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The First Annual Global Beauty Awards

Let's face it, when it comes to cleansing and beauty products, one size definitely does not fit all. The moisturizer that hydrates the skin of the mountain-trekker in Kathmandu may prove just too heavy for the surfer in Bora Bora. And the sunscreen that protects you in the city may not be waterproof enough for the beach. So what to do?

We tried hundreds of sunscreens, moisturizers, hair-care products, and makeup essentials to find the best solution for every climate and situation. Some of these were tested by our staff on their travels; others were chosen by our beauty-obsessed team of editors. All of them get our seal of approval, and all of them are guaranteed to withstand even the most adventurous of trips. (Oh, and quite a few meet the 3.4-ounce requirement and can be tucked into your trusty carry-on bag; we've let you know which.) So what are you waiting for? Get packing.

Everything you need to stay fresh, smell great, and look presentable—all tried by us (and guys, there's plenty here for you as well)

PUCKER UP What's the ultimate no-touch-up lipstick for those long days and longer flights? We loved Chanel's Rouge Allure Velvet, for one (for our other fave, see page 44).



◆ **PLUS "Scents of Place":** How to transport yourself to France—or Egypt, or India, or Bhutan—in just one spritz.

◆ **AND Bring the bliss back home:** The best grooming and skin-care products from around the world—what to buy where.

THE KEY

🔒 = No check-in needed; you can carry this product on board.

♂♀ = Scents for men and women.

Best Moisturizers

BEST FOR THE PLANE: AmorePacific Time Response Skin Renewal Creme for the face (nordstrom.com; \$450) and La Mer the Reparative Body Lotion for the body (cremedelamer.com; \$150). **Tested on:** A flight from New York to Nashville. **What we were looking for:** An easy-to-wear moisturizer that wouldn't feel cakey after hours in an oxygen-deprived chamber. **How the winner delivered:** "Penetrating and non-greasy, the AmorePacific kept my face dewy and bright for the three-hour flight. Even better: My glow lasted for the rest of the day in Nashville's heat. For the body, La Mer was luxe and fragrant, and was moisturizing but not sticky." —Jordan Muto, intern AmorePacific:

BEST FOR THE DESERT: SK-II Skin Signature Melting Rich Cream for the face (nordstrom.com; \$250) and Fresh Sugar Body Oil for the body (fresh.com; \$45). **What we were looking for:** A moisturizer that would hydrate while standing up to the heat. **How the winner delivered:** Forget what you think about moisturizing oils (too greasy, too thick): Fresh's offering is sweetly but not cloyingly scented, and offers fast-absorbing relief that won't melt off. On the face front, SK-II's cream really does sink into the skin, leaving behind a smooth, almost powdery finish—plus it's fragrance-free and wrinkle-combating. SK-II:

BEST FOR THE HEAT (FOR THE FACE): Dr. Dennis Gross Skincare Trifix Oil-Free Moisturizer (dgskin.com; \$35). **Tested in:** Far Rockaway, Queens, New York. **What we were looking for:** Something lightweight that wouldn't melt off in the humidity. **How the winner delivered:** "Never has my skin looked so matte as when I smoothed on this stuff, which absorbed instantly and felt like a healthy barrier against the elements. I layered my sunscreen on

top and still wasn't shiny." —Tara Knight, deputy production director

BEST FOR THE HEAT (FOR THE BODY): Sai Sei Mineral Revive Body Veil (us.spacenk.com; \$34) and Kiehl's Fig Leaf & Sage Hand & Body Lotion (kiehls.com; \$26). **Tested in:** St. Lucia and Brooklyn. **What we were looking for:** Something lightweight that wouldn't melt off in the humidity. **How the winner delivered:** "In the Caribbean, the Sai Sei was almost gel-like, with a light, floral scent that fit right into the flower-filled rain forest. Back home in Brooklyn, I loved the Kiehl's thicker texture, which protected me from the city's sticky pollution. But since I'm a fashion editor, my favorite thing about both was that they didn't rub off on my clothes." —Ali Pew, accessories editor

BEST FOR THE COLD: By Terry Gelée De Rose for the face (barneys.com; \$93) and Burt's Bees Honey & Shea Body Butter for the body (burtsbees.com; \$13). **What we were looking for:** An ultra-hydrating moisturizer for even the harshest climes. **How the winner delivered:** Not only does By Terry's lovely pink cream deliver immediate, noticeable moisture but it leaves an appealing matte texture—and a rose scent so delicious that it could bring springtime to the tundra. For the body, we loved Burt's Bees' concoction, which is rich enough to repel even the driest winds. By Terry:

POUR SOME SUGAR ON ME Desert-bound? Pack Fresh Sugar Body Oil for a burst of hydration.



