

TEA TIME



In honor of Fair Trade Month, we found these feel-good indulgences for serious tea lovers

1 DRESS IT UP

A cup, infuser, and lid create a pretty package that's perfect for tea—anytime, anywhere. Art of Tea's sustainable business practices include on-site composting (for the workplace garden), the use of reclaimed office furniture, and electronic billing. \$24; artoftea.com

2 TREASURE CHEST

The six-compartment Tree of Life Tea Box keeps your tea collection organized, and the snug lid keeps it fresh. \$64; tenthousandvillages.com

3 LEAFY TEA TOWEL

Spills are inevitable. Be prepared with colorful Autumn Leaf Tea Towels

made by artisans in southern India. \$23.50; agreatergift.org

4 BLOOMING BEAUTY

The Teaposity tea set comes with a glass teapot (perfect for showing off a tea blossom), bamboo trivet, tea blossoms, and two cups and saucers. Gaia offers carbon-neutral product shipping. \$80; gaiam.com

5 STRAIN WITHOUT PAIN

Mountain Rose Herbs' Celestial Tea Strainer solves the problems that mesh tea balls pose when they get old and misshapen. Plus, it's sturdy, fits most mugs, and sports a cute design. The company has a zero-waste policy. \$5.25; mountainroseherbs.com

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LOOSE-LEAF TREATS: VT editors brewed lots of pots of tea to select these fair-trade favorites.

1 A TASTE OF PARIS

Chinese black and oolong tea leaves are mixed with fresh vanilla, lavender flowers, and essence of bergamot in Tempest Tea's fragrant Paris blend. \$16/4 oz.; tempesttea.com

Classic is earthy, rich, and smooth. \$20/3.2 oz.; rishi-tea.com

3 PLEASING POMEGRANATE

White tea with an amazing pomegranate aroma and plenty of antioxidants. Arbor Teas uses paperboard canisters, which generate significantly less carbon emissions than steel containers. \$8.95/4 oz.; arbortea.com

ginger create a tasty chai treat. \$8/2 oz.; artoftea.com

5 JASMINE DELIGHT

The care taken with this pairing of organic whole-leaf green tea and fresh jasmine blossoms is evident in every glorious sip. \$11/3.5 oz.; choiceorganictea.com

2 AGED LIKE WINE

Pu-erh is a unique tea in that it is fermented and gets better with age. It's new to us at VT, but we loved it so much, we went back for more. Rishi's Pu-erh

4 SPICE IT UP

Organic rooibos with a kick. Added cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, and

6 REAL ORANGE IN THIS GREY

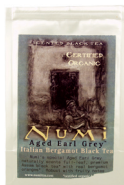
Aged black tea with Italian bergamots makes this a standout among Earl Grey blends. \$9.50/4 oz.; numitea.com



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