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ABSOLUTE SANCTUARY

Koh Samui, Thailand

WHO: Kate Goodwin,
Dubai-based founder of
Illumin8 Make-up Studio
WHY: I've been to this spa a
few times because it has such
a relaxing energy and I love
Thailand. The retreat's up in
the mountains, so it's
absolutely chilled and the
perfect place to completely
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thoughts and reconnect. Plus, it's renowned for
its yoga training, with people coming from all over

WHAT: I recently did an ultimate cleanse with a 10-day Juice Fast Programme and colonics. When you cleanse you are clearing out unwanted toxins that live in the body and cause ailments, so I wanted to rebalance my mind, body and soul. Also to gain clarity and feel lighter on all levels, as the spa focuses on cleansing both the body and mind, so it can be a pretty emotional first few days. HOW: The first drink of the day is at 7am,

the world to train and become instructors here.

cucumber, husk and clay – yum! At 8am, you have a group meditation session, then spend the rest of the day doing yoga and activities, taking supplements and drinking three more detox juices or vegetable broth at set intervals. I would also have a daily colonic irrigation, which helps to clear the toxins out of your system. I also somehow had to squeeze in an hour detox massage or Thai stretch. By 9pm, I would be fast asleep! You can't believe how fast the day goes or how relaxed you are.

RESULTS: After four days my body started to feel alive reinvented and energiced while my mind falt.

alive, rejuvenated and energised, while my mind felt completely alert and focused. The first few days I felt weak and a little down but

once you get past that first phase, you feel amazing – toned, glowing, bright-eyed and totally destressed. **USPs:** Juice Fast is excellent as you get much faster results, because

get much faster results, because your body doesn't have to digest any food it goes straight into cleanse mode. I keep coming back to Absolute because they use the correct high-tech equipment, the staff know what they're doing and I feel comfortable with them and the advice they give. I'm also very spiritual so I like the fact that there is also a very

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holistic side to the retreat.

VERDICT: It's ideal for anyone willing to take the

challenge, and I haven't yet met anyone who hasn't wanted to come back. We all need to rebalance our mind, body and soul every so often and Absolute helps you fully switch off and rejuvenate.

10 Day Juice Fast Programme, Dhs11,499;

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