

Jet-Set Skin

London, Paris, Bhutan.... They travel all over the world, yet their faces look as though they never leave the spa. Here, the products the truly fabulous swear by.

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Fifteenth-century explorers brought home tobacco, spices, and gold from their travels. Today's party-hopping globe-trotters continue the tradition.

Along with being able to direct you to the finest *fromage* in Paris, jet setters are adept at sniffing out the *crème de la crème* of skin care. Think about it: Nothing dries out your face faster than eight hours at 35,000 feet. We caught up with a handful of frequent fliers (which, for the record, was not easy) to find out what they slather on their skin, whether they're off to a soiree in St. Barts or *festividades* in Ibiza.

Boots Botanics Organic Face Rosewater Toner. While running errands one blustery day in London, fashion designer Shoshanna Gruss ducked into Boots to buy some hand cream. On a shelf nearby, she spotted the Boots Rosewater Toner, a gentle potion made from Bulgarian rose-flower oil. "I have been obsessed ever since because it removes makeup more effectively than anything else and leaves my skin feeling really fresh," says Gruss. "Whenever friends were traveling in the U.K., I'd beg them to pick some up for me—and then they all got hooked on it, too." Gruss no longer has to ask friends to haul bottles back for her: The toner has now made

its way to Target as well as U.S.-based websites. **Where to find it:** Shopboots.usa.com; drugstore.com. **Price:** \$8.39.

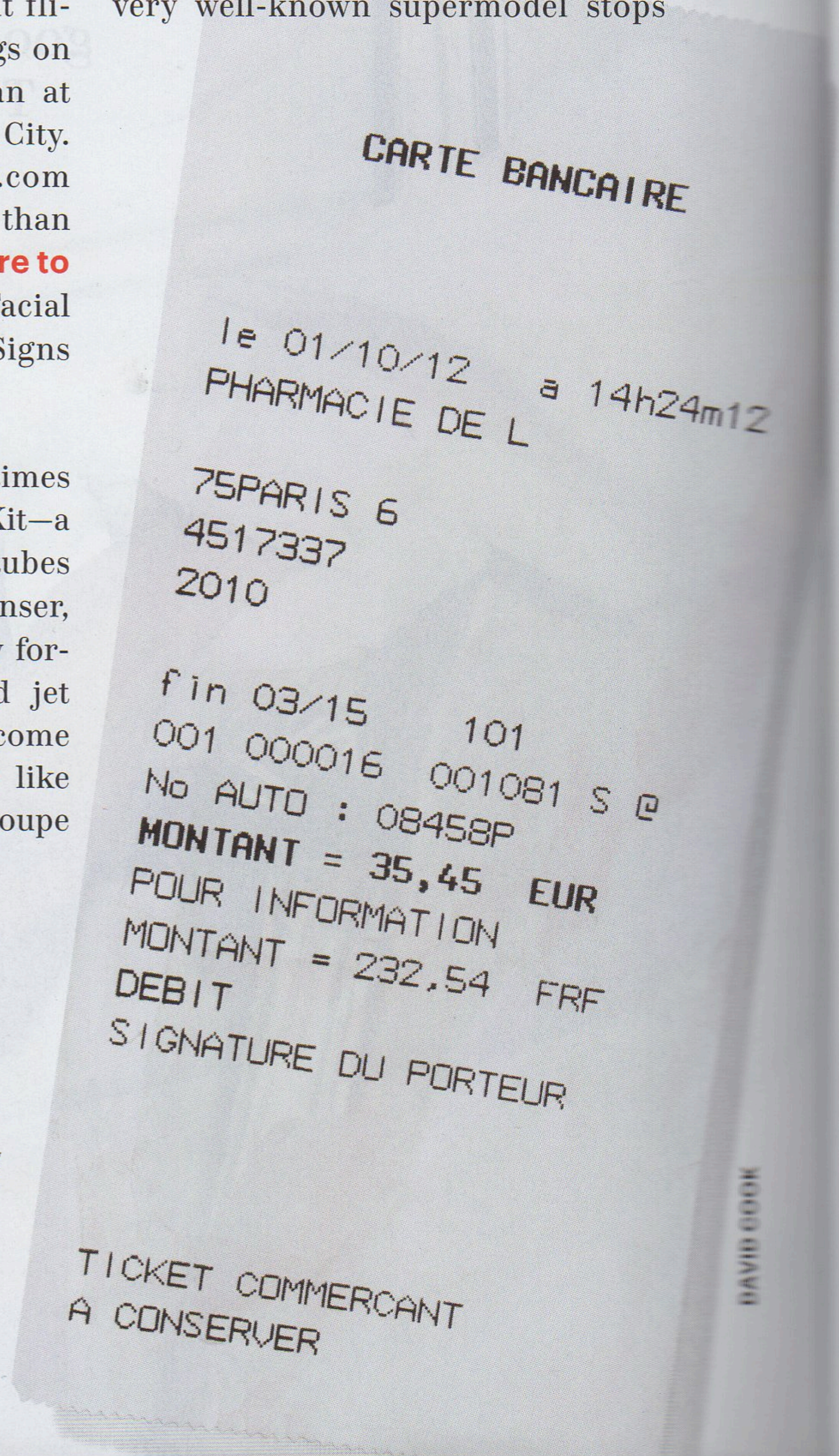
SK-II face masks. "If I'm looking particularly 50 shades of gray—and not in the sexy kind of way—I pull out this mask," says Cassandra Huysentruyt Grey, whose beauty blog is violetgrey.com, of the cotton Facial Treatment Mask. Alexandra Wilkis Wilson, cofounder of Gilt Groupe, is also a fan: "You can feel the hydration happening," she says. The Hannibal Lecter-looking mask, which contains *saccharomyces ferment filtrate* to promote cell turnover, imparts a satisfying glow, making it especially popular with frequent fliers. "These are the hottest things on the market," says a saleswoman at Saks Fifth Avenue in New York City. High demand prohibits saks.com customers from ordering more than six packages every 30 days. **Where to find them:** Saks.com. **Prices:** Facial Treatment Mask, \$125 for 10; Signs Eye Mask, \$110 for 14.

