



VOLCANO FLOWER BURST (Artisan Handcrafted China Green Tea)



Country of Origin:	China
Region:	Yunnan Province
Shipping Port:	Shenzhen
Grade:	Artisan Handcrafted Tea
Altitude:	1500' – 3000' feet above sea level
Manufacture Type:	Handmade and hand tied.
Cup Characteristics:	Exceptional combination of hibiscus and premium green tea. Refreshing and cleansing reminiscent of light lemon.
Infusion:	Light with reddish hue.
Ingredients:	Luxury green tea, Amaranth, Hibiscus & Lavender blossoms.

Information:

If you happen to live in Yunnan's Tengchong County, you owe a debt of gratitude to the creator of this magical tea. Why? The County is home to Tengchong volcano, which last erupted during the Ming Dynasty in 1609. There was a lot going on at the time of the eruption. The emperor of the day was a man called Wanli whose rule ended up being the longest of any Ming Emperor, 48 years to be exact. The first Jesuit missionary, Matteo Ricci, moved to the country and was granted access to the Forbidden City. Wars were successfully being waged against the Mongols and Japanese. The famous Wanli Shipwreck occurred, scattering pottery all over the bottom of the ocean. Was the mythic power of the Volcano responsible for all these things? Perhaps.

One thing is certain: the mythical power of mighty Tengchong led to this tea. An artisan who lived near the volcano, feeling a tremor, decided to appease the universal forces in order to save his skin and his business. He wisely began working with what local produce was available, selecting the blooms of Amaranth, Hibiscus and Lavender, believing their roots in the region's volcanic soil would lend power to his creation. These he tied in with an exceptional, wiry leafed green tea grown in one of Yunnan's finest gardens. His technique was to tie the flowers in to the tea while it was still damp, so that as the leaves dried, the blooms would become trapped. The artisan believed that concealing the floral burst within the tea would spiritually represent his hope that the volcano's lava would be forever trapped within the mountain's rocky shell. And you know what? It worked. The Volcano has never erupted since. Experience the power of Tengchong volcano yourself. Brew a pot and see how its wonderful flavor changes your life. The cup is clean and delicate highlighted by grassy tones, floral notes and hints of lemon. At the very least we guarantee it will improve your day!

Hot tea brewing method: Place one ball in your teapot (ideally clear glass for maximum visual effect), and add boiling water. (Very hot or boiling water allows the ball to open, which allows you to see the art of tea better). Infuse until the ball is fully open, usually about 5 minutes. Watch the long leaves unfurl to reveal the hidden flower treasure. **Note:** Do not remove the leaves after infusing - contemplate life and enjoy a rare Chinese floral Tea. If you wish to have another cup of tea, simply pour more water on the leaves and infuse for another 1-3 minutes.

Iced tea-brewing method: Not generally consumed iced but if you do, (to make 1 qt/lit) Place 3 Volcano Flower Burst pods in a heat resistant pitcher. Add 1¼ cups freshly boiled water. Steep 5 min. Quarter fill a serving pitcher with ice water. Add steeped tea and fill with ice water. Garnish with 1 opened Volcano Flower Burst and sweeten to taste.