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Iced tea is a staple refreshment during the hottest months of summer here in Houston, for some, but hot tea is a pretty popular choice too — year round — especially with Houston’s growing diversity. Hot tea drinking is something people from Asia, the UK and Ireland grew up on.

Perhaps that explains why this year [Houston is having its first Tea Festival](#), with hopes of making the event annual.

We talk with the event’s organizer Amanda Vermillion, Certified Tea Master and owner of [The Tea Mistress](#), an online store for tea drinkers.

### **Houston Tea Festival:**

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Where:** University of Houston Clear Lake (Bayou Building – Atrium II and Forest Room), 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Houston, Texas 77062

**Parking:** Free on weekends in any student or visitor lot.

**Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12 per day and \$20 for the weekend. Tickets at the door at \$15 per day. (Free for children ages 12 and under, accompanied by an adult).

**More Information:**

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