappetitreservations@getty.edu or through OpenTable. If we do not contact you within 24 hours after your message, please contact Fernando Cayanan at 310-440-6974 or email at fcayanan@getty.edu.

Can I make a reservation for my large group? Due to high demands, Tea by the Sea can accommodate parties of up to 8 people maximum. If you would like more information on reserving the Founder’s Room, please contact the Getty Events team at 310-440-6900 ext. 7373.

Do I need to obtain separate tickets to the Villa to enjoy Tea by the Sea? No. Your reservation for Tea by the Sea also serves as your general admission ticket. You may continue to visit the museum after you have attended the tea. The Getty Villa is open from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. every day, except Tuesday.

How much does parking cost? Parking is $15.00 per car. You may arrive by car, public bus (please have the driver punch your ticket), taxi, or motorcycle. No walk-ins are permitted.

I have food allergies. What can I eat at Tea by the Sea? We are able to accommodate some food allergies, but not all. Please inform Bon Appetit of any food allergies when placing your reservation.

Can I bring children to Tea by the Sea? Yes, you may bring children to Tea by the Sea. We have a special menu for children under (8) years old, which includes hot chocolate, sandwiches and dessert.

How much does the Children's Tea by the Sea cost? Children’s Tea by the Sea is $27.00, not including sales tax and service charge.