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TEA IN THE CITY: PARIS
TEA INFUSES PARISIAN LIFE LIKE NO OTHER EUROPEAN CITY

PERRYVILLE, Ky. – Look out, London! Paris is the latest city to become infused in the tea rage that is quickly spreading across the globe. Parisians began drinking tea 20 years before their friends across the channel and they continue to outpace the British in their love for beautiful and rare teas from exotic locations. The Brits may love their Earl Grey and PG Tips, but Parisians are brewing expensive oolongs, fruity tisanes and aged puerhs.

In Paris today, the selection of tea rooms and tea shops is unequalled. Many venues offer teas from just about every growing region or country in the world. And the variety of tea rooms reflects the mixture of influences that make Paris so colorful and interesting.

From the grand salons in the Place du Madeleine, where you might spy a poodle wearing a sweater and nibbling macarons in the arms of her owner, to offbeat bohemian tea rooms on the Left Bank, beautiful teas are matched with elegant pastries in settings that can only be described as “très bien!”

With French colonial history in Indo-China, it is not surprising to find so many Vietnamese and Chinese who have settled there. The Japanese, as well, seem to love the refined side of Paris life and have added their own style to create a fascinating fusion of Oriental and European design, tea and food. There are Russian links too, still evident in names that date back to the days when influential Russians spoke French and spent as much time in Paris as they did in St. Petersburg and Moscow.

So when you visit Paris, don't expect to only drink tea 'French style'. There are over one hundred tea rooms, tea salons and tea shops to explore. Discover the diversity of personality, the varying cultural influences and the international flavor of tea that continues to steep here. Pace yourself. Like any delicacy, “The City of Lights” should be savored in petite bites so that you don't satiate your appetite. Be careful to not overwhelm your senses, there will be more tea salons to see during a future visit. They've been doing tea here for 375 years, and you know it's only going to get better!

Book Description

This handy guide will allow you to visit Paris with *tea on your mind*. The 120 page book contains 100 listings of tea rooms, tea shops, museum teas, tea salons, hotel teas and cafe teas. The venues are arranged by arrondissement with maps and Metro stops included. You will find your way through the city like a pro. Plus, over 150 color photographs allow you to visit at home even if you can't travel there in person. Other volumes in the *Tea in the City* series feature New York and London.

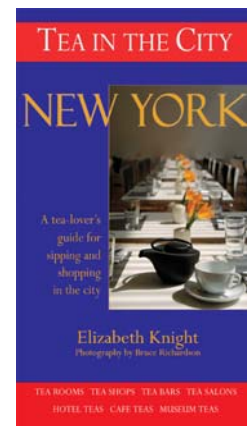
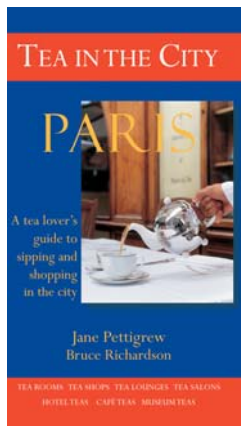
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