

Top 10 facts about tea

TODAY is International Tea Day, first celebrated in 2005 by tea-producing countries but now spread to tea-drinking countries worldwide.

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1. According to legend, tea was discovered by the Chinese emperor Shen Nung in 2737 BC.
2. Tomorrow's date also has great significance for tea. On December 16, 1773, colonists in America protested against the British Tea Act by throwing a shipment of tea into Boston Harbour.

3. More tea is drunk in Turkey per person than any other country. Morocco, Ireland, Mauritania and the UK come next.



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4. In 2015, more tea was exported from Kenya than any other country. China came next.

5. Since 1998, the British have spent more on coffee than on tea.

6. Official figures reported an estimated 37 people injured by tea cosies in the UK in 1999.



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7. 98 per cent of the British put milk in their tea; 30 per cent add sugar. 8. Around 165 million cups of tea are drunk in Britain every day.

9. “Tea, although an Oriental, Is a gentleman at least; Cocoa is a cad and coward, Cocoa is a vulgar beast.” (GK Chesterton)

10. The European Patent Office lists 19 inventions to produce better tea cosies.

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