

The Prince and I

Taylor Zakhar Perez talks about the fairy-tale romance in his new movie, *Red, White & Royal Blue*, based on Casey McQuiston's bestselling novel. **P.48**



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Unique High Tea Experiences Around the World

Whether you call it Afternoon Tea, High Tea or simply tea, getting dressed up and feasting on tiny sandwiches, flaky pastries and soothing hot beverages is an indulgence almost anyone can appreciate. Given the practice's inherently English roots, it's no surprise that, in 2013, the U.K. government established "Afternoon Tea Week," occurring the second full week of August. From Zimbabwean oolong to Middle Eastern Darjeeling to partaking in a traditional, matcha-based Japanese tea ceremony or sipping Ceylon in one of the New York City's finest hotels, savor a steaming cup at these spots that hold a bevy of fun, unusual quirks. —OLIVIA BAKER

Saturday Delight

Gin High Tea at the
Hyatt Regency Sydney
SYDNEY

On Saturdays, the Hyatt Regency Sydney transforms its lobby lounge bar into a space for an unparalleled afternoon tea experience. Unlike traditional spots, this experience packs an Australian twist—two included rounds of gin and tonics with a variety of botanical flavors, from elderflower to orange clementine. Accompany your buzz with a gin-infused scallop canapé and a cup of nutty-flavored, native Australian Wattleseed Breakfast tea. (See #10 on following spread)

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01

Steeped in History
Getty Villa
PACIFIC PALISADES, CALIFORNIA

Sip your Earl Grey in this charming, recreated Greco-Roman villa dedicated to the study of ancient civilizations that overlooks the Californian coastline. Stroll among 44,000 antiquities spanning almost 7,000 years, from the Stone Age to the end of the Roman Empire. Imbued with Mediterranean flavors, the tea experience has a wide-ranging menu and is noted for its carrot cake, a recipe perfected by the first museum director's wife, Jean Garrett.



03

'Rawther' Wonderful Teatime
The Plaza Children's Tea
NEW YORK CITY

Inspired by their most imaginative fictional guest, Eloise, the Plaza Hotel has curated a full Eloise experience. Stay overnight in her "pink, pink, pink" room. Enjoy the Palm Court's afternoon tea, where peanut butter and roseberry jelly sandwiches, whoopie pies and Shirley Temples abound. Then drop by the shop to buy an Eloise-inspired gift.



02

Mountain Spice
Boulder Dushanbe Teahouse
BOULDER, COLORADO

In 1983, Boulder and Dushanbe, Tajikistan, established sister-city ties. Dushanbe's mayor, with the help of 40 artisans, crafted an elaborately decorated, traditional Persian chaikhona teahouse. Artichoke purses and sweet and savory pastries suffuse the menu, but the real heart of this spot is its chai, which, as the owners put it, "warms the heart and soul."



04

Panoramic Party
Llao Llao Hotel and Resort
PATAGONIA, ARGENTINA

Peer at the vast, untamed Patagonian landscape of the Andes mountains through a glass-encased atrium while you luxuriate in the Winter Garden's afternoon tea. Expect exceptional service as you nibble on finger sandwiches, profiteroles, tarts and more—as well as vegan options—and then walk it off as you wander through the adjoining hillside gardens.



05

Artful Experience
Rosewood London
LONDON

In the spirit of Duchess Anna of Bedford, who is credited with its introduction in 1840, partake in a traditional British afternoon tea at the Rosewood's Mirror Room, but with an artful approach: Executive Chef Mark Perkins has crafted a pastry menu inspired by artist David Hockney's cubist creations (through November), collaborating with stylist Camilla Wordie's colorful, "Hockneyfied" set decor for an immersive experience. Previously featured artists include Salvador Dalí and Vincent van Gogh.



06

Le Thé de L'Après-Midi
Le Café Mulot
PARIS

While the Brits might have started afternoon tea, the French, meanwhile, created their own afternoon tradition of *le goûter*, a strictly sweet set of pastries accompanied by tea. Set in the quiet courtyard of writer and politician Victor Hugo's renovated home, Le Café Mulot offers romantic scenery with a menu of Kouglouf, macarons, coffee and chocolate éclairs and other delectable signature sweets thoughtfully fashioned by noted pastry-chef and owner, Fabien Rouillard.



07

Creamy Cascades
Stanley's Terrace
VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

When at Victoria Falls, stop at Stanley's Terrace at the five-star Victoria Falls Hotel. On its colonial patio you'll find cakes, tarts and finger sandwiches. Enjoy your choice of tea in a delicate china cup—rooibos and Assam black are favorites—and bask in the distant thundering of the falls just over the finely-manicured green lawns. Plus, keep watch for Big Game wandering by!

09

Zen Matcha
Kodai-Ji Temple
KYOTO, JAPAN

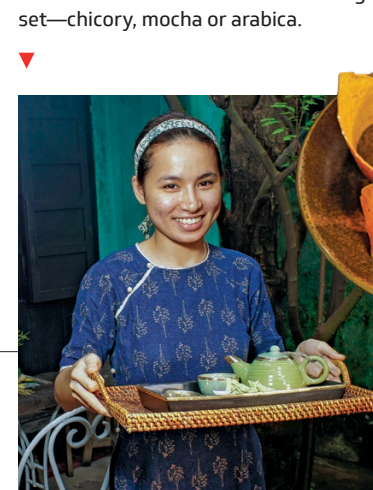
Tucked into the Zen gravel gardens on the east side of this quaint city is a 16th-century *chashitsu*, a Japanese teahouse, built on the principle of "wabi-cha" or "beautifully simple tea." In the sparsely decorated structure, engage in an hour-long Japanese tea ceremony, learning just how the matcha is grown and made, the history of the ceramics and the life and routines of a tea-master. Seal this relaxing tea experience with a final walk through a luscious bamboo grove.



08

Savor in Silence
Reaching Out Tea House
HOI AN, VIETNAM

Seek tranquility amidst the bustle of a town known for its tailor shops, banh mi and architecture in this teahouse run by staff with speech- and hearing-impairments. Savor Vietnamese tea service with a cookie-and-cake sampler along with your choice of a tea tasting set—oolong, jasmine or red lantern herbal—or a coffee tasting set—chicory, mocha or arabica.



09

Sip in the Sky
Virgin Atlantic Airways
WORLDWIDE ROUTES

As airliners move toward curating mindful experiences for passengers, it's no wonder that this flying brand—known for its retro aesthetic and flight attendants' bright red regalia—offers an afternoon tea for all passengers, from economy through upper class cabins. The "Mile High Tea," crafted by celebrity chef and pâtissier Eric Lanlard, eases your long-haul in the sky with creamy black tea and an assortment of scones.

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(See previous spread)



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