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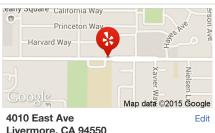
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Bombay Nick's Chai Bar



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Livermore, CA 94550 b/t Hillcrest Ave & East Ave **Get Directions** (925) 493-7044 bombaynickschaibar.com Nick knows his Chai! by Nicolle R.

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David H. San Jose, CA 0 friends 12 reviews



We are very fortunate in this area to have two masters who can provide tea of such unique excellence as is offered at Bombay Nicks. One will never want tea from anywhere else after drinking the tea provided here. The location is also like visiting friends whenever one visits. I plan a trip from San Jose to Livermore just to replenish my tea supplies.

Highest possible recommendation - five stars are insufficient.



Navin K. Livermore, CA 267 friends 147 reviews Elite '15









*** * * * * * *** 7/19/2014

1 check-in

I had heard a lot about Bombay Nick's and it was not far from where we live, so I decided to check it out. It's located in a small shopping center and has a quaint look

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I also love the live music and how much they support the community.



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about it, looking just like you would expect a shop specializing in chai and coffee to be.

I walked in and was greeted by Nick, the owner. The guy is authentic - you can't fake that Bombay accent (I should know - I grew up there!) - and he knows his chai. I asked for the largest masala chai he had and he delivered - serving from a thermos he had obviously made some time earlier (must be a popular variety).

So why only 3 stars? Three reasons:

- (1) The product: the masala chai wasn't anything special. If he added anything else to what he dispensed from the ready-made thermos, I didn't taste it. I was disappointed.
- (2) The price: other reviewers have mentioned this establishment was on the expensive side, but I still got a bit of sticker shock when Nick asked me for \$10 for my large masala chai. I could pay half as much at a Starbucks or Peet or any other chain chai/coffee shop and get a similar product.
- (3) The place: not enough tables and chairs to sit on and savor Nick's pricy beverages. Put some tables on the side, Nick, like your neighbors at Ofelia's Kitchen. And yes, please clean up the trash can outside was overflowing.

I will be back - if only because it is close-by and I really want to like this place.







The chai shop is at the far west end of the Hillcrest



Hugh M. Spring, TX 839 friends 293 reviews Elite '15



Personalized service and authentic high quality teas with unique flavor profiles. Some of the best chai tea I've ever had! When I lived in SoCal I would find excuses to drive up to Livermore every week for Nick's exquisite teas. We purchased their house blend to make at home and got a choc masala blended with cardamom, and a tulsi and turmeric herbal tea to go. Sooo good! Wish they had other locations, though duplicating Nick's passion for his teas would be nearly impossible. Love this place! If you are anywhere in the vicinity- you must try! You won't be disappointed!!



The Daily Grind cafe at the Library has become my go-to spot for coffee.



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Cece C. Modesto, CA 0 friends 8 reviews

5/1/2015

This is the coolest little place. The owner is so nice and super helpful. Very spiritual man, which I love. If you need healing, this is the place to go. The teas taste so good! Definitely coming back.





Micaella M. Livermore, CA 48 friends 16 reviews











Great atmosphere, peaceful and calm. Lovely owner and wonderful teas!!!



Mansi A. Burlingame, CA 100 friends 951 reviews Elite '15









1 check-in

I plugged in "coffee" into my Yelp search and Bombay Nick's showed up with four stars! We headed over to Bombay Nick's and walked into a tranquil chai house in the middle of a suburban Livermore strip mall. Talk about

Nick was super nice and welcomed us into his abode, explaining the varieties of teas that were available for purchase in bulk and also by the cup.

I decided to try a cup of the saffron chai that Nick had on tap that afternoon - so delicious!! The chai was also piping hot, which was perfect for sipping casually over a period of time.

The ambiance at Bombay Nick's is definitely inviting. A peaceful place to spend an afternoon with a good book or some work, it reminded me of a chai house in Thailand or the Far East.

I highly recommend this place for something different than your usual coffee.



Kelly V. Livermore, CA 0 friends 12 reviews



1/12/2015

I actually happened to stumble across this place on my way to grab a quick bite and I was pleasantly surprised and glad that I stopped into this location. They offer a huge range of different types of teas and Nick was very kind and helpful and in informing me about the different types that they have and also some of the various classes they offer. What I also found very cool about this location as that they are very big in supporting local charities and things of that nature and who doesn't want to feel good while they drink good tea!



