

Ted Grown in Europe



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in focus

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Welcome

A very warm welcome to our Tea Grown in Europe Association. With this leaflet, we would like to take you on a little tour and show you our ongoing tea-growing and -making projects. Some of these journeys are just beginning and very small-scale; others are several years old. Our gardens come in all shapes and sizes and are already making some beautiful, tasty teas.

We aim to grow and offer high-quality, single-estate teas across Europe, focusing on chemical free practices. Do get in touch with us to plan your tea tour across Europe and taste what European soil has to offer. We look forward to meeting you.

Best tea wishes from the President

Monica Griesbaum

March 2021

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Our tea gardens across Europe

The Tea Grown in Europe Association currently has tea-growing members in the Azores, France, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Jersey, Portugal, Scotland, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom.



About the association

Over the last 150 years, there have been a number of experiments in Europe growing the *Camellia sinensis* plant and making tea from it. Some early experiments can be found in Portugal and France. Tea plants across the world grow under diverse geographic and climatic conditions, and at least, parts of Europe are potentially suitable for tea growing.

As an association, we want to take this further and promote the growing of tea as an economic activity. Since 2016, the association continues to grow rapidly and includes a large number of projects and members.

The main aims of the association are:

- To support its members in developing know-how in growing, harvesting and processing techniques
- To utilise the best practices for environment-friendly cultivation, harvesting, and processing
- To develop of environment-friendly tourism on the sites where tea is cultivated
- For members to obtain National or European recognition labels (such as the French “AOC” or the European “PDO”)
- To protect vital botanic varieties relevant to the cultivation of tea in Europe, collected by the members

Current President: Monica Griesbaum

Former President: Denis Mazerolle

Secretary General: Lucas Ben-Moura

Treasurer: Nicolas Guyomarc'h

The association is composed of three types of members:

- Active members are directly involved in the domain covered by the association and contribute actively to its actions
- Subscribing members support the objectives of the association without contributing directly to its actions; they are involved in the decision process
- Honorary members are individuals acknowledged in the sector of tea

New members are very welcome. Application details can be found on our website. For more information, <http://tea-grown-in-europe.eu>.



The Azores

Agrarian Development Services of São Miguel

Clara Estrela Rego
tea maker

In the late 1980s, the Agrarian Development Services of São Miguel (S.D.A.S.M.) initiated the study of the adaptation of the *Camellia sinensis* var. *assamica* on the Azores, Portugal. Two small plantations, with roughly 0.4 hectares, are located on land owned by the Azores Regional Government. The plantation is maintained without use of synthetic fertilisers or pesticides.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in white tea. The tea is dried using solar energy and a dehydrator. The distinctive weather conditions of the Azores also contribute to the tea's unique characteristics. Teas can be tried on-site.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, please contact us to schedule your visit. We offer guided tours.

Temperature range: 4.9°C to +28°C

Growing season: April to October

Altitude: 263 m

Humidity: 83%

Average annual rainfall: 1,600 mm



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Filleule des Fées

Denis & Weizi Mazerolle

tea makers

Filleule des Fées is nestled in the gentle slopes of the Blavet River, a green link between the austere Brittany hinterland and the cheerful bays of its south coast. The tea garden is sheltered from the sea winds and often embedded in a favorable mist. The garden includes a diversity of tea bushes, obtained from cuttings taken from ancestral tea bushes acclimated to Brittany for over a century and far-east cultivars and bushes obtained from our own seeds garden. Our tea is finely plucked by hand, processed with traditional machines, and organic certified. We are currently extending our plantations to other areas of the Blavet Valley.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in green and black (red) tea. Our tea is sold in the limits of available quantity through our website or directly at our tea garden during public events.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, only during fixed times. Please see our website to schedule your visit.

Temperature range: -2.7°C to +23.1°C

Growing season: April to October

Altitude: 15 to 20 m

Humidity: +70%

Average annual rainfall: 950 mm

Trébihan, 56440 Languidic, Brittany, France
website: <http://filleule-des-fees.fr>





Les jardins de la Plantisserie

Raphaëlle and Emmanuel Duchene
tea makers

Les jardins de la Plantisserie is a 8,000 m² garden which grows ornamental and edible plants. Emmanuel is a pastry chef, and Raphaëlle is a trainer in natural gardening. The objective of this garden is to produce as much as possible for our pastries and the tea room. The first tea plant was planted in 2010. We have slowly continued to increase the number of tea plants, and the garden currently includes 70 tea plants from various seedlings. Our tea is cultivated naturally using agroecological and permaculture methods. The teas are also all hand picked and processed by hand.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in white, green, oolong, and black (red) tea. We currently do not sell our tea, but our teas can be tried at our tea room and in our pastries.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, please contact us to schedule your visit. We host special events and offer training courses.

