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## TREND-SETTING WEDDINGS ON CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL COAST

OJAI, CA (January 2009) – Ojai Valley Inn & Spa on California's Central Coast offers an array of memorable destination weddings that make the most of the resort's unique valley location. From casually relaxed to gracefully glamorous, the resort's staff can customize ceremonies, receptions and pre- and post-wedding activities to suit any couple's personal style. The Inn's wedding locations include intimate outdoor courtyards, lush lawns, herb gardens, majestic Oak tree settings, grand ballrooms and private villas. And where else can your guests make pre-wedding lavender bouquets, custom scrubs and hand lotions or celebratory aromatherapy creations?

### **Venue Heaven**

**Herb Garden & Herb Garden Lawn:** The resort's hillside herb garden, with its signature fragrant lavender, 65 herb varieties, and 20 types of fruit trees that line meandering paths, can accommodate up to 60 guests. The adjacent broad expanse of lawn and a vine-covered pergola can accommodate up to 200 guests, with an option to tent or canopy the space. The bridal party can even gather lavender and herbs before the ceremony and fashion bouquets and boutonnieres.

**Hacienda Courtyard:** The resort's outdoor landscaped 1920's Spanish Colonial courtyard is surrounded by lush foliage, lavender, orange trees, a panoramic view of Ojai Valley and can accommodate up to 200 guests. A classical guitarist adds a touch of formality to the courtyard's old-world charm.

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**Big Red Barn:** The resort's working barn, just a mile from the Inn in horse country, features a genuine hayloft, saloon and adjoining paddock. The barn can accommodate up to 200 boot-stomping guests. The bride and groom can even ride up to the altar outfitted with matching Western saddles. (Available April – October)

**Artist's Cottage Lawn:** This site boasts views of the Topa Topa Mountains and our classic golf course. The ceremony is held underneath a 150-year-old grand Oak tree and can accommodate up to 200 guests.

**Fragrance Courtyard:** Fragrant herbs, flowers, old-world trees and amazing views of the Topa Topa Mountains add to the intimacy of this outdoor space which can accommodate up to 50 guests.

**Anacapa Ballroom:** Newly redesigned with elegant details such as hand-stenciled ceilings and show-stopping chandeliers, this ballroom offers a dance floor, outdoor terraces with mountain and sunset views and can accommodate up to 200 guests.

**Hacienda Ballroom:** This expansive ballroom is complete with a Spanish-style fireplace. The meandering outdoor terrace offers another fireplace and is the ideal location for a cocktail reception. The resort's largest venue, the Hacienda can accommodate up to 350 guests.

### **Ojai Harvest Cuisine**

Set in the midst of one of California's most bountiful regions, the inn's culinary team can prepare a variety of special market-fresh menus for rehearsal brunches or dinners, wedding receptions, bridal party picnics or romantic in-room meals for the newlywed couple. The resort's four restaurants also serve a

selection of Ojai Harvest cuisine, featuring estate-grown herbs, local squab and olive oil, and the best products from area farmers, ranchers, fishmongers and vintners.

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### **Special Wedding & Honeymoon Activities**

The Inn will arrange custom activities for bridal parties and their guests, including spa treatments, championship golf, horseback riding, tennis, and guided hiking, fishing and kayaking. In addition, the resort's Mind/Body Studio is available for fitness training and classes, while the Artist's Cottage & Apothecary offers art lessons and even pre-wedding potion blending or aromatherapy concoctions, to create special customized gifts for the bride and groom.

### **Wedding & Honeymoon Packages**

The Inn will create custom packages upon request that can include rooms, rehearsal brunch or dinner, ceremony in choice of venue, activities and more. A variety of newly-designed guestrooms and suites, with fireplaces, are available. Prospective couples can call (805) 640-2070 for details.

### **About Ojai Valley Inn & Spa**

Since 1923, vacationing guests have sought the tranquil pleasures of the historic Ojai Valley Inn & Spa, a AAA Five Diamond property located on 220 tree-shaded acres just 35 miles south of Santa Barbara. Affirmed by its many prestigious awards and fresh from a \$90 million renovation, the legendary Inn is one of the nation's unique hidden treasures. Reservations: (800) 422-6254 or [www.ojairesort.com](http://www.ojairesort.com).

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