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► THIS COULD BE THE BEST FACIAL IN ASPEN

Over the holidays, while Charlie Sheen was getting thrown in the slammer and Paris Hilton was puking on a bar's dance floor a few blocks away, I was taking a much more, er, low-key approach to my Aspen vacation: snowshoeing up to lunch in a log cabin, scoring a vintage L.L. Bean jacket at the local thrift shop and snowboarding under a cloudless sky.

My favorite activity, though, was getting the most luxurious facial ever at the [Viceroy Snowmass](#) spa. Called the O₂ Infusion, the 60-minute treatment began in the spa's "relaxation sanctuary" (replete with a gold-dipped antler chandelier hanging over an infinity pool and waterfall) where my feet were massaged and hand-washed in a copper tub. Then, it was on to the facial room for an arm massage and a heady application of hot towels, lotions and potions. Yet the pièce de résistance was the oxygen infusion with "IntraCeuticals hyperbaric technology." Word has it Madonna receives a similar treatment almost every day from her personal aesthetician, Michelle Peck, who introduced the Australian IntraCeuticals line to the United States several years ago.

Using a hyperbaric oxygen machine, the facialist spritzed my face with a concoction of hyaluronic acid, green tea, aloe vera and vitamins C and E, kneading it into the skin with cold blasts of oxygen. After more massages (neck, head) and lotions and hot towels, the treatment was topped off with five minutes of oxygen inhalation therapy and a [Veuve Clicquot Kir Royale](#). I'm not sure if the extra dose of oxygen was necessary but hey, we were at 8,100 feet. Back at sea level, I'm still on Cloud 9 from the whole experience.

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I couldn't agree more! I was at the Viceroy Snowmass last month and also had the O₂ Infusion facial. Without question, it was hands-down the best facial I've ever had. My skin hasn't looked this great in years! The staff at the Spa were all extremely professional and courteous (without that obnoxiously cloying thing that can happen when staff try to force "exceptional service"). I will definitely be making another appointment at the Viceroy spa the next time I'm in Aspen/Snowmass.

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