THE DISCOVERIES

The Global Drugstore

Sure, it's nice to know what kinds of botanicals and bathing products you need to take on your trip... but isn't it even more fun buying them on your travels? We asked our on-staff jet-setters for their favorite beauty brands from around the world (just leave some room in your suitcase)



ENGLAND

The brand: Bamford. **Where to buy it:** In the English countryside, at Daylesford Organic Farm (Daylesford near Kingham, Gloucestershire; 44-1608-731-700).

Best products: Geranium bath oil (\$59), body wash (\$38), and body lotion (\$40). **Why you'll love them:** "I adore the delicate geranium scent, which somehow relaxes and invigorates all at once, and reminds me of the English gardens where I spent my teenage years. Also, the ingredients are utterly organic, pure, and paraben-free."

—D. L. Aldrich, managing editor



IRELAND

The brand: Burren Perfumery. **Where to buy it:** In Ireland's wilds, at the sweet-smelling garden, alchemist, tearoom, and shop of the same name (Fabea, Carron, County Clare; 353-65-708-9102).

Best products: Frond lotion (\$22) and Organic Honey & Beeswax Lip and Face Balm (\$10). **Why you'll love them:** "It's hard to believe how rich and hydrating the products are—they kept my dry skin flake-free through a chilly New York winter—and how intoxicating they smell: The lotion has a pretty violet-and-rose scent cut by a soft sandalwood-and-grass base."

—Eimear Lynch, Word of Mouth editor



ITALY

The brand: Ortigia. **Where to buy it:** The Roman flagship store (Via Vittoria 25). **Best products:** Almond and Orange Blossom eaux de parfum (\$80 each). **Why you'll love them:** Made in Sicily, these scents smell just like the perfectly beautiful little islands there, where the air is fragrant with the scent of orange blossoms in June, and almonds are harvested and give off a powdery, woody aroma in July. I love that the bottles are also reminiscent of the place—their ambers and reds evoke the Sicilian sun.” —*Ondine Cohane, contributing editor*



BALI

The brand: Alila Living. **Where to buy it:** At Alila Villas' spas; there are currently two locations, both in Bali: Alila Villas Soori (62-361-894-6388) and Alila Villas Uluwatu (62-361-848-2166). **Best products:** Indian Fig Finishing Dream Cream (\$30), the lemon-scented Insect Repellent (\$7), and any of the body butters, which come in scents like cocoa and honey, and green tea and lime (\$29). **Why you'll love them:** “These are, hands down, the best hotel-brand amenities I've ever encountered. The products are all-natural, deliciously fragrant (the body creams smell good enough to eat), and, best of all, really work: The bug spray actually repels mosquitoes and horseflies... and leaves you with a faint citrus scent.”

—*Hanya Yanagihara, editor at large*

Best Sunscreens

BEST FOR THE DESERT: Shiseido Ultimate Sun Protection Lotion SPF 60 PA+++ (sephora.com; \$39).

Tested in: Denver. **What we were looking for:** A high-protection sunscreen that wouldn't melt in the heat... and would moisturize skin in arid climates. **How the winner delivered:** “Other sunscreens left either a weird gleam or sloughed off in a white murk in the pool. This one, however, both relieved dry skin and protected it from the sun—for up to five hours. But the best sign of its efficacy was when a perfectly porcelain-

