



HALEKULANI'S VERANDA AFTERNOON TEA INTRODUCES MATCHA SPECIALTIES

The Veranda at Halekulani has just introduced its new Afternoon Tea menu complete with an enticing selection of Matcha specialties.

Matcha is Green Tea that has been processed, finely milled and stone-ground into a powder that is served in traditional Japanese tea ceremonies. It has recently seen a tremendous growth in popularity internationally and can now be found in lattes, smoothies and iced drinks around the world. The soar in interest in Matcha is due to its high level of antioxidants and ability to improve mental focus.

With a rich history dating back hundreds of years, the traditional Japanese tea ceremony centers on the preparation, serving and drinking of Matcha. With careful consideration and consultation with Urasenke Foundation of Hawaii, Halekulani is now proud to offer its guests Matcha specialties prepared by the staff members that were introduced to the proper approach and technique in the preparation of this traditional tea service.

Served exclusively at Halekulani's Veranda from 3:00pm to 5:30pm daily, the Matcha offerings include *Matcha Straight*, traditional Matcha; *Matcha Einspanner*, Matcha with whipped cream; *Matcha Cappuccino* (regular or iced): served with Hawaiian honey; and *Vanilla Ice Cream Float*, an iced Matcha cappuccino served with vanilla ice cream.

Guests can order the new Matcha specialties at Veranda as part of Halekulani's Classic Afternoon Tea, which includes an array of tea sandwiches, freshly baked currant scones, pastries, cakes and an assortment of fine teas. Classic Afternoon Tea is priced at \$36 per person and Matcha specialties range from an additional \$8 to \$12.

To make a reservation and for more information, call Halekulani Dining Reservations at (808) 923-2311.

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About Halekulani

Since its inception in 1984 as one of the world's finest and most acclaimed independent luxury hotels, Halekulani has received more than 500 accolades, awards and honoraria. The property is one of The World's Best Hotels on *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2015 Gold List and was voted Best Hotel on Oahu in *Travel + Leisure's* 500 World's Best Hotels for 2015. Halekulani is home to SpaHalekulani, House Without A Key, Lewers Lounge, Orchids and La Mer, Hawaii's longest, consecutively ranked AAA 5 Diamond and *Forbes Travel Guide* Five-Star Restaurant. For twenty years, Halekulani has maintained a strong commitment to arts and culture through exclusive alliances with Oahu's most iconic cultural venues. Halekulani is operated by the Hotels and Resorts of Halekulani, a brand management division of the Honolulu-based Halekulani Corporation, which also oversees the Waikiki Parc. Halekulani is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World and is aligned with Tokyo's legendary Imperial Hotel.

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