Jeff M. San Francisco, CA 238 friends 161 reviews





4/19/2014

1 check-in

This is what I like about emerging Livermore - specialty places by creative owners who have a concept. This place is fun and cool. Most important it's great tea. There is a lot of bad chai in this area. Nick knows his chai - it reminds me of the best chai I had in India. Brings back memories of tea mixing with unglazed clay cups on the Rajdhani Express to Bombay.



Entrance Display at Bombay Nick's



Lauren C. Livermore, CA 0 friends









★ ★ ★ ★ 8/11/2014

1st of all, best chai I've ever had. Hands down.

The first visit was pretty intimidating -- walls and shelves full of different coffees and teas -- but Nick gave me plenty of samples and information and I made it out with a \$20 pouch of loose chai that, at this rate, should yield about 25 cups of tea. Perhaps a little pricey, but 100% worth it. Cheaper per cup than Starbucks and infinitely higher quality.



SS. San Leandro, CA 0 friends 59 reviews



Let's just put it out there- Bombay Nick is not cheap. When compared to local chains- Peet's Starbucks, David's Tea, Teavana, even local home-boy Samovar (who I must admit has a mean chai) or other mom & pop tea

places- it's steep (ha-ha! could not resist!). HOWEVER-you certainly get what you pay for. This man and his wife know their teas. The chai blends here are simply some of the best I have ever tasted. Hand blended, they crush and mix all the spices themselves. Simply put, that makes the difference. By far. This place does not fool around with gimmicks, seasonal sickening sweet flavorings, or additives that include or end in "ose" and that is what makes this place so exceptional, so delightful, so intoxicating.

I've had Bombay Nick's bookmarked for ages and took a detour on my way back from a recent trip to Modesto. I am SO glad I stopped. The aroma envelopes you as soon as you have one foot in the doorway; the displays are so very eye catching. Nick gives you a run down of his chai blends and I tasted several, before settling on a cup of Moonsoon Morning, which had a pleasant hint of heat on the back end from the cardamom. It made my subsequent maneuvering through Costco oh so tolerable!

I dropped a pretty penny here for my cuppa and 2 small bags for myself and a friend, and I have no buyer's remorse. I can easily see myself rolling on over to Bombay Nick's on my next bike ride out to Livermore, even if it's a smidge off the beaten path!

Go Bombay Nick!





Bombay Nick's is The Bomb!

Hot vanilla chai was the best I've ever had - ever! Also bought some special blend tea. But the overall best part was the warm welcome from the owner. He was so pleased to have me there. Wow! What a refreshing idea - a business that actually is honored to have you come in. Additionally, he took the time to explain everything he possibly could to my confused face.

A bit pricey, but when you learn about how much effort goes in to picking out the leaves, blending it himself, etc...organic, of course...it's worth it!

It's a happy spot;)





What a delight from the moment I entered. The authentic Indian décor was welcoming and told me I was in the right place. The husband and wife team who own the shop are obviously concerned with making the highest quality product possible. A sampled a few things from the hot pots, but I knew I was there to try their basic chai. I wanted to see if it held up to the other chai products I had tried. They had done a perfect blend of spices and not too much sweetness (as many other lesser quality chai products do) and just a touch of milk. Bombay Nick's had come highly recommended and I was not disappointed. Next time I will bring some home.





My boyfriend and I just left this place and it was amazing. Nick came out and greeted us right away and started giving us samples of the best chai I've ever had. He is so kind, knowledgeable and truly cares about his customers and products. He uses only the best organic ingredients and he even uses reverse osmosis water for his teas. We stayed and talked with him for like 15 minutes and learned so much about different health benefits of the ingredients

he uses. The products are on the pricier side but it was well worth it. Not only was it delicious but Nicks customer service Is out of this world. I've never been treated better by a business owner. He truly takes pride in his craft which seems rare nowadays. We live in San diego but drive through livermore frequently. We will always stop here whenever we are in town.



JH. Dublin, CA 0 friends 23 reviews



9/13/2014

Completely blown away by how good this chai was. He took us through his different chais and ended up with a beautiful saffron blend. Will be coming back ^_^.



Ashley H. Santa Cruz, CA 0 friends 4 reviews



11/14/2013

Absolutely in LOVE with this place!!

I recommend this shop to anyone and everyone. The teas are unlike anything else and you can really tell the owners put their whole heart into the business!

