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Rockin' Desert Quench, an exfoliation with warm agave nectar and crushed desert plants, followed by a hot basalt-stone massage and organic aloe body wrap. \$200.

Top Pros: Becca Olpin for face and body; Megan Lapham and Elena Beane for massage.

Best Amenities: Coed aromatherapy hammam; a hot pool with underwater beds and cool plunge pool.

Seattle

Vida Spa at The Pan Pacific Hotel
9000 Lenora St.
206-515-6870

Most Relaxing Treatment: Nidra Sleep Treatment, an hour-long aromatherapy massage with customized warm essential oils. \$130.

Top Pros: Brianna Cominski for body.

Best Amenity: The relaxation room with a sauna, fireplace, and organic snacks.

San Francisco

The I-Spa at the Intercontinental Hotel
888 Howard St., 6th Floor
415-616-6597

Most Relaxing Treatment: I-Spa Signature Customized Massage—during a footbath and warm-herb neck wrap, your therapist designs a rub-down that targets your specific needs. \$235.

Top Pros: Jesus Rivas for body.

Best Amenities: iPod hookups in every room; access to the hotel's pool and gym.

The Spa at the Four Seasons Hotel
757 Market St.
415-633-3000

Most Relaxing Treatment: Mind-Body Experience, sleep-inducing Tibetan acupressure followed by an essential-oil rubdown. \$270.

Top Pros: Kamee Rose Tong

and Laura Heath for face and body.

Best Amenity: Access to the sauna and steam room.

Los Angeles

Le Spa at the Sofitel Hotel
8555 Beverly Blvd.
310-228-6777

Most Relaxing Treatment: Pure Relaxation, with exfoliation and a warm clay-and-papaya body mask. \$165.

Top Pros: Tej Maarfi for face; Eleonora Madrinan and Claire Sterrett for body.

Best Amenity: A footbath with sea salts and essential oils, followed by a foot massage.

Spa Montage at Montage Beverly Hills Hotel
225 N. Canon Dr.
310-860-7840

Most Relaxing Treatment: Replenishing Stones, a hot-

stone massage, salt scrub, and Vichy shower. \$255.

Top Pros: Cherie Rodriguez for body.

Best Amenities: Mineral pool, steam room, sauna, and whirlpool.

Ciel Spa at SLS Hotel Beverly Hills
465 S. La Cienega Blvd.
310-246-5560

Most Relaxing Treatment: Balanced Body, a dry-brush exfoliation, warm mud wrap, scalp massage, and rubdown. \$185.

Top Pros: Yvette Toman and Nikki Rox for face; Dina Porter and Colleen Flaherty for body.

Best Amenities: Access to the gym and rooftop pool.

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Outdoor showers and baths face Biscayne Bay at the Standard Spa in Miami Beach.



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NEW YORK
The Spa at the Mandarin Oriental
Vitamin Infusion Facial
80 Columbus Cir.
212-805-8880

Many facials feel about as relaxing as a visit to the dentist. But this one—cleansing, vitamin treatment, quick extractions, and collagen mask with cold stones and lymphatic massage—was just what the doctor ordered. After the oil mask was applied, our cheerful aesthetician asked us if we'd prefer a scalp or foot massage. When we couldn't decide, she gave us both, and even threw in a moisturizing pink-mud treatment for our dry hair. By the end, our skin

was so glowing we faced the world without makeup for the first time since middle school. 80 minutes, \$295.

Great Jones Spa
Lemon Verbena Body Polish and Massage
29 Great Jones St.
212-505-3185

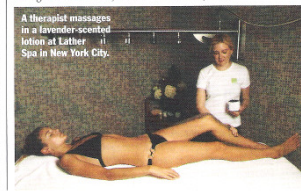
After we got past the utilitarian look of the treatment room, we settled in for what turned out to be a very relaxing head-to-toe scrub of jojoba, shea butter, and aloe vera that left us gleaming like sparkling china. But our pampering was temporarily interrupted when our therapist instructed us to put on our robe and follow her up two flights of stairs to the

massage room. As soon as she started the Swedish Massage with ginger and lemongrass oil, employing deep-tissue techniques for our sore legs, all was forgiven. Our advice: Skip the scrub and book a massage. 60 minutes, \$150.

La Prairie Spa at the Ritz-Carlton
Stress Relieving Scalp & Foot Therapy
50 Central Park South
212-521-6135

We consider scalp massages and foot rubs to be two of life's great pleasures, so we had high expectations for this treatment. And for the most part, it delivered. After soaking our feet in a bubble bath, one aesthetician massaged our hands and feet (applying extra pressure to our heels and arches) and placed them in warm mitts and booties. Meanwhile, another therapist expertly massaged our scalp and upper back. The half-hour session was easy to wedge into our jam-packed day. But for \$135, we couldn't help but feel a little shortchanged. 30 minutes, \$135.

A therapist massages in a lavender-scented lotion at Lather Spa in New York City.



