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The Cosmo Summer Beauty Awards 2025

We tested products across skin, hair, makeup and body to find out what deserves a space in your suitcase, whether you're staycaying or vacay bound...

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Skincare

Cleanse, hydrate, treat, protect and repeat, with this summer skin line-up



TRAVEL SET

Summer Fridays Jet Lag Essentials Set, £34
Planes can be the biggest culprit for sandpaper skin, so save space in your carry-on for this, your skin's ideal travel companion.



LIGHTWEIGHT MOISTURISER

Refy Face Sculpt Moisturiser, £38
Not only does this formula leave your skin hydrated and glowy, the cooling tip is a welcome touch as the heat steps up.



HYDRATOR

bareMinerals Skin Rescue Fresh Potent Pure Moisture Serum, £58
Soothes redness and sun-induced irritation with 1% PGA (polyglutamic acid) and plant algae.



VITAMIN C SERUM

Tatcha Brightening Serum, £86
We love a hardworking product and this one delivers vit C over 12 hours, meaning that there's zero irritation but *aaa!!!!* of the glow.



BARRIER REPAIR

Ilia Barrier Build Skin Protectant Cream, £64
Overdone the actives? Ilia can help! Overnight, slather on this rich formula and awake to hydrated, calmer and less red skin.



MAKEUP REMOVER

Elemis Black Cherry Cleansing Balm, £49
First, we're in love with the sweet scent. But better still, even waterproof mascara doesn't stand a chance against it.



CLEANSER

Starface Star Wash, £12.99
Acne-prone, sensitive skin grrrls listen up – this gentle foaming cleanser is the one. The oil-free formula helps minimise breakouts with pore-clearing salicylic acid.



FACE MIST

Kiko Milano Hydra Pro Mist, £19.99
Hyaluronic acid and primrose extracts hydrate and leave skin with a luminous glow, both over and under makeup. A quick fix with a quick spritz.



SENSITIVE SKIN FIX

Ren Evercalm Sensitivity Relief Mist, £32
Heat rash or just hot summer skin, this mist instantly calms and helps prevent irritation with skin-soothing aloe vera.



ESSENCE

The Ordinary Multi-Active Delivery Essence, £10.60
Your skincare could work even harder. This liquid boosts skin's hydration levels, making your next skincare steps penetrate deeper. So clever!



GLOW ENHANCER

Skin + Me Hydration + Glow Serum, £25
The combo of hyaluronic acid, ectoin, niacinamide and collagen gives this serum serious podium status. Brighten, plump and hydrate in a daily dose.



DARK SPOT TREATMENT

Charlotte Tilbury Dark Spot Correcting Radiance Recovery Serum, £70
CT's new serum helps fade the appearance of dark spots and discoloration.



SPF LIP BALM

Paul & Joe Protecting Lipstick SPF25 Refill, £11
Prevent the pain of sun-burned lips with this – it's adorable, protective *and* moisturising, too.



LIP TREATMENT

Laneige Glaze Craze Tinted Lip Serum, £19
Say hello to glossy, hydrated lips with this juicy offering. Glazed doughnut lipcare has never looked better!



EYE CREAM

Bubble Star Dew Hydrating Eye Cream, £14
Wake up tired peepers. The texture's so dewy, you won't believe your eyes! (Soz....)



SUN CREAM

Ultra Violet Future Fluid SPF 50+ Superlight Mineral Skinscreen, £38
This SPF melts in and is loaded with vitamin E and squalane.



SUN STICK

e.l.f. Suntouchable Invisi-Stick SPF50, £14
Dynamite sun protection in a totally undetectable formula. You'll be asking yourself where you put it straight after swiping on.



EVERYDAY SPF

Indu Everyday Hero SPF50+, £25
This formula proves that SPF can and should be worn every day. It's good for all tones, lightweight and layerable.





Hair

Chlorine, sun damage, humidity... save your hair with these hot-weather heroes



TRAVEL SET

Cécred Mini + Mighty Bundle, £99
This lil set is perfect for testing out the incredible Cécred line-up.



Batiste Sensitive Scalp Gentle Dry Shampoo, £3.59
When the OG talks, we listen. This dry shampoo is Batiste at its best, but with a gentler formula to suit all.



Redken Acidic Bonding Concentrate 24/7 Night & Day Serum, £31.80
Polyglutamic acid and squalane team up to fight your hair demons.



LEAVE-IN CONDITIONER
Monday Moisture Leave-In Conditioner, £5
This delivers silky-smooth strands at a purse-friendly price.



HAIR OIL
Kérastase Gloss Absolu Glaze Drops, £38.80
Enjoy shiny strands with this oil. It gives glass-like hair that lasts for days, keeping frizz completely at bay.



