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MEETINGS IN SHANGRI-LA

Ojai Valley Inn & Spa Offers an Ideal Meeting Destination with Unique Venues and Activities

OJAI, CA (2011) – Ojai Valley Inn & Spa’s conference center showcases a total of 35,000 square feet of meeting and function space of unparalleled beauty and state-of-the art functionality. Two ballrooms and beautiful indoor and outdoor function spaces resemble a Spanish village with red tile roofs and decorative cupolas, white hand-troweled walls accented by elegant quatrefoil windows, carved wood pergolas, and an outdoor saltillo-tiled paseo with fountains and fireplaces.

Two Ballrooms

The 4,800-square-foot Anacapa Ballroom enjoys lots of natural light and a flexible floor plan that allows the space to break into eight smaller sections. While the 6,000-square-foot Hacienda Ballroom is large enough for receptions for 350 guests, a fireplace gives it a uniquely residential feel. Both ballrooms are designed in the Spanish Colonial style with terra cotta tiles, graceful arches and warm, butter-yellow walls accented by hand-stenciled details and rich walnut wainscoting. Axminster of London wool carpeting in vibrant Mediterranean colors completes the palette. Wireless Internet access and a full-service business center provide the infrastructure to meet any group’s needs.

Pre-Function Spaces Resemble a Spanish Village

More than 11,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor pre-function space, an outdoor paseo of additional fireplaces, fountains, wrought iron chandeliers and sconces, and views of the surrounding mountains make the conference center a beautiful setting for group functions.

Executive Boardroom

The E. D. Libbey Boardroom (named for Edward Drummond Libbey, heir to the Libbey glass fortune, who built the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa in 1923) seats 12 in a handsome room with leather captain's chairs and a flat screen plasma television. A covered patio overlooking the golf course and mountains provides a private space for refreshments and meeting breaks.

Barn and Pavilion

Additional function space throughout the resort includes the 3,600-square-foot Shangri-La Pavilion with its wrap-around window walls overlooking the golf course and mountains, a favorite spot for banquets, receptions and parties. And just down the road from the Inn, the Big Red Barn provides a scenic and rustic venue for a Western hoedown or a chili cook-off.

A Think Tank at Ojai is really a "Think Villa."

Four villas at Ojai are perfect retreats for the elite corporate group to sequester its brain trust in the lap of luxury while working long hours with the freedom to move from suite to suite without a formal schedule. The eleven guest rooms and master suites of the Paseo Villas have separate living rooms with a dining table seating six, a fireplace and private bathroom – the perfect arrangement for small team meetings. A walled, central courtyard shaded by trees and accented by a Spanish fountain and an old-fashioned sundial is a beautiful outdoor venue for a group to enjoy cocktails and a catered dinner in the evening.

Unique Ojai Touches

Meeting attendees will benefit from the resort's overall philosophy, "Life Can Keep Getting Better," a conviction that has inspired some unusual touches. Meeting planners can select a "Food for Thought" menu that offers high protein/low carbohydrate items known as "brain food" for their positive effect on productive thinking. Coffee breaks include chilled aromatherapy towels to freshen up tired faces and a selection of signature Ojai waters like the cucumber-citrus water that is served at Spa Ojai, or lavender tea.

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When it's Time to Play

The resort offers a variety of activities and adventures for incentive groups. Golf on the resort's George C. Thomas-designed course, Spa Ojai - the country's preeminent spa, horseback riding in the beautiful

Ojai terrain, a tennis center, world-class bass fishing and kayaking on Lake Casitas, and hiking in the Los Padres National Forest offer endless recreational opportunities for groups enjoying a well-deserved vacation.

Ojai Valley Inn & Spa, a *Condé Nast Traveler* Gold List resort, is also the recipient of *Meetings & Conventions* magazine's coveted Gold Key Award, and the Award of Excellence and "Greens of Distinction" Award from *Corporate & Incentive Travel* magazine.

Only a 73-mile drive from Los Angeles and forty-five minutes from the Santa Barbara and Oxnard Airports, Ojai Valley Inn & Spa is a world away from the hectic pace of today's corporate life. The serene surroundings that filmmaker Frank Capra found so alluring for his 1937 classic "Lost Horizon" means meeting participants will find the quiet necessary for concentration during business hours, and a variety of diversions one would expect at a full-service luxury resort. Affirmed by its many prestigious awards, the legendary Inn, this AAA Five Diamond property, is one of the nation's unique hidden treasures. Reservations: 1-800-422-6524 (OJAI). Internet: <http://www.ojairesort.com>

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