

SILVER RAIN, the La Prairie Spa at the Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman Islands, unites the top names in every field to offer its guests one-of-a-kind experiences.

The Cayman Islands is the world's 5th largest financial center and the region's wealthiest island, leading to a demand for a truly luxurious spa amongst professionals in the financial and insurance industries as well as wealthy property owners who spend much of the year in Cayman.

The Ritz Carlton resort features 365 guestrooms and suites, Silver Rain - a La Prairie Spa, five dining venues including a restaurant by Eric Ripert of the top-ranking New York restaurant Le Bernardin, the island's largest ballroom, a tennis center by Nick Bollettieri, Ambassadors of the Environment by Jean-Michel Cousteau family program and Blue Tip, a Greg Norman-designed nine-hole golf course. Recognizing the power of the Silver Rain concept, the developer of The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman invested in excess of \$10 million to build this spa, a world so unique that even the rain is silver.

CRYSTALLINE PERFECTION

Caribbean's most serene and prosperous island, the Grand Cayman, is home to the much celebrated SILVER RAIN Spa.

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Photos: Silver Rain, La Prairie Spa at the Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman Islands



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RARE PLEASURES

Treatments culled from many cultures indulge body and spirit, as the skin science of **La Prairie's Swiss Heritage** meets the sensual delights of the tropics. Everything pure and rare has been incorporated into both products and services at the Silver Rain. Switzerland is renowned in unique hydrotherapies and each Silver Rain experience provides the "healing waters". **La Prairie's Cellular anti-aging formulas** are applied to treat and replenish the face and body.

DESIGN & DÉCOR

The design concept for Silver Rain, by New York based **D'Aquino Monaco**, is celebrating water in all its forms as inspired by La Prairie's fragrance by the same name.

The entrance to the spa is truly unique. It is essentially a sculptural installation, a crystalline room, alive with the sounds and sensations of cool, rushing water. Walls of faceted glass and quartzite entice with falling water, as a rushing river flows beneath a floor of carved translucent glass. Sterling silver fragrance bottles are suspended in glass columns, as Silver Rain perfume wafts through the misted air.

In the **Silver Salon** the reception area, columns of raindrops fall into pools cut into the quartzite floor. Water trickles in rivulets at the perimeter of the entire room, sending reflections sparkling off the silvery walls. Iridescent rectilinear desks offer counterpoint to a free-form sofa, upholstered in softly shimmering fabrics.

On the second floor, is the **Silver Haven** relaxation lounge which provides a large and lavish gathering space, where guests find themselves in a world of plush silk and chenille carpet and several private seating areas with curtains to provide further privacy. With oversized chaises, perfume scented air, soft water sounds, books and specialty publications it's the ideal place to lounge between treatments, or perhaps to host a private Spa party.



“We are working to build awareness of non-massage treatments for men. Men represent 40% of the spa business, but 70% of their treatments is represented by massage. However the heritage of La Prairie products as cellular skin science vs. traditional “soft” beauty products makes our male audience more receptive to trial of other services.”

Silver Haven lounge is comparable to paradise where the guests are looked after by “spa angels” dressed in flowing white capes to complement the ethereal effect. Guests have an option of nearly 50 CD’s of music to choose from, and indulge in a variety of spa refreshments

The spa includes ladies’ and men’s sanctuaries with steam room, sauna and whirlpools and the Silver Haven relaxation lounge. Two of the treatment rooms are “Rain Rooms” specially designed for the signature body treatments.

with your feet soaked in **magnolia water** afloat with **Cayman orchids**.

The therapist uses a gentle **rain drooping technique** to apply jasmine and sandalwood to either the face or body. With the body treatment she then raindrops brown sugar mixed with coriander to exfoliate and washes it away with the gentle rain. An energizing citrus mask is applied to the body before it is enveloped in a **wrap** and the steam of the **Rain Room**. Then the skin is hydrated with **La Prairie’s Cellular Softening and Balancing formulation**.

The treatment is crowned with a massage using the **Silver Rain Body Crème**, a unification of all the single note elements. With the facial, a mask is applied for energizing, firming and lifting and moisturize with the La Prairie formulation suited to the skin’s particular needs.



THE SILVER RAIN EXPERIENCE

Every treatment is conceived and developed by La Prairie and Indigenous treatments on the menu incorporate the La Prairie’s cellular skin science with products and techniques. However, the La Prairie development team found ways to incorporate indigenous products into those treatments in ways that both complement and enhance the renowned La Prairie products. For example, the **Natural Sea Glow body treatment uses Cayman Sea Salt, a locally produced solar sea salt, in an exfoliating scrub.**

SIGNATURE TREATMENTS

The signature **Silver Rain Facial and Silver Rain Body Treatment offer sensorial luxury and break down the Silver Rain fragrance into its core elements.**

A massage in softly falling rain in an aromatic tub with **210 jets of bubbles**

Silver Rain’s newest gold standard for anti-aging is the **Pure Gold Radiance Facial**. The pure golden drops of **Cellular Radiance Complex Pure Gold** lift, firm, brighten and energize. Imparted with the most subtle **24-karat incandescent glow**, skin looks and feels radiant, luscious and vibrantly alive. This is quickly emerging as a signature treatment as well. **SS**

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e.g. dried and tropical fruits, juices, nuts and pastries, besides individually prepared **Tea Forte or Champagne**. The “spa angels” also provide guests with product samples following their treatment.

Beyond the silver leafed doors is the **Treatment Area with 17 treatment rooms with names like Sea Lily, Wild Orchid, and Sea of Serenity** which reflect the theme of the rooms. A couple’s room, called **Two if by Sea**, and a treatment room with its own intimate lounge - Private Cove, allow the services to be shared with one or more companions.