Ole Henriksen Face/Body rubs on Ritz-Carlton Buff Salt Scrub.

Lather Spa
Bamboo Indulgence
127 E. 57th St.
212-644-4449

As soon as our aesthetician led us through the peaceful spa and into a serene, tiled treatment room, it was obvious this was designed to pamper. After giving us a paper bra and underpants, she massaged a lemongrass-bamboo scrub onto our arms, legs, back, and stomach with long, swirling strokes that felt like a full-body back scratch. We were then rinsed by a warm, overhead Vichy shower (with our eyes closed, we could have sworn we were soaking in a hot tub). She swaddled our body in plush towels and, without asking us to move an inch, she slipped the water-proof layer out from under us, revealing a cozy bed where she massaged us from neck-to-toe with a lavender lotion that left our skin positively glowing. 45 minutes, \$85.





SPOTLIGHT

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Spotlight on New Esthetician Nicole Rox



It's been only two weeks since *The World's* new esthetician, Nicole Rox, stepped aboard the ship and into her first shipboard job, yet she's quick to tell you how at home and welcome she already feels by Residents "who have been incredibly nice" and crew members who "always say hello and who dine together like a big family." Settling into her new digs at The Spa by Banyan Tree, the licensed esthetician is pleased to bring her experience and vast knowledge of the luxury destination spa industry and medical spas to Residents and Guests of *The World*.

"Nicole came highly recommended to us by executives at *Natura Bisse*, our new skincare line, and we can see

why," said Senior Vice President Hotel Operations Alain Gruber. "The response to her has been excellent. The strategy behind providing a professional esthetician and high quality skincare line came from Resident focus groups and is tied to a key 2010 company objective for the Spa – to at a minimum break even and increase satisfaction levels. With the combination of Nicole's talent and a world-renowned brand like *Natura Bisse*, we are definitely on track."

Before joining the Ship, Nicole trained at *Natura Bisse's* Dallas facility. She gives the Barcelona-based company high praise for having "the best products" and is using the bio-engineered line exclusively. The most popular treatments so far she says are those for hydrating the skin.

German-born Nicole has had as varied and successful career including volunteer work to help women undergoing chemotherapy. She stumbled into skincare when she turned a hobby into a career, no doubt with a little inspiration from her mother who owns a small spa on the North Sea. After moving to New York to work in finance, Nicole's esthetician career took off when she joined The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, New York. Please join us in welcoming Nicole to our team. For an appointment, please call the Spa at ext. 5300.

WHAT'S NEW

Fredy's Deli Continues to Go Green!

Continuing in the Ship's efforts to be environmentally conscious, Fredy's is now selling *Seventh Generation* products, a leading brand of environmentally friendly and non-toxic household and personal care products. Laundry items for sale include Chlorine-free Bleach, Natural Fabric Softener Sheets, Natural 2X Concentrated Laundry Liquid, Fabric Softener and Natural Laundry Powder. Dishwashing products include Natural Dish

Tours

9 Nov.: Rainforest Night. Riding a zip-line through the rainforest canopy is a unique experience during the nightfall.

9 Nov.: Salsa Beat. An energetic, sensual rumba salsa on this evening at *Café La Princesa* in Old San Juan. A sampling of dishes and a cool lib set the mood.



10 Nov.: El Yunque Hike. Discover Puerto Rico's pristine natural beauty and memorabilia through El Yunque R

10 Nov.: Puerto Rican Cuisine. Visit the national prominent art depositary *Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico* (MAPR) and drive to where Chef Victor Wong prepares some of the finest dishes.

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December 19, 2003

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Nicole Conklin
Spa Concierge
The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, New York
80 Columbus Circle at 60th Street
New York, NY 10023
USA

Dear Nicole,

Greetings from Hong Kong and congratulations to being a most respected member of the "Mandarin Oriental-New York Spa Opening Team".

Please accept this little token of appreciation and to personally express our group's gratitude for your dedication and commitment to the success of our Spa.

Your contribution in form of your enthusiasm, hard work and long hours have allowed us to open this fabulous facility to great esteem.

I am confident that your commitment will be rewarded in many ways and trust that you are proud to be "the opening member", having given birth to the most sophisticated Spa in New York City.

Keep it up and we are looking forward to working with you.

Warmest Regards,

A blue ink signature of Ingo R. Schweder, consisting of a stylized 'I' and 'S'.

Ingo R. Schweder
Group Director of Spa

A blue ink signature of Andrea Lomas, written in a cursive style.

Andrea Lomas
Group Spa Manager, Operations



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Dear Nicole,

Here is the coverage that resulted from the Japan press trip in March. Thank you again for your assistance with the shoot!

Best regards,

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Mandarin Oriental, New York

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Path can move mountains.
But a kind word will move people.

Hello Helen,
 I'm writing on behalf of Hope House who
 wanted the car. I had a wonderful
 discussion with you last in February.
 She just wanted to say thank you for
 the excellent service and that it was
 a pleasure meeting! All our best

