Flowers' fragrance-giving oils supply some of the most beautifying compounds found in nature. "The essential oils of flowers are incredibly powerful," says Jerry Angelini, MS, director of health and wellness at Two Bunch Palms Resort and Spa in Desert Hot Springs, Calif. "And when you use them in beauty treatments, you're impacted by their soothing fragrance as well as their healing effects on skin and body."

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petal power

Let beauty blossom with a bouquet of benefits for skin and hair
1. Sweet and tealike in aroma, jasmine (found in Pacifica Waikiki Pikake Body Butter) acts as a cell regenerator to smooth dry or mature skin. $15.95/8 oz.; pacificacandles.com

2. Along with calming irritated skin, spicy ylang-ylang stimulates circulation, making Pangea Organics Malagasy Ylang Ylang & Linden Flower Shower Gel an ideal head-to-toe revitalizer. $14/8 oz.; pangeaorganics.com

3. Long used in exquisite perfumes, gardenia is blended with jasmine, geranium, and tuberose in Red Flower Spanish Gardenia Cleansing Hair Wash to infuse your hair with naturally gorgeous scent. $28/8 oz.; redflower.com

4. Add Tact Cedarwood & Geranium Bath Salts to bathwater and soak up tension-melting geranium, reputed to ease skin troubles such as eczema and dermatitis. $5/60 g; newlondonpharmacy.com

5. Favored for hydrating parched skin and cooling inflammation, the rose featured in Jurlique Rosewater Balancing Mist smells especially sweet on sweltering summer days. $31/3.3 oz.; jurlique.com

6. Skin-rejuvenating calendula (aka marigold), supplied in Kimberly Sayer Tangerine & Calendula Healing Light Night Cream, helps diminish sun damage as well as acne scars. $32/2 oz.; kimberlysayer.com

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