Best Coffee & Tea

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Check out what local coffee and tea houses Arizona Foothills Editors rated the best.

The Teeter House



It is always tea time in this charming Phoenix bungalow, which was built in 1899. Take part in a tea ceremony where the brewed goodness is paired with everything from lemon curd to finger sandwiches.

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Drip Coffee Lounge



This contemporary Phoenix coffee lounge located next to Lisa G Cafe Wine Bar offers several reasons to linger: a slick retro setup, awesome art and most important, hot breakfasts, served at your leisure.

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Souvia



For premium loose-leaf teas and tisanes from around the globe, including organic and Fair Trade teas, head to one of two nearby Souvia locations. Souvia is also a great spot to pick up unique tea-inspired gift baskets and accessories.

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Mandala Tearoom



For your fill of tea, from oolong to chai, hop to this hip teahouse. Apart from a vast variety of teas and tonics, Mandala also serves up tasty vegan cuisine, such as tempeh lettuce wraps and a curry vermicelli-rice-noodle bowl.

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Jolta Java



Yes, the mochas are magnificent, but come for the quiche—several varieties are on mouthwatering display every morning at this neighborhood-style coffeehouse. The ambience will keep you there for longer than a quick bite. Art graces the walls; a TV and Internet station is available; and a shelf of engaging books stands ready to provide a good read.

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Lux Coffee Bar



This artsy Phoenix favorite adjacent to Pane Bianco pours the perfect cup for any coffeeholic. While you're there, get creative. Break out your laptop, admire the contemporary art that decks the walls and browse the eclectic coffee table magazines.

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Hava Java Camelback



Corridor coffee fiends, rejoice! This well-known neighborhood niche serves standout sippers. Plus, those who'd like some frozen fare to offset their steaming brew will love the fact it's adjacent to one of Phoenix's popular gelaterias, The Gelato Spot.

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Tea Dreams



Girls rule at Gilbert's new Tea Dreams. At this adorable tearoom/fashion boutique, enjoy one of the Valley's hippest high teas, devour white-chocolate-and-apricot scones (we dare you to eat just one) and shop for the hottest women's fashions all under one roof.

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Coffee Company & Wine Purveyors



With its astounding coffee and on-site roastery, this coffeehouse is a reader fave. Flavorful beans are the basis for some of the Valley's best brews. And the eclectic European-style interior provides a perfect place to relax while you caffeinate.

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