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Elegant Update

New York City's *Hôtel Plaza Athénée* is a haven for well-heeled guests—from Princess Diana to Elizabeth Taylor, celebrities from all walks of life have stayed in this acclaimed hotel. Since it opened its doors in 1984, the hotel has undergone two major multi-million-dollar renovations, the most recent of which resulted in **The Plaza Athénée Spa**, a sumptuous escape that offers clients the star treatment. Available exclusively for hotel guests, the Asian-themed spa consists of four private treatment suites designed with all-natural elements, including Brazilian teakwood floors, cabinetry with bamboo accents, and grasscloth wallpaper. Each suite includes a dressing room, a lounge chair, and a bathroom with a private steam shower, and all treatments begin with a welcoming foot ritual. Also exclusive are the spa's product lines, Babor and Valmont. The Plaza Athénée Spa is the only luxury hotel spa in New York City to carry both lines and offer signature treatments from each, including Valmont's *L'Elixir des Glaciers Ultimate Treatment* (\$520, 1 hour 50 minutes), a firming and toning body and face treatment, and Babor's *SeaCreation Facial* (\$285, 80 minutes), which is performed with tiger shells and set to the sound of undersea dolphin noises. These are just two of the many pampering treatments at this posh spa that make every guest feel like a star.—*Julie Keller*



Hotel guests looking for an exclusive escape are flocking to the inviting new spa.

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