Exotic Local Spa Treatments

by Nia Davis



he spa industry is an overflowing wellspring of creativity. New treatments seem to arrive daily.

InSight surveyed local spas to highlight some of the more esoteric treatments out there—just in case spring has got you in a mood for something uniquely luxurious. Some of these treatments provide more than simply a massage or facial—they combine pampering with ancient sciences to offer healing, calm and spiritual adjustment.

So, take a peek at our list and grab a friend in need. This is an excellent moment in time to treat your self.

Be You Bi Yu Holistic Spa

Crystal Chakra Experience Facial

This facial uses a variety of healing properties from around the world: electrolyzed-Vitamin C technology

discovered in Japan; pharmaceuticalgrade healing cosmetics made in California; and Rhodochrosite from Russia, a natural filter that rids the body of irritants. Combines the power of micronized crystalline gemstones with bentonite clay to engender high energy, tightening and healing.

> \$160 for 80 minutes Gift certificates available

> > Wyngate Medical Park 5602 Shields Drive Bethesda 20817 www.beyouspa.com 301-493-4911

Dessange Paris

Face and Body Treatments with Precious Clays

Experience ultimate luxury with a treatment that combines precious stones and metal extracts, essential oils and clay. It works to stimulate, detoxify and eliminate dehydration and boost the blood and lymphatic systems. Choose from five different treatments: malachite, copper, gold, pearl and silver.

> \$145 for 90 minutes Gift certificates available

5410 Wisconsin Avenue Chevy Chase 20815 www.dessangewashington.com 301-913-9373

Elaj Aveda Day Spa

Himalayan Rejuvenation Treatment

Loosely based on an ancient healing treatment that combines five "actions," this procedure nurtures and rejuvenates your body. The first step is a 30minute face-and-scalp massage with essential oils. The next is a dry exfoliation followed by vigorous massage and a perfumed steam bath. Finally, warm Aveda Tranquilessence is poured onto the forehead to encourage relaxation.

> \$255 for 2 hours, 45 minutes Gift certificates available

> King Farm Village Center 801 Pleasant Drive, Suite 110 Rockville 20850 www.elajavedadayspa.com 301-977-1514

Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa

Body Bronzer

Full-body exfoliation followed by a luxurious application of soft tanning lotion preps your skin for tanning under a UV lamp giving your body an "exotic" glow that lasts up to 10 days. Perfect for a "tanned" look. For those on the go, try the express body bronzer that takes 24 minutes.

> \$140 for 50 minutes Gift certificates available

Two Locations: Wildwood Shopping Center 10213 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda 20814 www.reddoorspas.com 240-644-1319

The Kentlands Shopping Center 62 Market Street Gaithersburg 20878 www.reddoorspas.com 301-527-1901

Mosaic Total Body Salon

Indian Head Massage

Originated in India, this is a seated massage using various stroke techniques along the face and head to create the ultimate in relaxation.

> \$65 for 45 minutes Gift certificates available 8001 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda 20814 www.mosaic-bethesda.com 301-986-9151

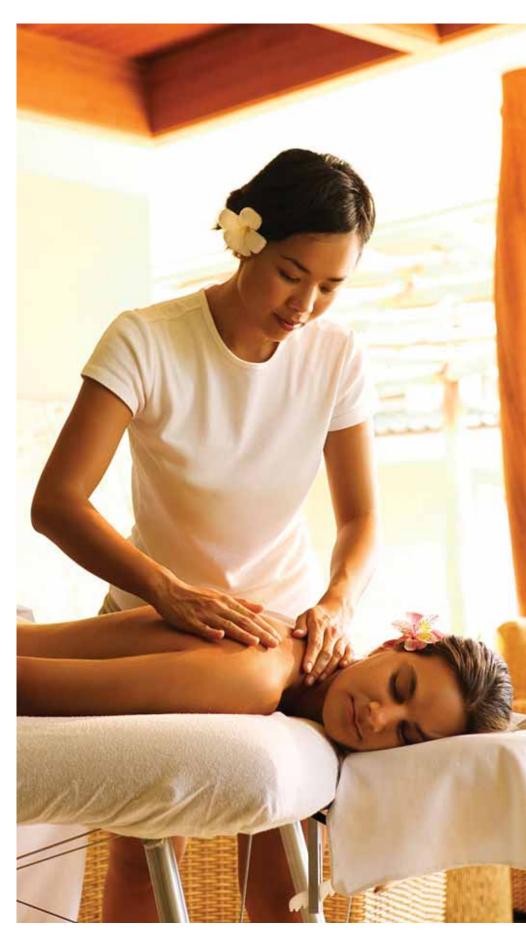
Natural Body Spa and Shoppe

Naturopathica Bamboo Lemongrass Body Scrub

Enjoy this sensual-smelling scrub as it works to exfoliate and soften skin.

> \$110 for 60 minutes; \$140 for 90 minutes Gift certificates available

> > 1081 Seven Locks Road Potomac 20854 www.naturalbody.com 301-610-5004





O'Hair Salon & Spa

Chocolate Immersion Facial

Indulge your craving for chocolate on your skin-with this ultra-smooth facial. Cleans, hydrates and smoothes. Relax as your face is enveloped in creamy chocolate infused with cocoa beans and your choice of six different oils.

> \$130 for 75 minutes Gift certificates available

> > The Kentlands 424 Main Street Gaithersburg 20878 www.ohairsalon.com 301-977-0800

Perez Salon and Day Spa

Cranberry Facial

A twist on the traditional facial, this one cleans and hydrates skin using a cranberry masque full of antioxidants.

> \$125 for 60 minutes Gift certificates available

Congressional Plaza 1677 Rockville Pike Rockville 20852 www.perezsalonandspa.com 301-881-5052

Serenity Zone Day Spa

Multi-Vitamin Facial

Combats visible lines with a powerful firming complex: Vitamins A, C and E. Protects against damage, accelerates repair and strengthens elasticity.

\$98 for 60 minutes Gift certificates available

3225 Spartan Road Olney 20832 www.serenityzone.com 301-570-6245

Spalon Day Spa

Chocolate Body Treatment Massage

A guilt-free treat that's also sugar-free, this massage combines body exfoliation and massage techniques using 100 percent natural Italian chocolate infused with almond oil.

> \$165 for 90 minutes Gift certificates available

Fallsgrove Village Center 14925 Shady Grove Road, Suite A Rockville 20850 www.spalondayspa.com 301-610-7733

Studio I

Hot-Stone Pedicure

Heated stones and healing hands massage your calves and the bottoms of your feet. This pedicure also includes a facial mask for 15-20 minutes.

> \$60 for 90 minutes Gift certificates available

16821 Crabbs Branch Way Rockville 20855 301-977-9190

Today's Image Salon

Therapeutic Mud Moor Wrap

First, you're massaged with oil. Then, the mud is layered and you're cocooned. Afterwards: massaged with oil again.

> \$80 for 60-75 minutes Gift certificates available

15717 Columbia Pike Burtonsville 20866 www.todaysimagesalon.com 301-476-9222