

Tea with Claire

US-based author, UK speaker, travel and relocation consultant



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Claire Evans is an author, former journalist, attorney, and college lecturer who started her love of most things British as she and her mother watched countless Britcoms on PBS. She studied abroad in London and, against the odds, she married a Brit she met in Peoria, Illinois. They lived in England for a number of years. Her business, Tea with Claire, grew from friends asking for travel advice. Her memoir, High Tea and the Low Down, is the true story of what it's really like to marry a witty Englishman and move to Britain.

January 22, 2024
11:00am

The Politics of Tea: The East India Company & British Tea Culture

For all its genteel connotations, the history of tea is steeped in espionage, rebellion, and the rise of an Empire. Join Claire Evans to explore the background of the most lucrative corporate venture the world has ever known and the product it brought to the West at any cost. With a nod to the popular "Bridgerton" series, learn how tea infused British society from top to bottom and what to expect should you ever find yourself at afternoon tea.

February 12, 2024
11:00am

High Tea and the Low Down: A Guide to Misunderstanding British English

One of the most shocking things Americans find when traveling in Britain is not just the wealth of regional accents, but the completely different terminology Brits use in our "common" language. Would you know what to do with an aubergine and a courgette? Is it possible to be scrummy while drinking scrumpy in the scrum? Would you ever want to name at UK linen store "Bed Bath and Beyond?" Chuckle while learning how to avoid Britspeak disaster on your next trip from Claire Evans, author of "High Tea and the Low Down: An American's Unfiltered Life in the UK."



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