CURL DEFINER
Sisley Hair Rituel by Sisley Curl Cream, £83
Luxe? Absolutely. But luckily you can savour every drop, as a little of this light cream goes a very long way.



LIGHTWEIGHT HAIR MASK
Kama Ayurveda Bringadi Regenerating Hair Mask, £51
In this, a hard-working trio of botanical mango, kokum and shea butters repairs and rehydrates for a shine like no other.



COLOUR CORRECTING SHAMPOO
L'Oréal Professionnel Vitamino Color Spectrum, £27
When excessive washing kills your colour, this high-tech protectant revives and secures vibrancy.



CLARIFYING SHAMPOO
Q+A Clarifying Shampoo, £10
Fuss-free, affordable products formulated with all-natural ingredients is the name of Q+A's game, and this silicone-, SLS-free offering is no exception.



REPAIR SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
JVN Revive Repairing Hair Shampoo and Conditioner, £21 each
As JVN would say, 'Honey, it's giving healthy hair!' A quick wash with this duo banishes summer hair damage.



CURLS & COILS CLEANSING DUO
FFØR Pre: Curl Cleanser, £8.50
FFØR Pre: Curl Conditioner, £9.50
This duo (free from SLS and silicones) rehydrates textured hair for soft and defined locks.



HAIRBRUSH
Rock & Ruddle The Blue and White Collection Small Hairbrush, £35
In the market for a fail-safe, smoothing (and gorgeous) hairbrush? Look no further.



SOOTHING SCALP SERUM
Nourrir On Balance Soothing Serum, £30
This lightweight, leave-in treatment calms an itchy scalp. Plus, its clever formula helps balance the skin's pH for healthier hair growth.



DETOX SCALP SCRUB
Moroccanoil Purifying Scrub, £29.50
This pre-shampoo scrub is the key to a refreshed scalp. Gently exfoliate excess oil or build-up with its detoxifying argan shell and tea tree blend.



HEAT-PROTECTING PRODUCT
TRESemmé Lamellar Shine Ultra Gloss Spray, £10
Frizz has never been tamed more boldly than by a few spritzes of this shine spray, which also protects up to 230°C.



INSTANT HAIR TREATMENT
Bumble And Bumble Bond-Building TripleBond Flash Rinse, £29
Chlorine and sunshine can strip hair of its glory. This treatment will correct things, fast.



HAIR PERFUME
Gisou Honey Infused Hair Perfume Floral Edition Lavender Berry, £34
Calling all fruity floral lovers. Gisou's lavender, blackberry and sweet honey-infused hair perfume is where it's at.



HOT TOOL FOR TRAVELLING
ghd Chronos Max Wide Plate Hair Straightener, £299
Wide plates = quicker styling = more time on the beach. Universal voltage means you won't blow the power.

Makeup

These are the formulas that'll be fighting for space in your liquids bag



FOUNDATION
Huda Easy Blur Foundation, £32

Forgo your foundation when the temps spike? This Huda find has you covered – literally – even when you feel like a sweaty mess.



TINTED MOISTURISER
Jones Road Beauty Just Enough Tinted Moisturiser, £44

This formula gives 'just enough' coverage for evening out skin.



CONCEALER
Collection Lasting Perfection Ultra Cover Concealer, £4.99

A new high-coverage iteration of Collection's concealer means: poof! Dark circles are gone!



BLUSH
Mac Strobe Beam Liquid Blush, £22
When highlight meets blush, things get cheeky. Blendable, luminous and high pigment, this feels as good as it looks.



TRAVEL TOOLS
Morphe Along For The Ride 6-Piece Travel Brush Set, £29
For a full face on the go, Morphe's set has all the essentials for flawless application, in a hand-luggage-friendly size.



BRONZER
NYX Professional Makeup Buttermelt Bronzer, £9.99
In one swish, this bronzer delivers a glow. The eight colours are all highly pigmented.



EYESHADOW STICK
Ilia Eye Stylus Shadow Stick, £32
A worthy opponent to streamy, hay-fever eyes – super pigmented and waterproof.



ILLUMINATOR
Glossier Futuredew Solid, £26

Glazed doughnut skin just met its match with this new stick illuminator. Glide on to your cheekbones, nose, brow bone and go!



SMUDGE-PROOF MASCARA
Armani Beauty Vertigo Lift Mascara, £29

Love at first swipe. This gem doesn't smudge, flake or run – perfectly fluttery lashes every time.



LIP STAIN
Rimmel Thrill Seeker Lip Ink Pen, £9.99
Kiss-proof, transfer-proof and burger-proof (yep, we put it through its paces), this lip stain is the key to long-lasting summer makeup.