VBeauté It Kit. About 10,000 times cooler than a ziplock bag, the It Kit—a clutch filled with travel-size tubes of moisturizer, exfoliator, cleanser, serum, and eye cream created by former hedge-fund manager (and jet setter) Julie Macklowe—has become a hit with discerning travelers like Stephanie Seymour and Gilt Groupe

cofounder Alexis Maybank. "I have the kit with me right now in Venice," says jewelry designer Zani Gugelmann. The products feel weightless, and because they're paraben-, fragrance-, oat-, gluten-, and nut-free, they are gentle enough for even the most allergy-prone skin. **Where to find it:** Bergdorfgoodman.com; vbeaute.com. **Price:** \$165.

Wei Beauty Ginkgo Leaf Repairing Face Treatment Pads. When Demi Moore tweeted a picture of herself wearing one of these ginkgo leaf- and hyaluronic acid-spiked plant-fiber masks last year, people took notice and started buying up the pads. "One very well-known supermodel stops

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Biologique Recherche Creme Verte Espoir. Actress Carey Lowell doesn’t take off without a stash of Biologique Recherche skin products. Developed in France, the line has had a cult following among the yacht crowd—and their facialists—for over 30 years. “Nothing works like Biologique Recherche in terms of firming and hydration,” says New York City facialist Aida Bicaj. Lowell is particularly fond of the Creme Verte Espoir, a thick lotion formulated for sensitive skin that she slathers on at night. Containing yeast, coffee extract, red-vine extract, and vitamin C, “it feels nourishing without being greasy,” says Lowell. “If I don’t use it, I regret it the next morning.” **Where to find it:** Biologique-recherche.us. **Price:** \$76.

