

# Tea: The World's Green Gold



## History

### Did You Know?

- The discovery of tea dates back to 2737 BC when the Chinese Emperor Chen Nung was served boiled water into which tea leaves had accidentally fallen from a nearby tree in the forest on a hunting expedition.
- Tea was a privileged beverage enjoyed exclusively by the Royalty in China for many years, following this discovery.
- Processing of tea was exclusive to China until many years later they shared the techniques with Japan, their neighbour.

- All teas were hand-made and pan-dried as a domestic product until large commercial activity mechanised the production many years later.
- Black & Green Teas are both produced exclusively from the tender buds of the plant "Camellia Sinensis" with only the process of manufacture being different.
- China exported tea on Camel trains to Russia, which took three years to reach its destination.

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