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THE BALLANTYNE UNVEILS 2017 SPECIALTY TEA EVENTS SCHEDULE

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (January 10, 2017) –[The Ballantyne, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Charlotte](#) offers traditional afternoon tea as well as an array of specialty events throughout the year. Tea is served year-round, Wednesday through Saturday, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

From its signature Ballantyne Blend black tea to orange passion fruit tea, the hotel features a variety of loose leaf teas from Harney & Sons. The Ballantyne’s creative culinary team pairs sandwiches, savory treats and confectioneries to complement the tea selection. Savory menu items include black forest ham with local cheddar cheese, sliced English cucumber with dill cream cheese and free range egg salad as well as sweets such as Chantilly swans, chocolate bonbons and fruit tarts. Specialty tea events will feature themed menus, complemented by fitting décor and floral accents.

“Our afternoon tea continues to grow more popular each year, as our guests love an indigenous experience,” said Peter Grills, general manager at The Ballantyne. “By incorporating an array of specialty teas, we are able to push our creative side and add memorable touches to make each tea event one-of-a-kind.”

On January 11 – 14, the hotel will offer Winter Wonderland Tea. Indulge in special warm savories, and hot toddies will be available à la carte.

On February 15 – 18, the hotel will feature Princess Tea. The family-friendly event will feature a special menu and décor for royalty. Attendees are encouraged to dress up in their favorite princess gown, jewelry and tiara.

The Ballantyne will host a Very British Tea, inspired by the critically acclaimed PBS series, on March 8 – 11. The culinary team will present Downton Abbey-themed tea savories and sweets with the option to add a Highclere Cocktail for \$8. Attendees are encouraged to dress in 1920 - 1930s period clothing.

Celebrate with family and friends over Easter Tea on April 12 – 15. Enjoy a special menu with the option to add Yellow Bubbles Champagne for \$8 or a Lemon Chiffon-inspired cocktail for \$10.

Treat mom to Mother’s Day Tea during May 10 – 13. Enjoy a special menu of tea sandwiches and sweets with the option to add a Champagne Rosebud for \$8 or Pink Lady Cocktail for \$10.

Queen Elizabeth’s Birthday Tea will be June 14 – 17. The culinary team has consulted with Buckingham Palace chefs to present Her Majesty’s favorites with the option to add a Champagne Royale for \$8 or Pimm’s Cocktail for \$10.

Summertime Tea in the Carolinas is July 12 – 15. Attendees are encouraged to wear straw hats and their summer best. The seasonal menu will also feature the option to add a Mint Julep or Peach Tea Champagne Cocktail for \$10.

On September 13 – 16, Champagne Tea with Jane Austen will be presented in Regency Era elegance. Enjoy watching films of Jane Austen’s most beloved romantic fiction works while dining on authentic dishes. Period costumes are encouraged.

Experience the magic of Wizard Tea on October 25 – 28. Inspired by the fantasy book series by J. K. Rowling, the event will feature Harry Potter-themed treats, including pumpkin pasties, butter beer and more. Attendees are encouraged to dress up as their favorite fictional character.

Psychic Tea is November 15 – 18. This Romani-themed specialty tea will feature a fortune teller and the option to add a “Your Fortune” Cocktail for \$10.

Enjoy the traditional tastes, smells and sounds of the holiday season at Holiday Afternoon Tea. Celebrate with a variety of seasonal teas and treats and live entertainment. Tea service will be extended from Tuesday through Sunday, December 1 – 31 (not available on Christmas Day).

For afternoon tea, the cost is \$40 for adults and \$20 for children ages 5 – 12. Specialty tea events are \$45 for adults and \$25 for children ages 5 – 12. Holiday Afternoon Tea is \$49 for adults and \$29 for children ages 5 – 12, and all pricing excludes tax & gratuity. Reservations are required at 704-248-4100.

About The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge

[The Ballantyne](#), a [Luxury Collection](#) Hotel, Charlotte is a Forbes Four-Star and AAA Four-Diamond award-winning hotel located in Charlotte, NC. Featuring 208 elegant guest rooms and suites, The Ballantyne also offers a four-bedroom Cottage and a Lodge group retreat with 35 spacious guest rooms. Guests can enjoy meeting and event facilities, [spa](#), fitness, indoor and outdoor pools, [golf](#), [Dana Rader Golf School](#), tennis and dining at [Gallery Restaurant](#). The Ballantyne is owned by [Bissell](#). For more information and reservations, call 866-248-4824, visit theballantynehotel.com or follow [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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