

# Holiday High Tea in the Valley

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December is the perfect time to enjoy holiday high tea with close family and friends. Here are a few of the best places to relax and celebrate over steeping cups and delicious hors d'oeuvres.

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## The Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix

If you have a few little ones that would enjoy an afternoon of tea and desserts along with the adults, make reservations for Teddy Bear Tea until Dec. 18. Tea time is between noon and 3 p.m. and children will get kid-friendly drinks and snacks while you enjoy traditional teas and snacks. Teddy Bear Tea is \$38, not including tax and gratuity. Call 602.468.0700 for reservations.

Yuletide Tea at the Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix takes place Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until Dec. 15 and every day between Dec. 20 to Dec. 30 (excluding Dec. 25 and 26). Tea time is from noon to 3 p.m.. This elegant event takes place in their beautiful seasonally decorated lounge. Tea is \$38 and Royal Tea is an extra \$15 fee if you would like to enjoy free-flowing sparkling wine. Reservations can be made at 602.468.0700.

## The Phoenician

The Phoenician has an award-winning traditional Afternoon Tea time with Full Tea and Grand Royale Tea. They also offer special Daddy-Daughter Tea times. Prices for traditional teas are between \$36 and \$45 with choices of courses of finger sandwiches, scones, pastries, and a menu of delicious teas. Call 480.423.2530 for table reservations.

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## Arizona Biltmore

Arizona Biltmore is a great venue for special holiday celebrations of all kinds. This year marks their 81st year of High Tea. A special menu was created especially for the holidays with eggnog, gingerbread, peppermint, chocolate and rum-flavored desserts—and many more. Tea times are at noon and 2 p.m. Call for reservations at 602.955.6600.

## Urban Tea Loft

Not necessarily a holiday tea event, but this contemporary tea room has tea, coffee, a bar, and a menu of soups, salads, and delicious paninis. You have to try this non-traditional hang-out in Downtown Chandler for a snack, quick drink or to buy your favorite teas. For the holidays, try Urban Tea Loft's Weekend Brunch or Afternoon Tea from 2 to 5 p.m.. Reservations are required. 480.786.9600.

## Narcisse Tea and Champagne Lounge

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This venue, also available to rent out for large events and special occasions, is a modern place to enjoy high tea in Scottsdale Quarter. It has a menu of different teas and savory treats, as well as brunch, Champagne and other specialized menus. Be sure to check hours and special event booking dates before you make your way down to your holiday high tea event. <http://www.narcisselounge.com/>.