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A right royal party

Fancy afternoon tea with a jubilee twist? We've found the perfect place...

London will be in the spotlight next month as the Queen celebrates her diamond jubilee. And the new afternoon tea menu at the InterContinental London Park Lane is an elegant way to join in the festivities.

The hotel's Wellington Lounge recently launched the Royal Tea and Botanical Tea menus. With a range of tea, open sandwiches and pastries on offer, it's the ideal venue for lunch with a friend or a business meeting with a client.

The Royal Tea menu pays homage to a regal heritage. The hotel occupies the site of the Queen's former family home before she moved to Buckingham Palace in 1937.

The tea is served with a gin and Dubonnet apéritif, reputed to be the monarch's favourite drink. It's the ideal tippie for washing down the delicious food, which includes honey-roasted ham with English mustard, Scottish lobster with shrimps and sevruga caviar, followed by

Queen Victoria sponge with cream and strawberry jelly.

If you fancy something more adventurous try the Botanical Tea – smoked eel, horseradish and cucumber sandwiches, and nettle-marinated asparagus rolled in sirloin of beef. Warm scones are served with quince preserve and clotted cream, and the desserts include a refreshing green-tea bavarois with red peach jelly.

Afternoon tea costs £35 per person. For more information visit www.ichotelsgroup.com



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