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TEA TIME, SOUTHLAND STYLE

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Tranquil Tea Lounge

106 W. Wilshire Ave.
Fullerton, CA 92832
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www.tranquiltealounge.com

Tranquil Tea Lounge, a great “alternative to a bar or coffee shop,” is owned by siblings Jonathan Munsayac and Michelle Phelps. They offer more than 95 varieties of specialty and organic loose leaf teas, including dishes, such as “smoky sundried tomato hummus infused with souchong tea served with a warm pita,” or a Margherita sandwich and salad “sprinkled with homemade white tea vinaigrette,” and white chocolate lavender scones. “Take a moment to rejuvenate from the daily stresses of life, socialize with friends and family while supporting a local business,” says Phelps. They also recommend their calming Matcha Float.



The Tea House on Los Rios

31731 Los Rios St.
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
(949) 443-3914
www.theteahouseonlosrios.com

Surround yourself with roses, while sipping on Ceylon black tea infused with vanilla and a hint of grenadine at **The Tea House on Los Rios**, a quaint 1911 cottage owned by Allan and Claudia Niccola. “From the moment our guests step into The Tea House, they are transported to another time and place – literally,” says Damian Orozco, GM. “We want our guests to have a truly magical experience when they visit us.” Victorian Tea features champagne, greens, soup, assorted finger sandwiches, raspberry scones and dessert. Bring a book for a quiet afternoon or have your wedding here.

BUBBLES



American Tea Room

401 N. Canon Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
(310) 271-7922
www.americantearoom.com

The luxury **American Tea Room** has reopened their Beverly Hills flagship shop. Visitors can drink and shop for tea at this sleek 2,400 square-foot contemporary space. More than 200 of the brand's rare and premium teas await you. CEO and Tea Master David Barenholtz selects the teas and "travels four times per year to meet with growers around the globe." Try the Earl Grey blends, foamy matcha, and sweets while shopping for unique tea ware.

Coral Tree Tea House

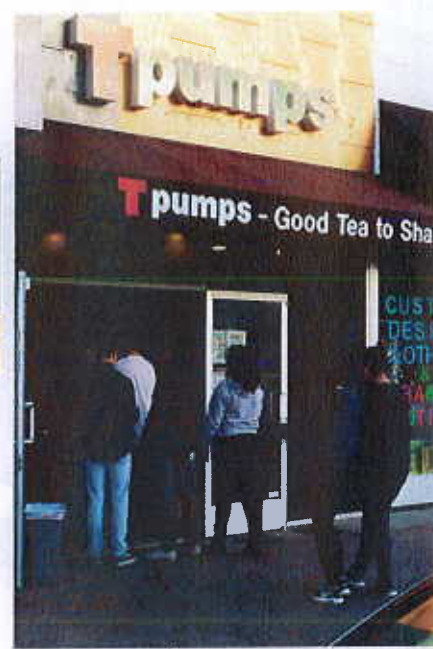
2490 Heritage Park Row
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 291-5464
www.coraltreeteahouse.com

Set in a picturesque 1887 Victorian mansion, Coral Tree Tea House is owned by Pamela and Blanche Catania. Delight in their Queen's High Tea or Afternoon Tea. Munch on warm savories, finger sandwiches, chocolate toffee scones, and scrumptious desserts, along with a steaming pot of their specialty black tea blend with chocolate and coconut. Stop by their gift shop showcasing jewelry, hats, and teapots. The Tea House is also haunted by the original proprietors, the McConaughy family. This is a perfect spot for your book club, bridal shower or séance. ☞



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tpumps
 524 S. Lake Ave.
 Pasadena, CA 91101
 (510) 398-8499
 www.tpumps.com



Started in the San Francisco Bay area in 2011, **tpumps** has six locations, including Pasadena. Usually catering to a line out the door, they follow a traditional brewing method, controlled temperature and timing for their loose leaf teas. Customers enjoy mixing them up like Rose Vanilla Jasmine Green Milk Tea - a "saffron ice cream taste." Grab a hot or cold cup of mango, peach and passion fruit tea to go or purchase to brew at home.



Tea-Upon-Chatsworth
 2180 Chatsworth Blvd.
 San Diego, CA 92107
 (619) 858-2848
 www.teauponchatsworth.com

"**Tea-Upon-Chatsworth** is like the country tea rooms throughout the United Kingdom," says owner Elizabeth Savage. "We cater to couples and families. The rest of the world drinks tea as a social affair for everyone - not just ladies." Expect a warm and cozy atmosphere, while marveling in their two-hour High Tea service on English Bone China. Not sure which of the 55 different tea varieties to choose? Step up to the Tea Sniffing Wall, before you order a pot. Two tea favorites are their Chatsworth House Blend of Assam, Ceylon and Darjeeling and the "silky, golden flavored" Monkey Picked Oolong. Enjoy alongside a scone, just like Savage's Irish grandmother used to make.

The Andersen's
 1106 State St.
 Santa Barbara, CA 93101
 (805) 962-5085
 www.andersensantabarbara.com

For over 40 years, **The Andersen's** has been a family-owned Santa Barbara institution. The Danish Bakery and Restaurant serves High Tea daily with "time honored charm and traditions." Teas offered are a mix of Tazo and Twinings. Tiers of High Tea includes scones, apple strudel, petite fours, cream pastries along with champagne and farm to flute mimosas. ❖