HYDRATING LIPSTICK
Fenty Beauty Gloss Bomb Stix High-Shimmer Gloss Sticks, £23
Is it a gloss? Is it a lipstick? Spoiler: it's both. This non-sticky hybrid is nourishing and shimmery.



FACE TAN
St.Tropez Sunlit Skin Self Tan Express, £29
When the very best of an express face tan and bronzing drops combine, you're met with this holiday glow in a bottle.



LIP LINER
Saie Lip Liner 101, £17
Lining your lips can often feel like a faff too far, makeup-wise. But this liner is creamy, blendable and stays put through sunset drinks.



LONG-WEAR PRIMER
e.l.f. Power Grip Matte Primer, £10
If your makeup slides off quicker than you in a doughnut on a water slide, this will wow you.



SETTING SPRAY
Makeup by Mario SurrealSkin Soft Setting Spray, £38
This super-fine formula works harder than Kris Jenner – makeup looks freshly applied all day.



SETTING POWDER
Makeup by Mario SurrealSkin Soft Blur Setting Powder, £38
Mario has scooped best powder award, too. We'd like to thank him for reducing our oiliness.



BROW SETTER
L'Oréal Paris 24hr Brow Lamination, £11.99
Sad, droopy brows have no place in summer. Thankfully, this gel keeps them sitting pretty literally all day.





Body

Say it after us, 'Skincare doesn't stop at the neck.' Now read on for our summer body care must-haves



BODY LOTION

CeraVe Intensive Moisturising Lotion, £15
We may not want to use thick butters come the summer but, sadly, dry skin still exists. CeraVe to the rescue with this rich but light-textured hydrator.



BODY SERUM

Joonbyrd Kaleidoscope Body Serum, £78
Nutrient-packed superfoods in this formula help shield and soothe skin for a noticeably smoother, brighter and more refined complexion.



BODY SCRUB

& Other Stories Perfect Pistachio Body Scrub, £14
The only thing better than being told you smell good is having smooth, baby-like skin. With this scrub, you can have both.



BODY OIL

Palmer's Shimmer Radiance Body Oil, £10.99
Palmer's really popped off with this launch. The oil, which smells incredible, enhances your golden glow with little flecks of shimmer – you glow, girl!



DEODORANT

Sure Whole Body Deo Wild Rose, £3.50
This aluminium-free deo is the key to staying fresh from head to toe this summer – and all year round. Smelly ain't in the Cosmo reader's vocab.



HAIR REMOVER

Estrid The Vegan Bikini & Underarm Wax Kit, £6.45
If you remove your hair, you want it to be swift and as pain-free as poss. As waxes go, the process with this set ticks both boxes.



BODY WASH

Sol de Janeiro Delicia Drench Shower Oil, £23
Transport yourself to the beaches of Rio, courtesy of SDJ, with this sumptuous shower oil. It cleanses but keeps skin super soft and smells delicious.



SOAP

Jo Malone London Revitalise Exfoliating Soap, £16
Sometimes you need a soap to slough off the sweatiness of summer, and this gentle bar gives a thorough clean without stripping skin.



SWEET SUMMER SCENT

Gucci The Alchemist's Garden Osmanthus Nectar 50ml, £185
Fruity and floral? Yes, please. This delicate apricot, sandalwood and bergamot blend is a magnet for compliments.



FLORAL SUMMER SCENT

Glossier You Fleur Eau de Parfum, £70
Another iteration of You we can't get enough of. This is soft, floral and feminine. It's You but in a summer garden in bloom.



AFTER-SUN LOTION

La Roche-Posay Anthelios Post-UV Exposure After-Sun Lotion, £18
After a day in the sun, apply this gentle lotion to calm hot summer skin.



EVENING SUMMER SCENT

Kylie Cosmic 2.0 Eau de Parfum 50ml, £44
Attract the Timmy to your Kylie with the warmth and sensuality of amber accord, complemented by pear, pink pepper and vanilla notes.



SUN LOTION

Clarins Youth-Protecting Sunscreen Very High Protection SPF50+, £27
Non-sticky, softening and above all protective (even if you have a lil splash in the sea). Plus, the antioxidants help preserve the skin's youth.



BEACHY SUMMER SCENT

Jo Malone London Beach Blossom Cologne 50ml, £86
Does any scent scream 'beach' more than coconut water and a concoction of lime and mint? Didn't think so.



SPF BODY OIL

BaliBody SPF50 Watermelon Tanning Oil, £22.95
Perfect for giving the skin a little glisten, enhancing the look of your glow as you protect. If you like fruity scents, you'll love applying this.

Shop the complete list of winners on site at [cosmopolitan.com/uk/cosmopolitan-summer-beauty-awards-2025](https://www.cosmopolitan.com/uk/cosmopolitan-summer-beauty-awards-2025)