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WHAT'S NEW

TRANQUIL TEA LOUNGE

Loose leaf tea never looked so chic. Mixing a traditional tea lounge ambiance with a trendy downtown flair, Tranquil Tea Lounge has blended serenity and simplicity into a hot new hangout. With the establishment of the locale more than two years in the making, owners Jonathan Munsayac and Michelle Phelps were focused on creating a fresh and innovative go-to destination. "We envisioned Tranquil Tea Lounge to be the alternative to the bar scene, coffeehouse and Victorian tea room in which locals can go to leave their stress behind the moment they walk through the door," says Phelps. Seamlessly collaborating their distinct tastes in style and design with their extensive backgrounds in food, special events and marketing, the brother and sister duo have made Tranquil Tea Lounge into a modern and versatile venue. Immersed in chocolate-toned décor and subtle shades of grey, guests are served with a

pristine presentation of their chosen tea selection, an introduction on how to garnish the best flavor from their choice along with a quick overview of the tea's benefits and history. Expanding on the idea of educating and entertaining customers the lounge offers monthly tea tastings with three course demonstrations, tea and dessert pairings, live music and an intimate V.I.P. room for private events. Boasting a rich selection of more than 85 distinct loose leaf teas from around the world and fresh pastries is only the surface of what Tranquil Tea Lounge provides. From fun and healthy tea related retail accessories to back walls adorned with colorful canvases of original works for sale in support of local artists, find just your cup of tea among the one-of-a-kind aromas found at Downtown Fullerton's Tranquil Tea Lounge.

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