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Fabulous Facials

From collagen masks and seaweed to caviar and yams, O.C. spas are saving your face with opulent facials.



ADVANCED HYDRAFACIAL

This ultra-refreshing and healing 80-minute customized facial combines diamond-tip microabrasion with a collagen mask, deeply hydrating antioxidant serums and LED light therapy to tighten the skin and heal acne.

Ask for Carolyn. \$335, *The Spa at South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, 714.850.0050.*

HUSH-HUSH FACIAL

O.C.'s best-kept beauty secret? Neiman Marcus offers incredible, on-the-house facials by rotating luxury brands (Amore Pacific, Orlane) in a dedicated spa room each week. *Neiman Marcus, Newport Beach, 949.759.1900.*

SEA OF LIFE FACIAL

Using Osea algae to apply, massage and exfoliate the face, this highly concentrated facial delivers skin-deep results from deep-sea nutrients. \$100, *Spa*

Gaucin at St. Regis, Dana Point, 949.234.3367.

PUMPKIN AND YAM FACIAL

Inspired by the home-made facials her mom whipped up in Greece, owner Katerina Bisbikis favors this scrumptious facial for its hydrating and collagen-boosting properties. \$100, *Nova Vita, Tustin, 714.832.8900.*

ULTIMATE SIGNATURE FACIAL

"Signature" may sound run-of-the-mill, but it means an intensive foot, hand and scalp massage, along with microderm exfoliation, firming lip treatment, collagen-stimulating eye treatment and NuFace microcurrent technology for instant facelift results. \$145, *Spa Gregorie's, Newport Beach, 949.644.6672.*

ULTIMATE CAVIAR FACIAL

This anti-aging facial utilizes decadent caviar and pearl extracts for intense hydration, perfect after ski trips or to instantly refresh and fill lines before a party. *Members \$180, guests \$200. Balboa Bay Club & Resort, Newport Beach, 949.630.4772.*

SILVER FACIAL

Celebrate the resort's 25th anniversary with a silver facial, a 90-minute treatment designed to regulate skin temperature, improve blood circulation and add glow. \$265, *Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, 949.240.2000. -SP & KR*



Japanese nail art goes beyond polish at O.C. Nail & Beauty

TREND VETTER

Harajuku Nails It

We first spotted candy-like Japanese nail art on the fingertips of Christian Louboutin's store manager, Amita Singh. But we soon learned all the fashion-forward ladies (Chanel, Dior and Betsey Johnson store associates) are popping into a tucked-away nail salon, **O.C. Nail & Beauty**, for blinged-out manis. Hidden on the second floor of an unassuming office building, we got a VIP pampering experience in a private room with a luxe leather armchair and footstool, *Sex and the City* on repeat, and two attentive nail technicians, Yuka and Chisato, who created our fingertip mini-masterpieces. With endless opportunities (Swarovski crystals, confetti, glitter, plastic art, custom acrylic art if you can't find a piece you like, and even luxe labels—we got a pink LV bow!), these outrageous accessories are serious handy work. Acrylic full set \$68, nail art \$.25-\$3.50. *Costa Mesa, 714.668.0168. -SP*



Two-Do Two specialties on the menu at Dana Point's newest spa, **Pure Clover**, are things we never imagined getting in the same room: hair removal and acupuncture. Owner/esthetician Mary Clover Kingsbury performs both the sticky Egyptian technique of sugaring with almost pain-free finesse, and acufacials, which combine soothing strokes of her sought-after hands and tiny, precisely placed needles for optimal anti-aging results. *24655 La Plaza; pureclover.com. -KR*

...CONTINUED favorite escape! **-TINA ALDATZ, FOOT PETALS** "My best friend's wife turned me on to the Swiss brand Arbonne and I've used it religiously ever since." **-FRANK DELGADILLO, COMUNE** "My biggest secret to success is what I call the 4-S plan—I say no to sweets, starters, seconds and snacks." **-BETH JONES, QUIKSILVER ONLINE** "Latisse—no more false lashes!" **-LIL SPITZER, BECKSTRAND** CONTINUED...