Temperature range: -7°C to +37°C

Growing season: April to October

Altitude: 32 m

Humidity: 60 to 98%

Average annual rainfall: +1,000 mm



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Sainte-Marie Tea Garden

Thomas Bernardi

tea maker

Welcome to Sainte-Marie, in Treffieux! The garden is located in the moors, next to a 50-hectare pond, and is 45 kilometers north to the city of Nantes, which has been the host city for *Camellia japonica* (Japanese Camellia) for more than 200 years. Given the success of other *Camellia* species in the surrounding area, we hope to create a prosperous *Camellia sinensis* garden here. Sainte-Marie was started in 2017, and we planted the first tea plants in 2018. We currently have 3,000 plants and aim to reach 7,000 over the next two years. Our plants grow in an open and biodiverse orchard. We want to produce organic, handmade tea that highlights the unique landscape of the west side of France.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

Starting in 2022, we hope to make green tea and experiment with white and black (red) tea processing.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, please contact us to schedule your visit.

Temperature range: -8°C to +38°C

Growing season: April to October

Altitude: 30 m

Average annual rainfall: 800 mm

Sainte-Marie, 44170, Treffieux, France
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Germany

Tschanara Teagarden

Haeng Ok Kim and Wolfgang Bucher
tea makers

Established in 1999, the Tschanara Teagarden is situated on a shielded hillside in Odenthal-Scheuren, in the middle of the Bergische Land, Germany. Tschanara translates to “tea-land” in Korean. We have been experimenting with growing and processing 99% generative cultivars in our tea field and various unique species in our greenhouse (e.g. *C. sinensis* var. *pubilimba*, *C. sinensis* var. *assamica*, *C. kwangsiensis*, *C. pubescens*, *C. taliensis*, *C. ptilophylla*).

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in white, yellow, green, oolong, black (red), and dark tea. We currently do not sell our tea but some are available during select tasting events.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, please contact us to schedule your visit. Additionally, we offer tea seminars focused on green tea.

Temperature range: -13°C to +38°C

Growing season: May to September

Altitude: 213 m

Average annual rainfall: > 900 mm

Wirtsspezard 14, 51519, Odenthal-Scheuren, Germany
website: <https://tschanara-teagarden.de/>
facebook: Tschanara Teagarden



A close-up photograph of several young tea plants with green leaves growing out of a thick layer of dry, golden-brown straw mulch.

Germany

Wudang Daoist Tea Garden

Wenzhuo Liu

tea maker

Since 2017, the Wudang Daoist Tea Garden has started to plant tea plants grown from seeds harvested from the Wudang Mountains in Hubei Province, China. In the years to come, we hope to transplant our experimental field and hundreds of tea plants in pots to bigger fields as they grow more. We aim to build a mountain tea garden and a Daoist temple beside the garden. We hope to share Daoist tea philosophy and our passion for Wudang Daoist tea, art, and culture across Europe. We also hope to continue to make and share tea for many years.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in white, green, black (red), and dark tea. As we become more established, we hope to produce and process tea in Germany in the future. The teas can be tried and purchased directly from the tea garden.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, please contact us to schedule your visit.

Temperature range: -12.6°C to $+37.7^{\circ}\text{C}$

Growing season: May to September

Altitude: 95 to 125 m

Average annual rainfall: 500 mm

Immsenstr. 22, 31061, Germany

website: www.liu-tea-art.com

facebook: Liu-Tea&Art

instagram: @liu_tea.art





Italy

Il Giardino del tè

Andrea Corneo

tea maker

The tea garden is located in the "Golden Camellia" Nursery, which specialises in growing camellias. The tea garden is also part of an educational farming project aiming to grow an interest for camellias and tea culture.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in white and green tea. Limited product is sold on-site and during tasting events.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, the nursery and garden are open to the public for guided tours where tea cultivation and processing techniques are explained, and our tea is served.

Temperature range: -2°C to +34°C

Growing season: mid-April to June

Altitude: 350 m

Humidity: 50 to 87%

Average annual rainfall: 1,600 mm

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facebook: La camelia doro
instagram: @lacameliiadoro





Italy

Piantagione Livio Zacchera

Paolo Zacchera and Luca Cuffaro
tea makers

In our area, camellia and tea plants grow wild from seeds. We are in the flat area of an alpine valley in a natural protected area, bordering a WWF reservation, Bosco Tenso, and the Parco Nazionale della Val Grande, the largest Italian wildlife park. Camellias have been grown here for over 200 years, and we wanted to start our tea growing project with five growers to increase awareness for tea. We even won a Chinese award for the best non-Chinese fine tea.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in green and black (red) tea. Limited product will be sold online.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, please contact us to schedule your visit. We hope to open to tourists in May.

