

## 11 best tea subscription boxes: Get brews delivered straight to your door

Choose from herbal, vegan, caffeine-free, fruit blends and more



We looked for taste, the brands' eco-credentials, how easy it is to control the subscription, and the packaging (*The Independent*)

Coffee may well be the most popular drink around the world, but in the UK, good old tea still reigns supreme. More than a million cups are drunk daily, but tea is no longer just builder-style.

If you're a true tea lover, a subscription is a must. It can open your mind up to a whole new world of tea drinking – delivered straight to your door.

From traditional black and herbal teas to fruit teas and kombucha, some brands offer various types so you can try a new blend every month. Most also favour loose tea leaves, which not only allows the leaves to move around more, giving a fuller and fresher flavour, but makes everything a bit more eco-friendly, too.

Not sure where to start? Before signing up to a subscription, you'll usually be asked to answer a few questions so brands can get to know your preferred tastes, brewing method, and how much you drink before matching you up to the ideal plan.

When it comes to frequency, some brands allow you to order a one-off box. It's often possible to save money by taking out a long-term plan, or you can leave it as a rolling subscription in case you change your mind. Tea subscription boxes can also make great gifts if you're trying to find the perfect birthday or pick-me-up present, as we all need some of that.

To decide our final list, we didn't just taste every tea on offer but we also looked at the brands' eco credentials, how easy it is to be in control of the subscription, and how impressive the packaging is.

It isn't an exhaustive list of all the brands out there, but there's such variation that you're bound to find one you love. All you need to do is put the kettle on.

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The Tea Journey monthly subscription gives you a trio of teas which are sure to satisfy your wanderlust. But the journey doesn't just stop at what you put in your cup – you will also receive downloadable recipes, brew guides, detailed tea info and more through your online dashboard, which gives a real "member of something" feel. There is also a monthly "teany habit" to practice from its "tea in mind concept" – empowering you to pause, rebalance, and create a calming space for your mind, which we all need right now. Its Positivitea blend is a brilliant balance of green tea with hints of pink peppercorn, white tea and berries, which means some often bittersweet and vegetal tones of green tea are more subtle, but the white peach was our standout, packed with a naturally sweet, fruity flavour and perfect for any time of day.

Eteaket is proud of its plastic-free packaging, with both the loose-leaf tea and teabags. The bags use Natureflex, which is biodegradable and heat-sealed so the tea leaves are secured inside. If you want to travel the world from your

couch at the moment, it is the ideal way (and the handy letterbox-friendly envelope means you don't even have to leave your couch when the delivery man drops it off). You get free UK delivery, and can also send it anywhere in the world. Lastly, if you buy it as a gift, there are even instructions on how to ensure your recipient doesn't find out until it arrives at their door.

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