



LITTLE CUPCAKES

ALL THINGS SWEET AND SMALL

Float back on a nostalgic cloud to childhood treats at this miniature haven for sweet teeth. And miniature is the operative word here, as Little Cupcakes is so tiny that queues regularly spill out the door to Degraeves Street.

Degraeves is in fact renowned for its cramped hotchpotch of eclectic shops and cafes where diners camp out in the middle of the street. Here you can sit outside, dine on a cupcake (available in two sizes – small and extra extra tiny), sip the perfect cup of tea and reminisce about childhood escapades as you get icing on your nose.

With the store so quaint and snug, there's as much to look at inside (look up and you'll see retro camera equipment on a few of the shelves) as there are cupcake flavours to choose from. Timeless classics include vanilla, lemon, strawberry, mint and coffee all topped with butter-cream icing and sprinkles, as well as concoctions dubbed red velvet, creamy coconut and Belgian button chocolate.

If you choose to eat your delightful cupcakes on-site, there is also a comprehensive selection of teas, coffees and milkshakes. To make the experience even sweeter, each order is served on a wooden tray and tea orders arrive in beautifully decorated teapots. But if you wish to take some of these bright and buttery treats away with you, boxed sets of cupcakes come in most flavours – a sure hit at your Mad Hatter's* tea party. **JANA RAUS**

7 Degraeves St, Melbourne
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Open Mon–Fri 9am–6pm,
Sat 10am–6pm, Sun 10am–5pm



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*The Hatter is a character from Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. The chapter entitled 'A Mad Tea-Party' is when Alice meets the crazy Hatter.