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**Go Guide** Out on the town



Server Jared Blum brings out an assortment of sweet treats during a "pink tea" at the St. Regis in Atlanta. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, several area destinations are transforming afternoon tea into pink tea benefits by donating a portion of the proceeds to cancer charities. [Vino Wong](mailto:VinoWong@ajc.com)

## Tea, and a side of awareness

Tradition gets a pretty, pink update.

Events benefit charities in honor of breast cancer month.

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Every October, we turn pink. From ribbons and lights to the pads adorning goal posts at NFL games, we are awash in breast cancer's signature color.

So, why not a splash of pink while enjoying afternoon tea?

A handful of Atlanta area destinations are serving pretty in pink afternoon teas featuring French macarons,



Chocolate cupcakes, French macarons (right), marshmallows and, of course, teas get a dose of color for In the Pink afternoon tea events at the St. Regis in Atlanta. [Hyosub Shin](mailto:HyosubShin@ajc.com)

homemade pink marshmallows, pink-ribbon cupcakes, rose-colored champagne and, of course, a wide array of berry teas. Even the cloth napkins are bright pink.

The Concourse Athletic Club near the "king" and "queen" buildings recently held a Tea with the Queen, catered to the little ones. The tea served was actually pink lemonade, served by a princess.

At the St. Regis in Atlanta and the Ritz-Carlton Buckhead, a portion of the

sales of this month's pink teas go to cancer charities.

Last month, Valinda Voight and her grown daughter, Heather, enjoyed a Ferragamo-shoe inspired tea at the St. Regis.

A new mother-and-daughter tradition, Voight plans to return to the St. Regis for the pink tea.

"I wasn't planning on going back so soon, but I think it's a wonderful thing to do," said Voight, who lives in Roswell. "It's something I want to be a part of."

I recently enjoyed afternoon tea at the St. Regis with my 9-year-old daughter, Abby. She wore a fancy red dress and went to bed with braids in her hair to make her hair "wavy" for our special mother-daughter outing.

Still, as she and I nibbled on everything pink on glass plates resting on a silver tower, she couldn't help but remark, "This is even fancier than I imagined." She suggested we make it a new tra-

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The In the Pink afternoon tea event at the St. Regis in Atlanta is \$48 (\$52 with sparkling wine) and \$22 for children younger than 12. [HyosubShin@stregis.com](mailto:HyosubShin@stregis.com)

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### Pink teas

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dition, and I thought the pink one was a great way to start the ritual of going for tea.

Here's a lineup of pink teas around town:

#### **In the Pink Afternoon Tea at the St. Regis, Atlanta**

The pink treats include red velvet cake pops, pink petit fours, raspberry macarons with bourbon butter cream, pink ribbon cupcakes and strawberry-swirled marshmallows. 2:30-4:30 p.m. daily, through Octo-

ber. A portion of the sales will go to the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. (Last year, the hotel gave the cancer organization a check for \$1,600.) \$48, \$52 with a glass of sparkling wine; \$22, children younger than 12. 88 W. Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta. For reservations, call 404-563-7900.

#### **The Pink Ribbon Tea at the Ritz-Carlton Buckhead**

The pink savories include prosciutto and candied walnuts, port fig butter, candy cherry spritz cookies and marinated strawberries. 2:30 and 3 p.m. daily, through October. Ten percent of the sales will go to the Pink Ribbons organization. \$50. 3434 Peachtree Road N.E., Atlanta. For reservations, call 404-240-7035.