The atmosphere is so welcoming, the owners so kind, and with the delicious chai I could stay there all day! :)



Brian C. Dublin, CA 4 friends 9 reviews











It's rare to find such great customer service and a quality product. I stopped by in need of a coffee, not realizing they were already closed... The owner, who was eating his dinner stopped eating and let me in, and graciously served me up a dirty coffee that was delicious. Half coffee and half chai....enjoy....



Toni O. Livermore, CA 18 friends 19 reviews











1 check-in

Our first visit was simply amazing! Gotta love Local Gruv for supporting our local merchants! We were actually very impressed at how lovely it is inside. Very tranquil and calm, wonderful aroma. A lovely decor with lots of cute tables for two with cozy chairs to hang out, soak up the positive energy and sip your tea or coffee too.

Nick, the owner, is wonderful, extremely helpful, informative, educational and honestly passionate. And oh my gosh, the teas are spectacularly delicious! You will not find these blends anywhere else. We tried them all, YUM! They even have tea blends without dairy, for those like me) who cant tolerate lactose. We have found our new place for holistic teas, which have wonderful healing properties! We spent an hour having an amazing conversation with Nick in his peaceful Chai bar asking questions, learning about how to correctly "brew" teas, the health benefits and never once did it seem like we were "bugging" or "taking up time". We too home 3 different blends, holy basil is in one.

Nick and Paula have created dozens of tea blends, that you can honestly tell they have heart and soul oozing from each canister and bag. But what is different about their product that the price tag might make one go "...hum". Their blends are not filled with powders and filler and

unknown extras. It is local spices and teas that are fresh and safe. That do not have a bitter bite, and after brewing, you use the blends in your cooking and baking. It is 100% consumable. How many other tea blends can you say (or want too) do that to?

We are excited to have this in our neighborhood, and cant wait to go back and attend a Indian cuisine cooking lesson . So if you live locally or need to drive a bit, you should visit, and experience for yourself just how lovely it is. I promise you will be pleasantly surprised and go home excited to make your new teas! Cant wait to go back and try the yummy treats, they even have local honey blends too.





Zen M. Livermore, CA 2 friends 73 reviews



I'm not a HUGE fan of teas and what nots, but I really like the atmosphere of this place! It's very serene and peaceful, Nick (?) is really knowledgeable, and they seem to be beneficial to your health if you're into that type of thing. I haven't really inspected the ingredients of them very closely, but for the most part it seems he has a passion for what he does so I would like to think he puts his heart and soul into his tea creations and is trustworthy!



Alex M.
Danville, CA
41 friends
294 reviews
Elite '15



I had a great time here. Nabbed that Local Gruv deal- it's so great they highlight local merchants. I had always meant to go here, but the Gruv gave me that kick in the butt to actually visit.

The tea tasting was awesome. It's nice to try a whole bunch of teas, to get an overview. I ended up buying cups of my two favorites so I could drink them in the shop, and narrow my decision. It was great that the folks here don't hurry you. They are knowledgeable, and friendly, but without being pushy.

I was trying to decide between the Royal Chai (a very mild bergamot chai) and the spicy chai (more anise, and other spices). I finally decided to to with the spicy after drinking both cups- but it was a tough decision. All the Chais were excellent, and they are all so different! My husband was impressed with the holy basil tea, and bought that.

I love the fact that these folks blend their own special teas, with fabulous spices (which they prepare themselves) so the tea here is not like other teas. We are very lucky to have such a place in Livermore. This place is pricey, but you're getting a much different product than you get from a boxed tea at the grocer. It's more like a Teavana Tea-

though imo, the teas here have much more subtle flavors. I've tried a lot of the Teavana teas, and I find many of them rather harsh. I found all the teas at this place to my taste. The hard part was narrowing my purchase down to one tea. I can't wait to go back!



Victor G. Oakland, CA 3307 friends 9450 reviews

Elite '15

7/15/2012

Listed in indian groceries, chai, ice cream

Bombay Nick's sells coffee grounds and chai mix. Nick's chai is da bomb! he has his shop on east st.. he had a booth at the farmers market

locale: livermore farmers market(7/15)

drink: premade chai (4) "autumn in moonsing?" -with organic sugar, organice milk, & propretory chai mixed with herbs & spices. tea

- -pretty pricey, tea almost velvety. probably honey in there too.
- -addictive
- -reminds me of tea at teavena at the mall.

tea leaves:

-doubt i could create the same taste at home buying his "chai" leaves.



