

HUGO TEA

BUCKTOWN, CHICAGO

This space is our love letter to tea.

Everything we do here is in the service of tea leaves.

The hallmark of that service is what we call "tea sessions".

Modeled on gong fu cha ("tea with effort"), we serve you tea with a modern take on traditional methods—the way it's been served to us in tea houses and on our partner farms across Asia.

For over a decade we've been direct-buying tea leaves from our friends across the producing regions of the world.

These are people we know—and each year, we make a point to visit them.

They're forward-thinking, sustainability-minded, and take enormous pride in their craft.

Here, we serve their best efforts to you with "yong xin"—using heart.

Your teatenders are experts.

They have an intimate understanding of tea, and are here to share their knowledge. Feel welcome to ask for recommendations; they will guide you with care.

Please read, chat, work—whatever you'd like—as we keep the tea flowing.

Thank you for supporting small tea producing families, and our vision of a fully transparent, accessible North American tea culture.





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SIT-DOWN SESSIONS

Wait to be seated—a teatender will be right with you.

INDIVIDUAL TEA SESSION 14

A personal gongfu session led by a teatender.
One tea—unlimited steeps.

add pairing plate, a curated selection of small bites +13

"tea switch" – swap tea and start new session +7

SHARED TEA SESSION

Flight of three gongfu sessions led by a teatender.

For two 48

For three 58

For four 68

*add pairing plate, a curated selection of small bites
(priced per person)* +13

COLD BREW FLIGHT 13

Flight of three teas, steeped overnight.

Students enjoy 10% off sit-down sessions.

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TO-GO MENU

Our limited seating is reserved for in-house sessions and private tastings only.

TEA hot 12 oz | iced 16 oz

LOOSE LEAF TEA

4.5

Whole leaf tea steeped fresh.
(See tea list below.)

MATCHA AMERICANO

5

Nagasaki matcha with water.

COLD BREW

5.50

Tea steeped overnight. Rotating selections.

TEA LATTES hot 12 oz | iced 16 oz

MATCHA

6.50

2.5 grams matcha whisked to order with milk.

HOUJICHA

6.50

Roasted green tea powder whisked to order with milk.

CHAI

6.50

House-steeped chai with milk.

ROSE

6.50

Whole roses steeped to order with milk.

MILK OPTIONS

| oat
| macadamia
| almond

SYRUP OPTIONS

| Maple



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TEA LIST

This is our current roster of teas and tisanes.

The lineup rotates with the seasons, reflecting the best efforts of our producers at the moment.

Choose one to start your session. Take your time—there's no rush.

Unsure? Ask your teatender for a recommendation.

Tap any tea for origin info, notes on production, and other details.

GREEN

- JASMINE BAI HAO** - Guangxi, China | white flowers, riesling grapes, soft
- SESSION LONGJING** - Xinchang, China | white rice, cashew milk, mellow
- KABUSE HOJICHA** - Uji, Japan | soba, butterscotch, toasted
- KYOBANCHA NAKAI** - Uji, Japan | campfire, burnt sugar, smoked

WHITE

- MA WEI MOONLIGHT** - Yunnan, China | gardenia, pancake syrup, viscous
- MA WEI NEEDLES** - Yunnan, China | agave nectar, ripe peach, thick
- PRATHAMA** - Phidim, Nepal | red plum, white flower, fresh

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- CHAMPAGNE LONG KOU** - Guangxi, China | rose water, fruit punch, juicy
- PANLAN QUE SHE** - Wuyi, China | ore, raisin, rocky
- PANLAN BEI DOU** - Yong'an, China | ruby chocolate, spring water, elegant

BLACK

- GAO WEN** - Yunnan, China | milk chocolate, tobacco, bold
- ZI RAN SMOKE** - Tongmu, China | pine smoke, date, coating
- HUGO GREY** - Yunnan, China | grapefruit pith, peat, vibrant
- ZI RAN RED** - Tongmu, China | raisin, mulling spices, full

TISANE

- UI'S BROWN RICE** - Uji, Japan | popcorn, breakfast cereal, toasted
- ROSE** - Anhui, China | red flowers, rosé, sweet
- CHRYS** - Wuyuan, China | honeycomb, sesame, medicinal
- FYN ROOIBOS** - Fynbos, South Africa | dried fig, vanilla pod, tea-like
- RAINIER** - Trout Lake, Washington | menthol, wintergreen, brisk
- BOUQUET** - Mixed | pollen, granny smith, lush
- TEA FLOWER** - Phidim, Nepal | red plum, white flower, fresh

MATCHA

- MATCHA SONOGI** - Nagasaki, Japan | mizuna, anko, brothy
- MATCHA WAZUKA** - Uji, Japan | wagashi, MSG, buttery

Take home your favorite teas and wares at the end of your tea session for 10% off.



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FOOD, ETC.

All selections prepared by Chicago makers.

MANGO MOUSSE CAKE	by Silom 12.	6.50
Orange-mango preserve, mango mousse, vanilla-orange sponge.		
SPARKLING WATER	by Open Water.	2
Sparkling mineral water.		
PAIRING PLATE	by SuperHai, FTH, Silom 12.	13
Curated selection of small bites.		

*Please be advised that our products may contain allergens,
and there may be a risk of cross-contamination.*