Temperature range: 6°C to 23°C

Growing season: April to October

Altitude: 200 m

Humidity: 80%

Average annual rainfall: 1,000 mm

Premosello Chiovenda, via Milano, Italy
website: www.compagniadellago.com





Jersey Fine Tea

Alicia Gentili

tea maker

Jersey Fine Tea currently has five acres of plants, spread across three gardens in various locations around the island. We started planting in 2017 and continue to plant more every year with a mixture of starts and seedlings. Our teas are all hand-picked and processed by hand or using small scale orthodox machinery.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in white, green, and black (red) tea. Teas can be purchased through our website.

Is the garden open for visits?

Not yet, we aim to be open for more organised agritourism in the future. Anyone that would want to see the operation is welcome now and can contact us via email at hello@jerseyfinetea.com.

Temperature range: 4°C to 20°C

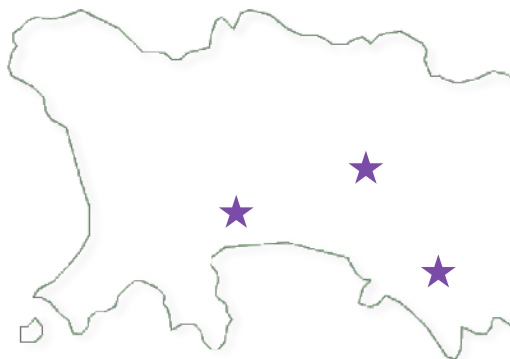
Growing season: April to September

Altitude: 54 m to 128 m

Humidity: +78 to +93%

Average annual rainfall: +865 mm

Jersey, Channel Islands, United Kingdom
website: www.jerseyfinetea.com
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instagram: [@jerseyfinetea](https://www.instagram.com/jerseyfinetea)





The Netherlands

Het Zuyderblad

Linda Cebrian-Rampen

tea maker

Het Zuyderblad is part of a small farm in the South of Holland. Three tea gardens make up one hectare of this small farm, which grows asparagus and strawberries and raises small animals. Since 2014, the gardens have focused on organic farming and creating unique biodiversity. Our teas are handpicked and processed by hand or using small-scale orthodox machinery. We also focus on tea-tourism and organise tours, tasting events, lectures, workshops, and dinners on the plantation.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in green, black (red), and experimental white tea. Teas can be purchased through our website.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, for activities and tours please see our website.

Temperature range: -7°C to $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$

Growing season: April to September

Altitude: 29 m

Humidity: +40 to 70%

Average annual rainfall: 850 mm

De Branten 12, 6027 NL, Soerendonk, The Netherlands

website: www.hetzuyderblad.nl

facebook: Het Zuyderblad

instagram: @het_zuyderblad





Portugal

Chá Camélia

Nina Gruntkowski and Erika Kobayashi

tea makers

Chá Camélia was born from our dream of producing tea in Northern Portugal. We started this adventure in 2011, with 200 tea trees in our garden in Porto. Three years later, they were taken to a farm in Fornelo (Vila do Conde). Today, we have 12,000 plants that occupy one hectare of land, where we use organic principles and a biodynamic spirit. We want to create a sustainable cycle where everything we use on the land comes from the land. Our mission is to produce our own tea and to share our passion for and knowledge of the complex world of tea.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in organic green tea. Teas can be tried and purchased on-site or online.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, please contact us to schedule your visit. We offer guided tours.

Temperature range: 2°C to 35°C

Growing season: March to October

Altitude: 90 m

Humidity: 80%

Average annual rainfall: 1,300 mm

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instagram: [@_chacamelia_](https://www.instagram.com/_chacamelia_)





Windy Hollow Farm

Monica Griesbaum

tea maker

Windy Hollow is a 24-acre piece of Perthshire with tea garden and a strong focus on biodiversity, natural farming, and rewilding. Our tea plants grow naturally and are not pruned. Our focus is on handcrafted tea with organic accreditation, tea visits, and tea classes.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in green (GreenWander), black (BlackGold), and experimental aged tea. The teas can be tried and purchased directly from the tea garden.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, only during the growing season (May to August). Please contact us to schedule your visit.

Temperature range: -8°C to +25°C

Growing season: May to August

Altitude: 80 m

Humidity: 80%

Average annual rainfall: 700 mm

Windy Hollow, Trinity Gask, By Auchterarder, Perthshire PH3 1LL, Scotland

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twitter: [@windyhollowscot](https://twitter.com/windyhollowscot)





Casa del Tè Monte Verità

Tobias and Corinne Denzler

tea makers

In 2006, the project "Tea Culture" on Monte Verità was launched as one of the first tea gardens on the European mainland with about 1,400 *Camellia sinensis* saplings, originating from Italy and Japan. The tea garden design was inspired by Japanese culture and includes a Japanese zen garden and a pavilion. An existing house of the Monte Verità Foundation, was also redesigned into a Japanese tea house, where different tea specialties can be enjoyed and purchased. The tea garden is used for educational demonstrations and school tours for the public in and around Switzerland. Since around 2010, the tea plants have been harvested regularly and processed into green and black tea.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in green and black (red) tea. Teas can be tried and purchased on-site.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, for opening hours and guided tours please see our website.