Beth J. Livermore, CA 3 friends 9 reviews







*** * * * * *** 3/8/2014

2 check-ins

This is a true gem in Livermore. The ambience is like no other tea shop. Nick makes me feel welcome each time I come in with my boys. We will continue to come here!



Melissa R. Livermore, CA 383 friends 385 reviews Elite '15











1 check-in

It's was 90s out and 3 of ~5 iced teas were sold out. Including the one that made me walk in, Hibiscus. Judging from the reviews I can understand why they were sold out...people are lovin on these teas. I walked out liking my Holy Basil (I think that was the name) iced tea but not loving it. To be fair, only two iced teas were left and the one I walked out with was the only one that was caffeine free. It was potent which led me to believe that the quality is there. That is the reason I will be back to try something that I really want.



Tammi M. Concord, CA 32 friends 9 reviews







I literally just bought a chai tea and OMG it is amazing!! Just what my cold needed. The ambiance is beautiful and it smells so wonderful inside! Definitely stopping by here again. They make you feel so welcome and you can tell they have pride in their teas.





This place was recommended and I was told it was better than his mom's chai. I haven't had his mom's chai, but this is definitely better than everything else I tried! The only other place better was in a restaurant in Hayward that I can't remember the name of, but this is closer.



Samantha B. Livermore, CA 142 friends 168 reviews



1/24/2014

Okay so yes it is a tad pricey for a cup of tea but I love this place. The tea is wonderful and the service exceptional. I also just love the little shop. I really enjoy sitting down and chatting with friends while having our tea.



Lorraine P. Livermore, CA 30 friends 3 reviews





8/16/2013

Great little place in Livermore of all places. It's a tea room that you would expect to find in San Francisco or Berkeley or maybe in Oakland. Eclectic, exotic teas and local grown specialty honeys. Don't know what to try? Staff is very helpful in helping you find the perfect tea.

Highly recommend.



Kimmy B. Moraga, CA 50 friends 15 reviews





12/27/2013

This guy is full of knowledge! Great place to go and learn about tea or just get a quick drink on the run. I definitely recommend buying some bags of loose leaf tea while you're there.



Eva S. Burlingame, CA 65 friends 42 reviews







The chai and tea here....delicious. It has a authentic presence and I will be coming back for more. It is one of the better tea environments that I have been to. The ingredients are quality and you can smell the freshness. The owner is very nice and this place is one that I can relax and sip on a nice cup of quality chai or tea. I will try new teas every time, very good selection indeed.



Kathleen W. Livermore, CA 1 friend 2 reviews







★ ★ ★ ★ 1/24/2014

Must start by saying I was not fan of chai before I started coming here. But this place had me as soon as I walked in the door... Worth the aroma alone. And the chai tea is Amazing! Tastes nothing like that overly sweet stuff you get at the other coffee shops. Nick is probably one if the most peaceful, gracious business owners you'll ever meet. Makes my day every time I go in... Highly recommended!



Celeste S. Pleasanton, CA 15 friends 41 reviews







★ ★ ★ ★ 11/12/2013

Since I don't drink coffee, tea is my go-to beverage. Bombay Nick's has a great selection; some of the of the yummiest chai tea ever; AND a chill vibe. Plus, I'd rather give my hard-earned \$ to cool, local small businesses over





4/27/2013

The teas are just an excuse to touch the hearts of all their patrons. From the very first time I walked in, there was an overwhelming feeling of peace that rushed over me. This place is my temple and I want people to know that there are businesses out there which may invoke a physical and mental transformation. Thank you Nick, Paula and Diane, for changing my life in more ways then you may know.

Enjoy a chai, coffee, or iced tea any day of the week and they also have Indian food to go for those days when you have so much to do and not enough time to cook for yourself.:)

God Bless











12/8/2013

1 check-in

Very relaxing atmosphere and the staff are very knowledgeable on their teas! I would recommend this place!











🗙 太 🖈 🖈 4/18/2014

I think people really need to rethink how cost effective brewing a cup of "tea with no questionable ingredients" really is. This chai bar is highly overpriced and not sure why it is much better than going to an organic herb store, finding all your ingredients (various kinds of organic tea leaves and seasonings), and brewing a damn cup (or several CUPS) yourself. The owner did not even bother to introduce the on-drip teas and randomly gave me a cup of something he called simla mix or whatever. Instead he rattled on about some salesman speech that was already pasted on the shop doors. It was way too sweet and tasted nothing more than Darjeeling tea + weak chai spices. The shop itself looks shady and you can hardly tell if it is open for business. Lots of random statues, beads, candles, incense scattered about. In any case, it was stupid of me to expect great tea in a strip mall in a suburb.













