



FIRST FLUSH FROM DARJEELING 2025

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EXQUISITE ORGANIC TEA SPECIALTIES FROM DARJEELING: FIRST FLUSH 2025

When the tea bushes start to sprout after the winter hiatus, the new tea season in Darjeeling begins. The first harvest period of the year (first flush) usually begins in early March. The end of the Holi festival serves as a guideline. After that, the very first, finest and most delicate leaves of the bushes are plucked. A limited portion of the fine spring teas are imported by air freight shortly after plucking. The so-called "airfreight teas" are distinguished by their harvest-fresh character and flowery flavor notes. Pre-order our special highlights from 2025 now!

DARJEELING SITUATION 2025

The short winter break in Darjeeling has come to an end and preparations for the coming harvest season are in full swing. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of this year's first flush teas and expect deliveries to arrive in early May.

The weather conditions are comparable to those of recent years. There has been a little more rain in some places, but not evenly distributed across all the gardens. Temperatures are currently hovering consistently between 6 and 13 °C. Our suppliers therefore expect regular plucking to begin at the end of March.

The political situation in Darjeeling remains tense. Last year, there were already isolated cases of unrest in the gardens due to outstanding bonus

payments. Elections are due next year in West Bengal and Assam, and the government has already announced a reform of the wage structure for pickers for this year. All of this is causing a certain amount of uncertainty among producers and has already resulted in price increases.

Our long-standing contacts have, however, enabled us to secure the first pluckings, which are only available for a very short time and are in high demand, at an early stage. Last year we were able to offer varieties from three new gardens, and now we are delighted to be able to add two more top-quality varieties to our range: Badamtam and Seeyok!



We're pleased to be able to offer you the following teas this year:

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Darjeeling FTGFOP1 Badamtam EX1/25 from organic cultivation

Characterised by the Rangeet and Majhitar rivers, lush green hills and an abundance of different bird and animal species, Badamtam offers breathtaking scenery. However, the first flush qualities of the garden, which is situated at an altitude of up to 1,800 metres, are also among the most sought-after on the world market and continuously gushed about in the industry.



09737
\$ 238.20/kg
PU 1 box of 2 kg

Darjeeling FTGFOP1 Seeyok DJ2/25 from organic cultivation

Seeyok has also convinced us to become part first flush assortment this year. Altitudes of 1,100 - 1,800 metres, a good mix of sun and rain as well as very nutrient-rich soils form the basis for a broad spectrum of unique tea qualities. The quality of the spring harvest is particularly impressive.



09729
\$ 221.30/kg
PU 1 box of 2 kg

Darjeeling FTGFOP1 Phuguri DJ1/25 from organic cultivation

We are delighted to be able to offer the very first batch of this excellent first flush tea that has been part of our classic Darjeeling catalog assortment for so long. Phuguri is located in the Mirik Valley and renowned for its extraordinary clonal qualities.



09727
\$ 186.20/kg
PU 1 box of 2 kg

Darjeeling SFTGFOP1 Victoria's Peak DJ1/25 from organic cultivation

Victoria's Peak is an independent section within the tea garden Steinthal, named after Queen Victoria. Only select tea shrubs are planted and cultivated in this rather small section. Only very limited amounts reach the export market!



09739-1
\$ 212.80/kg
PU 1 bag of 1 kg

Darjeeling SFTGFOP1 Steinthal EX1/25 from organic cultivation

Located at the foot of the Himalaya Mountains, this tea plantation was founded some 170 years ago by a German missionary and is, thus, one of the eldest tea plantations in Darjeeling. Finest organic teas are produced at altitudes of 1,100 – 2,000 m.



09738 -1
\$ 241.80/kg
PU 1 bag of 1 kg

