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## This little piggy spent . . . *how much?*

A PEDICURE COSTS MORE THAN IT USED TO, BUT IT COMES WITH FUN EXTRAS, FROM WINE TO MASSAGE

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The pedicure was, for years, a predictable experience. Remove shoes, soak feet, pick polish, and go. The most you'd ever fork over was \$30, max. But once Newbury Street salon unveiled its \$130 signature pedicure, we realized that tootsie tending has changed dramatically. A reconnaissance mission to nail salons all over town was in order. Here's what we found — and what you get for the money:

### MELT

172 Newbury St., 617-262-1116,  
meltboston.com

**Atmosphere:** Owner Melanie Tringali has an interior design background and wanted the spa to have a relaxed feel. Surrounded by area rugs and elegant wood armoires, you feel as if you've been ensconced in a cozy Manhattan co-op.

**Hot polish:** Manager Tara Pearson likes Suzy Loves Sidney, a shimmering shade of merlot, and a pink called Strawberry Margarita.

**Cost:** Classic Pedicure: \$50; MELT Signature Pedicure: \$130.

**Special touches:** You're treated to a glass of champagne or wine with your pedi. The Signature Pedicure includes lunch from Bouchée served on a tray while your feet are soaked, scrubbed, massaged, and otherwise beautified. An esthetician freshens your makeup, and you pocket products from Luzern. Sounds nice to us.



Left and above: Christine Fedele applies nail polish during a pedicure at the Nurture spa in South Boston. Below: A pedicure at Melt on Newbury Street can include a glass of champagne or wine.

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**Cost:** Basic pedicure: \$40

**Special touches:** The salon makes its own scented scrubs and massage oils each season. New this spring: sandalwood lavender and lime. Finished nails are coated with oil and wrapped in plastic bags to keep them chip-free on your way out.

### NURTURE

127 L St., South Boston, 617-269-0638,  
nurturesalonandspa.com

**Atmosphere:** Nurture could be your best friend's

apartment. Rustic-chic furniture and plates of pastries set an informal, cozy tone.

**Hot polish:** Manicurist Christine Fedele says hot pink is hot.

**Cost:** Full-service pedicure: \$40. Add \$10 for paraffin treatment.

**Special touches:** Cappuccino and espresso are offered, and after 4 p.m., you can relax with a glass of wine. Soak your toes in a bowl awash with fresh lemons, limes, and mustard seeds.