★ ★ ★ ★ 3/9/2013

I love the chai tea from this place. There is a huge variety and they husband and wife mix the various teas themselves. You can really tell they put their heart and soul in the tea. I have seen some reviews here about the place being expensive. If you factor in the ambiance and quality of the product, the tea is appropriately priced.

The only reason I'm not giving five stars is that I happen to be moderately lactose intolerant, which means I can't enjoy a large cup of tea there, because they are pre made. I understand why they don't make soy tea--there cant be many of us who are intolerant. This doesn't stop me from buying a large tin and making it at home. The owners have provided a you tube video to show you how to get the same results at home, and it's great. This is the only tea I drink at home now.





2/2/2013

Listed in Yelp 100 Challenge: East Bay

Yummy tea! I love the concept of this place. There's a whole variety of teas to try and then you can buy a cup of the one you like the most. The chai tea is very good and I love how they explain the Ayurvedic purposes of each tea. It's like a hippie tea buffet and I am so down with that.

They have tables to sit down and drink your tea at and it would be a great place to meet a friend to catch up. The owner is extremely knowledgeable about each tea and brews and blends all the tea with love.

Support local businesses!



Michelle A. Livermore, CA 73 friends 60 reviews





10/18/2012

I love this place and I love Nick! I come in after Zumba with a friend and Nick goes out of his way to make our visit special! He always takes care of me....giving me the prefect tea for my mood or level or wellness.

Every tea I tried here has been delicious. I even brought my husband in and he had the coffee and said it was really good.

Tea is on the more expensive side, but this is not packaged crap. This is quality tea made with care. I bought a diffuser and a bag of tea and carefully followed Nicks instructions and my tea came out terrific!

Thanks Nick!



Deepanjan M. San Jose, CA 60 friends 15 reviews









1 check-in

Chanced upon this place by sheer accident, and what a revelation!.. They have an assortment of delicately flavored teas. Each one of them refreshing and invigorating! And Dana at the counter really knew what she was telling. 5 stars!



Angie R. San Francisco, CA 256 friends 137 reviews











★ ★ ★ ★ 9/9/2012

I enjoy drinking tea. It's my beverage of choice!

I visited Bombay Nick's Chai Bar for the very first time not too long ago and was happy I did. I couldn't get enough of the Chai. It was delicious.

I am sure to be back for more authentic Indian Chai tea.



Nicolle B. San Bruno, CA 35 friends 19 reviews









★ ★ ★ ★ 2/1/2013

Nick is amazing, his passion for tea is infectious! My friend and I stopped after going to the sandwich shop next store (very good as well). We were looking for coffee but Nick had us sample his Chai and we fell in love! The Monkey Point (chai) was my favorite, so delicious! I asked Nick a million questions and he had detailed answers for each one. He explained all the health benefits and I just had to buy a cup and a pouch to take home:) For those thinking the teas are expensive, this is because the quality and ingredients are exceptional. I drink A LOT of loose tea and Nick's concoctions are unheard of. I wanted a late night

wellness tea so I also ended up getting Malabar Coast. My friend and I were on our way to Yosemite so we didn't get to spend as much time with Nick as we wanted but we will for sure be back! Also the shop smells wonderful and the decor is beautiful:)



Nick knows his Chai!



lisa b. Livermore, CA 6 friends 53 reviews



I LOVE this place. Tried them out for the first time on Wednesday. After tasting lots of their amazing teas I decided up a dirty tea which is half coffee (OMG..SO good...no bitterness at all in that coffee) and half chai of your choice. I went with Star of India which was just gorgeous. The pepper in it really came out after I'd been drinking it for a bit and I was so happy! Came back on Friday with another friend. She says their chai is the best she's ever had! I opted for a chai cocktail which was half Star of India and half Spicy Simla. It was also super yummy. They have an amazing Turmeric tea that I keep thinking about. I'll def be back next week (I see this being a weekly stop).

As far as the people complaining about the price...really? This is handmade tea...not some crap syrup or powdered mix from a chain coffee shop. Even that junk will cost you a few bucks per serving. I'm personally more than happy to pay a little more to support a local artisan who pours their heart and soul into the product.

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