Valmont Renewing Pack Cellular Anti-Stress Face Treatment. Like many globe-trotters, Tabitha Simmons, a shoe designer and fashion stylist, discovered one of her favorite skin-care products at a hotel. “I was in Paris having a facial at Le Meurice, and they used this treatment,” she says. “It left my skin so glowing that I didn’t even need to wear makeup.” The luxurious Swiss-made mask works for all skin types, can be applied daily, and is a great remedy for parched, stressed complexions. “My skin gets so dry from flying, and this makes it look and feel

really hydrated. It gives my whole face a slight lift,” says Simmons. **Where to find it:** Boutiquevalmont.com. **Price:** \$170.

Embryolisse Lait-Crème Concentré. This cream may be over 60 years old, but it’s still got legs. A favorite of models and makeup artists (makeup artist Billy B, who works with Britney Spears, emailed from Cannes that he “uses it every single day”), this multitasking, shea butter- and plant extract-based skin savior cleanses, moisturizes, and soothes razor burn. “I bought some in St.-Tropez to remove my makeup,” says Lisa Letarte Cabrinha, cofounder of Letarte swimwear. “It has enough oil in it to get the grime out and leaves skin really clean and fresh.” The cream became available in the U.S. in 2005, not that anyone really cared—part of the fun was bringing tubes back from Paris, where they’re sold in pharmacies. **Where to find it:** Embryolisseusa.com. **Price:** \$16 for 30 mL; \$28 for 75 mL.

Lea Journo Revive French Plum Oil. “It’s my secret weapon,” says Grey. “I put four drops on the fine lines on my face every night, and it instantly smooths them.” Imported from the South of France, the oil, which smells like almonds and dries to a matte finish, is naturally high in oleic acid, a fatty acid that aids in cell turnover. It also moisturizes dry, damaged hair, and skiers love to smooth it on chapped cheeks and lips. **Where to find it:** Leajourno.com. **Price:** \$65.

Santa Maria Novella Latte Per Il Corpo. Patients usually get product recommendations from their derma-

tologist, not the other way around. But Francesca Fusco, a dermatologist in New York City, was introduced to this lotion by her Upper East Side patients. “They love it,” says Fusco. “Whenever they go to Italy, they come home with bucketfuls of it, and they bring some back for me, too.” The intensely hydrating, floral-scented body cream is sold mostly in Italy, where interior designer Victoria Hagan discovered it. “It works like magic—the hydration takes away all of the negative effects of flying,” she says. **Where to find it:** Santamaria novellausa.com. **Price:** \$85.

Rogé Cavallès Surgras Bath and Shower Gel. If you want to spot *une femme très chic* in Paris, skip the Champs Elysees and head to the closest *pharmacie*, where you’ll find them stocking up on Rogé Cavallès soaps. Created in the back of the Pharmacie Rogé Cavallès at 116 Boulevard Haussmann in 1924, the mild, lipid-rich bar soap that smells vaguely lemony became a hit with the elite, especially those with sensitive skin. “I’ve been using the soap since I lived in Paris working as a model and tried it at someone’s house,” says Lowell. “Now I buy the gel version every time I go into a French pharmacy.” **Where to find it:** Leguidesante.com. **Price:** \$21.68.

Somme Institutre 5-Step Regimen. Dylan Lauren, owner of Dylan’s Candy Bar, travels constantly, but she found her favorite skin-care products right near her home in New York City. “I had a Vitamin Infusion Facial at the Mandarin Oriental, and my skin was glowing for a week,” she says. “I started using the at-home version, and my skin has never looked this healthy, bright, and even-toned.” The program includes a nonfoaming cleanser, a gentle exfoliant, a vitamin C-based serum, a moisturizer that contains vitamins A and E, and an SPF 30 sunscreen. Platinum club members like Lauren appreciate the Mobile Travel Kit, carry-on sizes of the regimen. **Where to find it:** Sommeinstitutre.com. **Price:** \$85 for the Mobile Travel Kit; \$298 for all five full-size products.