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TOP SPAS OF HAWAII

The best resort spas of the Hawaiian islands have a knack for bringing nature's healing elements into elegant treatment settings. From Lomilomi massage to lava rock grottos, the spa experience here is serene with a tropical twist.

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THE SPA AT FOUR SEASONS RESORT MAUI

Location: Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea, Maui

What Makes It Great: This spa has gone green, incorporating all-natural skin products and services with cutting-edge technology in a setting of natural elements—wood, stone and water. Three authentically constructed open-air thatched-roof *hales* are secluded in flowering hedges of *naupaka* along the beach.

Signature Treatment: Mele Wailea (combines Hawaiian and Swedish massage techniques with hot towels and misting)

Best Hands: Mona Cockett

Spa Fans: Felicity Huffman, Patricia Heaton, Joan Allen

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THE RITZ-CARLTON SPA, KAPALUA

Location: The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, Maui

What Makes It Great: Nature and Hawaiian culture are infused in every aspect of this newly redesigned spa. Bamboo groves, river stones and rich wood panels create a rainforest theme. Men's and women's relaxation lounges have volcanic stone grottos with whirlpools, steam rooms and saunas. The co-ed indoor/outdoor relaxation lounge has its own stone grotto whirlpool so couples can spa together. The new spa menu features Polynesian and Hawaiian treatments, plus results-oriented facials.

Signature Treatment: Lomilomi Massage

Best Hands: Casey Gilles

Spa Fans: Heather Locklear,

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SPA GRANDE

Location: Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa, Maui

What Makes It Great: Truly grand at 50,000 square feet, the neo-classic-designed spa, complete with a grand crystal chandelier, evokes Old World elegance. The spa menu combines European, Eastern and Hawaiian philosophies with the latest advanced technology. An impressive Termé hydrotherapy circuit includes heated Imperial baths, five specialty baths, Japanese *furo* tub, Roman tub and more.

Signature Treatment: Pala'au Journey (this ritual includes a 50-minute Lomilomi massage, 30-minute scalp and foot treatment and a body cocoon)

Best Hands: Laurie Nobles

Spa Fans: Oprah, Sharon Stone, Tyra Banks, Jodie Foster, Magic Johnson

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PARK CITY HIGH

A next generation luxury ski hotel, the **Sky Lodge**, goes way beyond skiing. It combines the best possible location in the heart of Park City's Main Street with chauffeured access to three world class ski areas (**Deer Valley, Canyons, Park City**) within 10 minutes. Last year's Sundance Festival sold out the brand new hotel as Brad Pitt and company reserved suites. Local superstar Robert Redford even runs one of the hotel's five restaurants and bars. The suites here are the real attraction, however: multi-million-dollar condominiums doubling as hotel rooms, with gourmet kitchens, gas fireplaces, hot tubs on private decks and dual-jet showers. Guests enjoy nightly *hors d'oeuvres* and cocktails at the paparazzi-free private rooftop **Sky Club**. Prices range from \$925 to \$3,000 nightly.

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RITZ REBORN

Samuel L. Jackson, Heather Locklear and Kyle McLaughlin are just a few of the celebrities who have already checked out the newly renovated **Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua** on Maui. The property reopened to much fanfare last January after a \$180 million renovation that touched nearly every aspect of the hotel and introduced such Hawaiian design elements as dark Koa wood, lava stone accents and Kukui floral rugs. The new look is especially dramatic in the two-bedroom, two-and-

a-half-bath **Royal Pacific Suite** on the top floor of the hotel in the residential wing overlooking the Pacific (\$8,000 a night). While there, be sure to book the Lomilomi hot stone massage at the brand new spa, and try the Kobe beef at the newly revamped Banyan Tree restaurant with views of Molokai.

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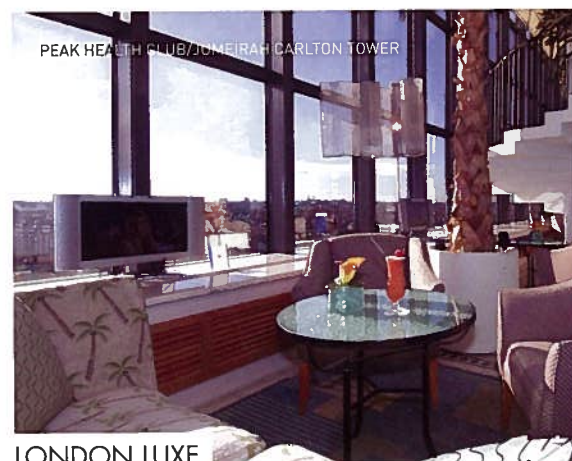
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IRISH RETREAT

Cleverly melding modern luxury with classic whimsy, **Farnham Estate Hotel** is helping to redefine the Irish country retreat. The hotel is set on 1,300 walking trail-covered acres about 90 minutes from Dublin (VIP car and helicopter transfers can be arranged) on the site of what for four centuries had been the private residence of one of the county's most notable families (the current Lady Farnham still serves as a Lady in Waiting to the Queen). A gourmet restaurant, sexy cellar bar, 500-acre championship golf course, and a 40,000-square-foot Heinz Schletterer-designed spa are among the toney amenities. The 158 rooms and suites are located in both the original manor house and new contemporary wing; those in the Estate section boast Aromatherapy Associates amenities, original fireplaces and sash windows. Two of the manor suites—the **Derrygid** and the **Dromellan**—are duplexes, but the real star is the second-floor **Farnham Suite** (about \$2,200 a night), a honeymoon favorite with a circular living room, rich timber floors and extra-long, two-doored marble shower.

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LONDON LUXE

It's nice to know that an elite traveler in London, a city seemingly obsessed with a healthy lifestyle these days, can still find a top hotel that delivers a rare mixture of health and hedonism. The **Jumeirah Carlton Tower** on Cadogan Place not only offers one of central London's chicest fitness centers, the **Peak Health Club** (insiders exercise in the ninth-floor location with great views south to the Thames), but, when you're in a more carnivorous mood, you can celebrate at the hotel's legendary **Rib Room** (which still serves up the town's best, and decidedly indulgent, Angus beef). The 1,830-square-foot **Presidential Suite**, with panoramic views of central London, private sauna, butler service and more, is your best bet for palatial accommodations (\$8,670 nightly).

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