



The VIP Suite at the Mandarin Oriental.
(Photo: Courtesy of the Mandarin Oriental)

Top Five Couples' Splurges

These private treatments for two amp up the decadence.

Townhouse Spa

39 W. 56th St., nr. Sixth Ave.; 212-245-8006

Owner Jamie Ahn wanted Townhouse to be comfortable for both genders, so it's heavy on the dark wood paneling, light on the New Age and pastels. For the couples package, four hours of personalized treatments kick off with a hammam bath followed by massage, facials, mani-pedi, and Champagne and dessert.

Spa Chakra

663 Fifth Ave., eighth fl., nr. 53rd St.; 212-871-3050

Formerly known as Cornelia Day Resort, this mammoth (two floors, 20,000 square feet) spot boasts a heated pool for "watsu" (Shiatsu done in water), Champagne service, and a 35-seat rooftop café. During the summer, couples opt for brunch on the roof, followed by side-by-side pedicures and Swedish massage.

The Spa at Mandarin Oriental

Mandarin Oriental Hotel, 80 Columbus Cir., 35th fl., at 60th St.; 212-805-8880

The VIP Suite for couples at this sprawling, 35th-floor spa is designed to resemble a traditional Oriental home, with a fireplace, kang bed, and dual massage tables. Packages for two include a two-hour treatment of your choice and one hour of relaxation.

Jeunesse Spas for Life

Empire Hotel, 44 W. 63rd St., nr. Broadway; 212-245-4606

This intimate spa at the Empire Hotel offers a full menu of body treatments, massages, facials, and acupuncture. In the couples suite, there's a Jacuzzi and sauna, and room for a side-by-side massage of your choice (like the Passion, which employs a fragrant blend of orange zest, ylang ylang petals, and patchouli leaves).

Caudalie Vinothérapie Spa at the Plaza

The Plaza Hotel, 1 W. 58th St., fourth fl., at Fifth Ave.; 212-265-3182

This wine-themed spa at the Plaza offers a boozy ritual for two that starts with a Barrel Bath containing grape essential oils, followed by facials and a side-by-side massage of your choice. Finish with a glass of bubbly in the relaxation lounge.