



# OJAI VALLEY INN & SPA

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## OJAI VALLEY INN & SPA REDEFINES CALIFORNIA LUXURY \$90 Million Renovation Improves Every Corner of the Resort

OJAI, CA (January 2009) - After a \$90 million renovation completed in late 2006, Ojai Valley Inn & Spa now features 308 new rooms and suites, a new lobby and entrance, new golf shop, new restaurants, and new ballrooms and meeting spaces. The enhancements and upgrades completed during the renovation preserve the resort's original charming architecture and unique sense of place.

"During the span of this project," then Managing Director Thad Hyland said, "we demolished a dozen buildings, laid 15 miles of cable, buried 5 miles of pipe, and installed 200,000 square feet of Saltillo tile and 20,000 pieces of decorative tile. Now, more than 5,000 gallons of paint, a half dozen new fountains and 125 trees later, we are finished and can really see the results of our labor."

### **New Guest Rooms and Suites**

A total of 308 new guest rooms including 72 suites embody the romantic Spanish Colonial style with a terra cotta, persimmon, cream and blue color palette. Four-poster beds, Spanish style corner fireplaces, terra cotta tiles in the entrance foyers and bathrooms, and colorful hand-painted tiles and lanterns accent the rooms. Outdoor terraces have wicker seating, and some suites feature Moroccan-style banquettes with colorful pillows and gas fire pits. In the original 1923 Hacienda building, each room has been redecorated in the Spanish Colonial style with four-poster beds, Morris chairs, and carefully restored hardwood floors and decorative tile from the 1920s.

### **New Dining Options**

Oak Cafe, the Inn's breakfast venue, has been completely redesigned inside, and the menu features regionally grown fruits, house made granola and freshly squeezed juices. For lunch and dinner, Oak Grill offers signature soups and freshly prepared salads, with prime steaks and grilled fresh seafood to entice your dinner palette. Jimmy's offers an authentic pub experience with boutique beers on tap, California wines by the glass, and brick oven pizzas. The Café at the Spa serves lighter fare and exciting entrees with a distinctive Mediterranean influence. While each restaurant has its distinctive décor and atmosphere, each menu features locally-grown ingredients at their height of seasonal freshness.

### **New Conference Centers**

Two new ballrooms and extensive pre-function space have been designed in the Spanish Colonial style which imparts a very residential feel with warm colors, carpeting in a rich Mediterranean color palette, and fireplaces. Outdoor pre-function space resembles a *paseo* with arched entries, fountains and a cozy fireplace. Casa Elar, a stately Tuscan-style private residence bordering the golf course, is complete and available as our most exclusive accommodation surrounding you with every indulgence.

### **New Golf Shop, Caddy Program and Course Layout**

George C. Thomas' classic 1923 course has been reconfigured to improve the golf experience by reversing the front and back nines and improving players' access to the first hole. A new Pro Shop provides new lockers and expanded retail space, all designed in the Spanish Colonial style. A golf valet in the shop and a caddy program on the course provide guests with new levels of service.

### **Preserving a Sense of Place**

The Ojai Valley Inn & Spa is rich in history and is a landmark of the California Central Coast. Surrounded by the Topa Topa Mountains, the Inn offers panoramic views of the valley that was

portrayed as the mythical paradise of Shangri-La by filmmaker Frank Capra in his 1937 classic, "Lost Horizon." The Inn's original design by noted California architect Wallace Neff has been carefully preserved by ensuring that all new construction continued his original style. Today, the expanded resort still resembles a private estate with the residential feel and warmth of Old California.

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 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: 1-800-422-6524 (OJAI). Internet: <http://www.ojairesort.com>

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