

SPRING FEVER

Los Angeles has neither seasons nor snow — nor many hundreds of years of history — but Angelenos are blessed with more spas, salons and temples to beauty than Seattle has Starbucks or London has pubs. The saying goes that you can go to a new restaurant in Manhattan every night for five years and never eat at the same place twice. That must be true of our city's beauty destinations, where we go to recharge, refresh, rejuvenate or just update our style. In this issue, we have focused on a few of the lesser-known but simply amazing spas and salons that should appear at the top of your "to visit" list. You should never be bored — or without beauty — in Los Angeles. — By Julia Gaynor

SUBURBAN SPRAWL

Suburbia Salon + Spa

Why should westsiders have all the fun? For years, there's been a dearth of star-quality hair salons in the San Fernando Valley. But with the launch of Suburbia Salon + Spa, that is no longer the case. A charming salon and spa, Suburbia offers valley girls (and boys) the same high-quality service they've been driving over the hill for. Salon owner (and stylist to stars like Sharon Stone) Jennifer Nash wanted to create a little bit of Hollywood glamour in Studio City. Known for giving soft, golden-blond highlights and face-flattering cuts to celebrities and civilians alike, she has staffed the salon with top-notch stylists. The one Beverly Hills quality you won't find at Suburbia? Attitude. Nash herself is disarmingly kind, and her staff members are all smiles while they create beautiful looks for their clients. The salon's atmosphere is fun and relaxed, and Thursday nights are DJ nights, featuring extended hours and a delicious spread of wine and cheese. Also, former Ole Henriksen aesthetician Erin Cohen administers incredible facials in a serene room at the back of the salon. With such beauty solutions — and an adorable gift shop — Suburbia is a one-stop shopping destination that is worth the drive over the hill.

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