

THE WEDDING COLLECTION

by

DHARMSALA TEA COMPANY

Come, let us have some tea and continue to talk about happy things.

- *Chaim Potok*

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A word from our Chairman

Dharmasala evokes a genuine love for nature, the mountains, flowers, trees, birds, wild animals, art, spirituality, wellness and of course, tea. For over 150 years, the tea planters of Kangra Valley have left an indelible imprint on tea-making history, starting from the European planters in the 1850s to today when the young generation, often the 5th or 6th generation of Indian planters, is brimming with ideas on how to innovate in the field of tea-making.

Even as we constantly innovate and invent, our philosophy in tea making has remained the same, however: retain the beauty of fine, hand-crafted teas by understanding, loving and respecting the tea bushes where it all starts. Blending the knowledge of tea planting and making our family has accumulated over the generations with a deep understanding of the role tea can play in the lives of tea drinkers is at the heart of what we do.

We are excited about what the future holds for tea, and what tea holds for our future.

Gurmit S. Mann
5th Generation Tea Planter
Dharmasala Tea Company



Tea at Dharmsala

In 1882, our great-great grandparents came to Dharmsala and immediately fell in love with the beautiful, lush green tea slopes and the majestic, snow-capped Himalayan peaks. That year, when they founded The Dharmsala Tea Company, the Kangra District Gazette described the tea as 'superior to that produced in any other part of India'.

Kangra Valley is as lush, beautiful and naturally endowed today as it was when George Barnes wrote in his *Report on Settlements in the District of Kangra* in 1855:

I know no spot in the Himalayah which, for beauty or grandeur, can be compared with the Kangra Valley and these overshadowing hills. No scenery, in my opinion, presents such sublime and delightful contrasts. Below lies the plain, a picture of rural loveliness and repose. The surface is covered with the richest cultivation, irrigated by streams which descend from perennial snows, and interspersed with homesteads buried in the midst of groves and fruit trees. Turning from this scene of peaceful beauty, the stern and majestic hills confront us. Their sides are furrowed with precipitous water-courses; forests of oaks clothe their flanks, and higher up, give place to gloomy and funereal pines. Above all, are wastes of snow, or pyramidal masses of granite, too perpendicular for the snow to rest on.



With such subliminal beauty and peace surrounding our tea gardens in Dharmsala, we have worked hard to ensure that over the decades, our tea remains evocative of our core values of simplicity, naturalness, purity, love, and sustainability.

Today, Dharmsala tea is about so much more than just tea. It's advocating a way of life. Culture, philosophy, art, health, friends and nature intersect in Dharmsala, a place that inspires and moulds our values, a place with which our family has been associated for over 135 years. We want to embrace modernity, but not lose what's precious from our past. We want to advance, but not at a pace that adversely affects our health. We want to evolve, but not lose sight of the values that keep us grounded. Its balance that we seek.

In all the rushed madness of today's world, we want our teas to transport you to Dharmsala, a place of peace, calm, and tranquility. So come, take this journey with us.



The Tradition Collection.

An invitation to journey through time and beyond time.

Inspired by the legendary traditions of Indian weddings, our Tradition Collection suggests both a celebration of the rich traditions of our culture and a vision of the future. Aptly reconciling established and modern, contemporary styling of Indian weddings, the teas in this collection are a product of flawless craftsmanship instituted over a century ago. Each leaf from our tea bushes has been finely and gently plucked by our pluckers, and then hand-crafted meticulously to create masterful blends. In the process, our teas deftly capture the innermost spirit of Dharmsala.

Our Tradition Collection for weddings revolves around traditional Indian elements – rose (*gulab*), marigold (*genda*) and jasmine (*mogra* or *kaliyan*) and spices, herbs and dry fruits such as holy basil (*tulsi*), turmeric (*haldi*), saffron (*kesar*), cardamom (*elaichi*), and almonds (*badam*) – and weaves intricate, beautiful, handcrafted blends out of them.

