

A 'potted' history of coffee

The story of how coffee became one of the world's most popular drinks is shrouded in mystery. It is thought that the coffee tree originated in the area of Africa known today as Ethiopia. There is no real evidence to show when, or how, it was first discovered that a rich and stimulating brew could be made from the bean, but it is thought that native tribes-people may have first chewed coffee beans as food.

A mocha in Mecca

By the sixteenth century, coffee was being grown in Persia, Egypt, Syria and Turkey. Its popularity was probably due, in part, to the fact that Muslims, forbidden alcohol by the Koran, found coffee to be an acceptable substitute. The first coffee houses were opened in Mecca, and with thousands of pilgrims visiting the holy city each year, word of the 'Wine of Araby', as the drink was often called, began to spread far beyond Arabia.

East to West

Venetian traders first brought coffee to Europe in 1615. The growth of popular coffee houses, which became favourite meeting places for both social and business purposes, spread from the mid-17th century to other European countries including Austria, France, Germany, Holland and England.

Café culture

In Britain, the first coffee house opened in Oxford in 1651 and by 1700 there were 3,000 in London. Every upper middle class man went to his coffee house daily to learn the latest news. Edward Lloyd's Coffee House (founded in 1668), attracted seafarers and merchants and eventually became Lloyd's of London, the world-famous insurers. Similarly, Jonathon's Coffee House became the London Stock Exchange. Coffee drinking spread to the colonies and was indeed taken to Virginia, USA, but it would not have become so popular in America had it not been for the Boston Tea Party. Americans turned their backs on Britain and tea, and instead adopted coffee as their national beverage.



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Welcome to The Tower Coffee Company, situated directly beneath the world famous Blackpool Tower on the UK's favourite promenade.

Blackpool's newest coffee house is here to tempt you with a varied selection of tasty food and delicious drinks available all day long, to enjoy in the comfort of our relaxing surroundings or to takeaway.



Espresso Regular £1.30
Short, strong, sweet and black: just what you need to start the day and perfect after a meal.

Double Espresso Regular £1.75
A double shot of espresso: twice the strength for an extra kick.

Americano Regular £1.65 Large £1.95
Espresso with hot water: a longer coffee with an espresso taste.

Cappuccino Regular £1.65 Large £1.95
Espresso topped with steamed, frothed milk and a sprinkling of chocolate: breakfast coffee you can enjoy all day.

Mocha Regular £1.65 Large £1.95
Espresso with chocolate, topped with steamed, frothed milk and a sprinkling of chocolate: spoil yourself with the ultimate coffee indulgence.

Caffè Latte Regular £1.65 Large £1.95
Espresso with steamed milk: plenty of milk and lots of flavour.

Macchiato Regular £1.65 Large £1.95
Espresso with a dash of frothed milk: A smoother flavour with all the taste.

Freshly Brewed Coffee Regular £1.45 Large £1.75

Pot of freshly brewed Tea for one £1.35

Hot Chocolate Regular £1.65 Large £1.95

Hot Chocolate Deluxe Large £2.45
Delicious hot chocolate topped with freshly whipped cream, mini marshmallows and a sprinkle of chocolate.

Wide range of cold beverages also available

The Tower Tiffin £5.30
Sandwich, scone with jam and cream served with tea or filter coffee.

The Tower Treat £2.75
Scone with jam and cream served with tea or filter coffee.

Soup of the Day £1.75
Served with freshly baked roll & butter.

Jacket Potato with Butter £1.95
Choice of filling: cheese, tuna mayo or coleslaw. 75p

Ham & Cheese Panier £1.95

Vegetable Lattice £1.95

Selection of sandwiches from £2.75

Selection of Cakes from £1.95

Selection of Pastries from £1.20

Selection of Muffins £1.65

Scone and Butter £1.10
Jam or Clotted Cream 25p

Chocolate Chip Cookies 95p

Selection of Croissants £1.20

Toasted Teacake £1.10

Slice of Toast with Jam & Butter 55p