

Tour of Beauty

From Hill Country spa-cations to buffing up at home, we've found the formula for flawless!

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Renewable Resources

Besides its natural charms and casual-cool appeal, our capital city metro area has amassed destination spa cred as well. From well-established pamper palaces that offer new enticements to full-frontal makeovers, Austin relaxation rocks!

GILDING THE LILY **Lake Austin Spa Resort**, haute homey with 40 guest suites, has 15 inventive new choices that range from scientific—the Advanced AHA Anti-Aging Body Treatment (\$205 for 80 minutes) utilizes pharmaceutical-grade Pro-Xylane—to meditative; the Seven Centers of Life Chakra Massage (\$195 for 80 minutes) is built on chakra-corresponding essential oils. The Garden Library and Lake View Room common areas have been completely revamped à la English country house. lakeaustin.com

MAKEOVER MIRACLE While at **Barton Creek Resort & Spa**, which finishes up two years' worth of renovations this month, don't miss the new Foothills Veranda bar, a 4,800-square-foot patio extension overlooking the 18th hole of the Fazio Foothills golf course; Rock House, a new burger bistro on the Canyons course, and Eliza's boutique, stocked with wearables from Michael Kors and Tracy Reese. The 11,000-square-foot gym has all new equipment, and the spa, now called Three Springs, received a total facelift and a fresh, simplified menu built around water elements; loungers face a naturally occurring limestone wall with trickling water. bartoncreek.com

RUB, SCRUB AND REDO! Fresh from a six-month renovation, **The Crossings**—which still lays claim to one of only a handful of Watsu pools in the country—has an all-new, all-organic spa menu that includes treatments mixing modern and ancient practices. All 70 redone guest rooms have new linens and eco-savvy paint jobs. And this month, Cypress Creek restaurant does the



Lake Austin Spa Resort.



Spa Django at Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa overlooking the Colorado River.

big reveal from upscale cafeteria to an intimate dining room. thecrossingsaustin.com

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT Try **Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa's** new Summer Lovin' body treatment (\$190 for 90 minutes), using cucumber, mint and sugar. Your therapist at Spa Django will send you off with Eminence's vanilla sunscreen—put it to use at the spa's adults-only pool. visitlostpines.com

CAPITAL IDEA The **Four Seasons Hotel Austin** recruited its new spa director, Mary Kate Piotrowski, from the Four Seasons Biltmore in Santa Barbara. Look for changes that inject a more resort-feel into the downtown hotel's glistening spa. fourseasons.com/austin

Let's Tool Around

Celebrity facialist Michelle Peck, Madonna's go-to gal, visited **The Ritz-Carlton Spa** recently to introduce Clarity, Intraceuticals' new anti-acne line, and to wield her oxygen wand to grateful guests. Halfway through, she escorted an initiate to a mirror to view the dramatic results—the tighter, lifted eye, smoothed-out expression lines and a hard-to-miss “OMG” gasp were testimonials to Peck's magic wand. *Products starting at \$49, Intraceuticals facials \$225 and up, 2121 McKinney Ave., ritzcarlton.com >>>* We admit it, we're suckers for beauty gadgets, and fell hard for the new 'Pore'Fector from **Bliss**. With help from sonic vibrations, the hand-held tool fights clogged pores by loosening toxins and helping to apply skincare product more effectively, allowing for deeper penetration of serums. *\$185 for kit that includes tool, toner and mask samples. 2440 Victory Park Ln., blissworld.com, sephora.com*



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