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Instead of the done to death movie-dinner date, try something different this Valentine's Day by going out for high tea; it's fun and reassuringly retro. If date night is a ritual you'd rather not forgo, try these places when the Valentine's Day rush has died down, and relax over a great cup of tea, a yum dessert and good company.

NEW DELHI

The Oberoi Patisserie and Delicatessen

For the ultimate tea date, leave it to the Oberoi's Patisserie and Delicatessen to excite both your eyes and taste buds. With its chic décor and endless selection of teas, cakes, chocolates and baked goods you'll find yourself basking in a culinary oasis fit for two.

The Oberoi Patisserie and Delicatessen, The Oberoi, Dr Zakir Hussain Marg, New Delhi. Tel: +91 11 24363030

Latitude Café

True to Good Earth's subtle yet ornate aesthetic, Latitude Café provides a warm ambience perfect for an afternoon tea. From sandwiches to desserts you won't be disappointed by the delicious menu and charm.

Latitude Café, 2nd floor, Good Earth Store, Khan Market, New Delhi. Tel: +91 11 24621013

Elma's Bakery

Perfect for a cozy afternoon tea party, this faux- antique tearoom will have you at hello with its quaint British décor and understated charm. Boasting an extensive hand selected tea menu – you can pair just about any tea with Elma's assortment of both sweet and savory dishes.

Elma's Bakery, Cakes and Tea Room, 24/1, First Floor, Middle Lane Hauz Khas Village, New Delhi. Tel: +91 11 26521020

MUMBAI

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The Table celebrates what Henry James meant when he said "There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea" with a delicious high tea spread. Choose from an array of tea pastries, warm scones and finger sandwiches and pair these treats with a warm cup of loose leaf tea (from the English Earl Grey to the exotic Kashmiri Kahwa) or a glass Moët & Chandon.

The Table, Kalash Peshi Bldg, CS Maharishi Marg, Apollo Bandar, Colaba, Mumbai. Tel: +91 22 2825000

Suzette

Along with buckwheat crepes that seem to be straight from Brittany, the three friends behind Suzette have brought another French exclusive to town - gourmet teas from Mariage Frères. Choose from oriental Marco Polo, French breakfast, green Vert Provence, spiced The à l'Opéra and Rouge Bourbon accompanied by a sweet or savoury crêpe.

Suzette, Ground floor, Atlanta Building, Nariman Point, Mumbai. Tel: +91 22 22880055

Debailleul Chocolatier & Patisserie

If you prefer classic green tea or masala chai; supplement it with some immaculately presented desserts. Debailleul has specials that include a Valentine's Day heart gateau, chocolates and a special set menu (pastries, tarts, macarons/pralines/ganaches, and ice-creams/sorbets).

Debailleul Chocolatier & Patisserie, Emca Sadan, Appasaheb Marathe Road, Prabhadevi, Mumbai. Tel: +91 9821983583

Cafe by the Beach

It doesn't get much more romantic than a beachside view. Cafe by the Beach is ideal if you're looking for a quick bite or light snack rather like sandwiches or salads than a full blown meal. Walk into this seaside joint at dusk, choose from their selection of infusion teas including roasted almond cherry, Moroccan mint, and rose and watch the sun go down.

Cafe by the Beach, H2O Water Complex, Chowpatty, Girgaon, Mumbai. Tel: +91 22 65650040
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