We know weddings are a special occasion, and more importantly, a deeply personal milestone. It's a celebration and coming together of people, friends, and families. And so we offer the brides and grooms-to-be a set of customised tea blends that can be packaged in personalized designs to celebrate the uniqueness of their life stories, their relationships and their hopes and dreams for each other.





SAFFRON TEA

Our saffron tea is a warming blend of Kashmiri saffron and Kangra green tea. Grown in valleys neighboring each other, the green tea and the delicate strands of saffron come together to create a magical blend.

Ingredients: Kashmiri saffron, Kangra green tea

Available in tins of 25g and 50g, and pyramid tea bags

But indeed I would rather have nothing but
tea.

- *Jane Austen*



SAFFRON CARDAMOM TEA

Our saffron cardamom tea is an auspicious blend of Kashmiri saffron, pods of green cardamom and Kangra green tea. The complexity and fragrance of *elaichi* balanced with the strength of the flavour of *kesar* and the smooth citrus-y green tea makes for an intricately balanced and complementary blend. Its a partnership that is made to last.

Ingredients: Kashmiri saffron, Kangra green tea, green cardamom

Available in tins of 25g and 50g, and pyramid tea bags



KAHWA

The kahwa epitomizes the warmth of hospitality that tea is associated with in the Indian sub-continent and elsewhere. Our green tea has, for centuries, formed the base for the masterfully perfect kahwa prepared in Central Asia, Iran, Afghanistan and Kashmir. Freshly brewed kahwa, served with dry fruits, is as gracious a welcome as any to the guests at your wedding.

Ingredients: Kashmiri saffron, Kangra green tea, almonds, cardamom and cinnamon

Available in tins of 25g and 50g, and pyramid tea bags





ROSE TEA

Our rose tea is a calming blend of organic Bulgarian rose petals and our Kangra orthodox black tea. There is nothing more romantic than rose petals, and sipping on them together, we guarantee, will transport you to the mountains.

Ingredients: Rose Petals, Kangra black tea

Available in tins of 25g and 50g, and pyramid tea bags





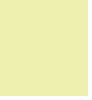
WHITE TEA WITH ROSE PETALS

A magnificent, delicate, floral blend, our silver needle white tea with organic rose petals is nothing short of a bouquet of beauty and love. Fragrant and sweet, this tea embodies the essence of a beautifully classic wedding.

Ingredients: Rose Petals, Silver needle white tea

Available in tins of 25g and 50g





JASMINE TEA

Our jasmine tea is a beautiful, aromatic blend of jasmine flowers and our hand-rolled oolong tea. Jasmine, also known as *mogra* and *kaliyan* in India, is a flower that brides often adorn themselves with. It also happens to be one of the best scented teas out there.

Ingredients: Jasmine flowers, hand-rolled oolong tea

Available in tins of 25g and 50g





MARIGOLD TEA

Our marigold tea is a bright, celebratory blend of marigold flowers and our hand-rolled oolong tea. Marigold, also known as *genda phool* in India is a flower so emblematic of Indian weddings and festivities that we couldn't possibly do without it in our collection.

Ingredients: Marigold flowers, hand-rolled oolong tea

Available in tins of 25g and 50g





VALLEY OF FLOWERS

Valley of Flowers, a magical valley in the Himalayas with meadows of alpine flowers, finds its way to our collection, obviously. A mix of carefully selected vibrant flowers add to the grace and vivacity of Indian weddings. Our Valley of Flowers blend is no different.

Ingredients: Rose Petals, Hibiscus flowers, Chamomile Flowers, Lavender, and Lemongrass

Available in tins of 25g and 50g, and pyramid tea bags





TULSI TEA

Holy basil (*tulsi*) is the central, sacred element of the ceremonial wedding, the *Tulsi Vivah*, in the ancient Hindu scriptures, signifying the end of the monsoon and the beginning of the wedding season. Considered the “Queen of Herbs”, *tulsi* also has great spiritual healing properties.

Ingredients: *Tulsi* (*Vana* & *Rama*), with the option of marigold flowers.

Available in tins of 25g and 50g, and pyramid tea bags

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