



QUICK LOOKS The service is on the double at, clockwise from top, Jim's Shoe Repair; Oscar Bond Salon & Spa; and Ménage à Trois.



Jim's Shoe Repair
50 East 59th Street; 212-355-8259
The tiny, cluttered shop looks a little underwhelming, but once you spy the stack of Robert Clergerie and Prada shoe boxes in the corner, you'll feel more confident about entrusting it with your scuffed alligator Tod's. We brought in some embarrassingly soiled Fendi py-

Ryder, Angelina Jolie, Kate Moss, and Naomi Campbell. You'll understand their devotion when your floor-length skirt is neatly cut to the knee in fifteen minutes. Soon, you'll be tempted to challenge the staff with tougher projects, like streamlining your stiff eighties power suit. Prepare to accept defeat gracefully when you see the elegant overhaul a mere 24 hours later.

Marianne Novobatzky
65 Mercer Street; 212-431-4120

Love may last forever, but brides who elope have considerably less time to find a dress. Turn to Novobatzky, whose SoHo boutique offers simple, perfectly fitted sheaths (from \$500) custom-made in a week. The slinky gowns aren't for the shy, but cast in fabrics like duchesse satin and silk organza, they're so gorgeously seductive you won't want to retire yours to the back of your closet after the big day.

Jutta Neumann
317 East 9th Street; 212-982-7048
Groovy custom-made sandals in everything from lime-green suede to slick python (\$180-\$245): enough said? Well, not quite—it's also a mere three weeks from the initial tracing and fitting to a final product that'll go with pony skin and Prada Sport. Jutta's *Über*-cool wedge sandals and strappy flats last nearly forever—and they'll look stylish for just as long.

New Age Designer
38 Mott Street; 212-349-0818
Inside this bare-bones shop, you'll find more than 300 brilliantly colored, intricately embroidered rolls of silk ready to be turned into traditional *cheong sam* Chinese couture dresses (from \$200). Patterns range from cerise brocade with trailing vines to peach silk dotted with delicate flowers. How long before you're a Suzie Wong look-alike? As little as two days.

Behrle
89 Franklin Street; 212-334-5522
Come here for smooth-as-glass leather pants that go from grunge to glam in a

NAVIGATOR

Q I'm leaving the urban jungle for the real one—in Africa. Which shots do I need, and where can I get them?

A While your doctor can find out which vaccinations you need, a travel clinic will go further to ensure you don't bring home any unwanted keepsakes—like, say, a tapeworm. Beyond shots (which cost extra), they'll arm you with the do's and don'ts of local food and drink, prescriptions if needed, and a list of over-the-counter remedies for trip-wreckers like jet lag and food poisoning.

At **Travel Health Services** (50 East 69th Street; 212-734-3000), Dr. Bradley A. Connor considers current vaccines and recent outbreaks when reviewing a patient's itinerary. The \$60 consultation (with a travel nurse) allows you round-the-clock access to Dr. Connor during your trip.

Traveler's Medical Service (595 Madison Avenue, at 57th Street; 212-230-1020) charges \$40 for a consultation with a travel-health specialist, or \$200 to meet with medical director Dr. Alberto Acosta. Either way, expect more than just a few jabs in the arm: The clinic isn't afraid to inundate clients with details of constipation and traveler's diarrhea.

Dr. Scott Kalish (**Center for Travelers' Health & Immunization**, 133 East 73rd Street; 212-861-9000) spends as much as 90 minutes with each patient, carefully weighing the benefits of each vaccine against the cost and potential side effects. The visit will run you \$100, or \$150 for you and a traveling companion.

TARA MANDY

Michael Canale
Da Pietro Todd Salon, 1509 Second Avenue, at 78th Street; 212-744-7150
Canale's Beverly Hills salon is so busy that he only makes it to Gotham three days a month. But it's worth squeezing in an ap-