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Sense, a Rosewood Spa
at the Carlyle,
New York

The historic Carlyle's first-ever spa boasts an intimate salon run by New York hairstylist Yves Durif and a treatment

menu that brings a hint of the quirky to the indulgent. The esoterically named Flowers Hold Life includes a private steam that doubles as a light show, with sounds and colors evoking thunderstorms or sunrises. Even more eccentric is the Apaisant Treatment, involving bundles of oak leaves from Central Park, which are sterilized, soaked in olive oil soap and then whisked across the body to exfoliate skin. Curious touches aside, the space flawlessly captures the Carlyle's gracious style, both in its

attitude (the facility's gym opened prematurely to accommodate Tony Blair) and Art Deco decor, executed in warm, soothing grays. Especially impressive is the staircase leading down to the treatment rooms, which is surrounded by \$70,000 worth of platinum tiles—the spa's only show of flash.

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