Temperature range: -2°C to +34°C

Growing season: April to September

Dormancy length: 6 months

Altitude: 320 m

Humidity: 50-80%

Average annual rainfall: 1,200 mm

Casa del Té Monte Verità, Via Collina 84, CH-6612 Ascona, Switzerland
website: www.casa-del-te.ch





Ukraine

Zhornina Tea Plantation

Maksym Malyhin

tea maker

Zhornina (Red Mountain) Tea Plantation is a 3,5-acre piece of the Transcarpathian region. The plantation is part of the remains of a large Soviet experimental agricultural tea station, founded in 1949. The site was abandoned in 2000 and partially rebuilt in 2019. The tea plants are very resilient and have survived frosts of -27°C degrees and are currently organic.

What teas do you make, and where can your tea be tried or purchased?

We specialise in experimental batches of green, dark oolong, black (red) tea. Currently, we do not sell our tea.

Is the garden open for visits?

Yes, please contact us to schedule your visit. We offer guided tours.

Temperature range: -19°C to $+33^{\circ}\text{C}$

Growing season: May to September

Altitude: 400 m

Humidity: 65 to 85%

Average annual rainfall: 500 mm

Mukachevo, Ukraine

facebook: "Червона гора - Гора Жорніна" Чай зростає в Україні!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wild.tea.in.ua/>





Come visit us

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Our members

Het Zuyderblad, The Netherlands (see pg. 14)

Name	Country	Company Represented
Zeno Apostolides *	South Africa	
Svetlana Bakunova	France	Domaine des Trouveurs
Lucas Ben-Moura	France	
Thomas Bernardi	France	
Shota / Giorgi Bitadze	Georgia	Georgian Organic Tea Producers Association
Wolfgang Bucher & Haeng Ok Kim	Germany	Tscha-Nara
Linda Cebrian-rampen	The Netherlands	Het ZuyderBlad, Theeplantage Soerendonk
Andrea Corneo	Italy	Azienda Agricola Orsola Poggi - "La Camelia d'Oro"
Tobias Denzler	Switzerland	Casa del Tè, Monte Verità
Raphaëlle / Emmanuel Duchene	France	Pouezevara Duchêne EIRL
Clara Estrela Rego	Portugal	Agrarian Development Services of São Miguel
Lydia Gautier	France	T Edition SAS
Alicia Gentili	United Kingdom	Jersey Fine Tea
Monica Griesbaum	United Kingdom	Windy Hollow Farm Ltd
Nina Gruntkowski & Dirk Niepoort	Portugal	Chá Camélia
Alain Guerder	France	
Nicolas Guyomarc'h	France	Nicolandes

* HM = Honorary Member



Our members

Zhorina Tea Plantation, Ukraine (see pg. 18)

Name	Country	Company Represented
Gilles Lacape	France	SCEA Handia-Baita
Wenzhuo Liu	Germany	Liu Tea & Art
Gaëlle Lyvinec	France	
Maksym Malyhin	Ukraine	
Baptiste Madec	France	
Denis Mazerolle	France	
Weizi Mazerolle	France	Filleule des Fées
Nigel Melican	Ireland	Teacraft Ltd
Gildas Moisan	France	
Mário Moura	Portugal	
Peter Oppliger *	Switzerland	
Daniel Pina Cabral	Portugal	Escola do Chá ® - Porto
Daniel Rozic	France	Pépinières de Judicarré
Michel Thevot	France	
Jean Thoby	France	Pépinière Botanique
Paolo Zacchera	Italy	

* HM = Honorary Member



Thank you

Agrarian Development Services of São Miguel, the Azores (see pg. 5)

As an association, we would like to send our deepest thank you and gratitude to all of the tea masters and tea people from traditional tea-producing countries and cultures who have helped us come this far. We have learned so much from you and your wonderful tea cultures that have existed and are flourishing over hundreds and thousands of years. We thank you for your kindness and sharing your tea knowledge and beautiful teas with us. We look forward to working together in the future.

This is also a much needed opportunity to thank the wonderful Denis Mazerolle, our former president. He worked very hard to establish the association and has been a major part of its steady growth and the gaining of knowledge and friendship among its members. Thank you, Denis, for your thoughtful work, sharing your knowledge and supporting other members with kindness. We wish you and your own tea project all the best and a flourishing future.

Cheers,

The Tea Grown in Europe Association

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