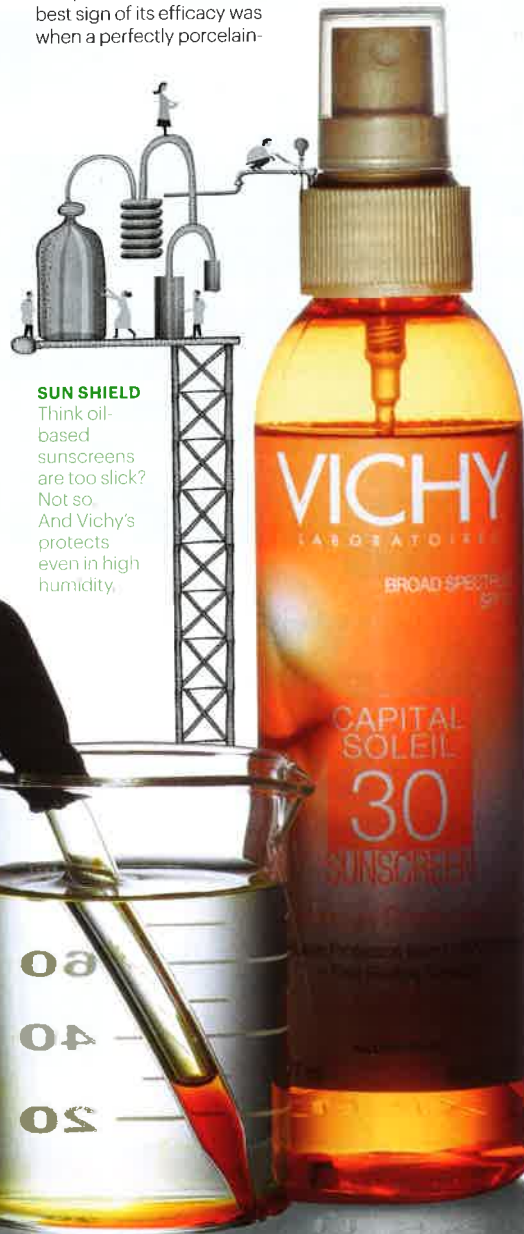
skinned preener came over to compliment my sunscreen choice: She said she doesn't use anything else and hasn't had a sunburn in years.” —*Eimear Lynch, Word of Mouth editor*

BEST FOR THE CITY: Doctor T's Supergoop City Sunscreen Serum (supergoop.com; \$42). **Tested in:** Montreal. **What we were looking for:** An easy-to-wear, non-clumping, light-

weight sunscreen. **How the winner delivered:** “Even as I went from the sweaty subway to a sunny farmers' market to a chilly museum, this sunscreen miraculously stayed put. I applied once, under my foundation, at around 9 A.M. and didn't burn even though I was out and about until after sunset. It was sheer but not too runny, and it set quickly so I could get on with my morning makeup routine.” —*Vanessa Shyu, assistant art director*

BEST FOR THE TROPICS: Vichy Capital Soleil SPF 30 Luxurious Protective Oil (vichyusa.com; \$29). **Tested in:** Miami. **What we were looking for:** Something that would stand up to the sun but had a matte finish... even in humidity. **How the winner delivered:** “I didn't want to test this one because I'm so wary of oils, but it really surprised me. It felt light and moisturizing and lasted for four hours, even after I swam in the ocean. Unlike aerosol sprays, which have left me with streaky burns, this has a really fine mist that's easy to blend—and spritzing it on is a refreshing treat on a hot, humid day.” —*Mira Ilie, senior business manager*

BEST FOR THE BEACH: Neutrogena Ultimate Sport Sunblock Spray SPF 100+ (drugstore.com; \$12). **Tested in:** Bridgehampton, New York. **What we were looking for:** A sunscreen that would offer full-spectrum protection, and be truly waterproof. **How the winner delivered:** “My friends made fun of me—fair, Irish me—for wearing SPF 100 on a long beach day in July, but I was the one laughing the next day, when they bore burn lines and I was just a tiny bit browner than before. It was easy to spray this on before walking down to the beach, and I reapplied to my red-prone areas (shoulders, chest) as the day wore on. I always get at least a bit burned at the beach, but not this time, even after an afternoon swim.” —*Eimear Lynch, Word of Mouth editor*



SUN SHIELD
Think oil-based sunscreens are too slick? Not so. And Vichy's protects even in high humidity.