



OJAI VALLEY INN & SPA

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OVERVIEW

This AAA Five Diamond resort for eight years running, a landmark on California's Central Coast and a favorite of Hollywood stars, celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2013. Award-winning features include a classic 1923 golf course and Spa Ojai, one of the top 10 spas in America.

Ojai's unique east-west orientation attracted the Chumash Indians, the original inhabitants of this area, who revered it as a place of healing. Contemporary spiritual seekers ascribe mystical powers to this valley that they call "The Nest." Today, the Ojai Valley is a haven for artists, writers and movie stars who find inspiration in its serene beauty.

Located in the charming, historic Spanish style town of Ojai, 14 miles east of the Pacific Ocean, 35 miles south of Santa Barbara and 73 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

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HISTORY

In 1923, Edward Drummond Libbey, a wealthy Ohio glass manufacturer and philanthropist, built a country club and golf course for residents and visitors. He commissioned famed architect Wallace Neff to design the clubhouse in the traditional Spanish Colonial style. Renowned golf course architect George C. Thomas, Jr. designed a course that was hailed as "the cream of Southern California courses."

Since its beginning in 1923, the Inn has welcomed generations of discriminating travelers, heads of state and movie stars including Clark Gable, Judy Garland, former co-owner Loretta Young and Walt Disney. The lure of Ojai Valley's beauty was so compelling that Frank Capra used the valley to depict Shangri-La in his classic film, *Lost Horizon*. Films such as Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn's *Pat and Mike* and the sequel to *Chinatown*, *The Two Jakes*, were also filmed on the property.

In 1942, the Inn was transformed into a military training center. After World War II, the Inn was purchased by Don Burger and notable Hollywood investors. It was reopened as the Ojai Valley Inn & Country Club and once more became a popular Hollywood escape.

The Inn was purchased by the Crown family of Chicago in 1985. They undertook a major renovation and expansion of the property in 1986. New rooms were added, the

golf course was redesigned, a second swimming pool and fitness center were added and eight new tennis courts opened. At the same time, a 4,800 square foot conference center was built and the dining rooms were modernized. They added a 35,000 square foot luxury spa in the classic Spanish Colonial style in 1997, transforming the resort into the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa.

In 2006, the now AAA Five Diamond property completed a \$90 million renovation and Casa Elar was built as a private estate on the property. The 10,000 sq. ft. Tuscan style villa, with spacious grounds and a swimming pool, is popular for celebrity escapes, family reunions and weddings.

In 2013, the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa celebrated its 90th anniversary and completion of a \$5.5 million refreshment of all guest rooms. The new look pays homage to the resort's location in the heart of Ojai Valley, the unofficial "Zen capital" of Southern California.

In summer 2015, the property will introduce a refined lobby design with tablet check-in, an upgraded adult pool, a new signature restaurant and a refreshed parlor concept at the Neff Lounge. A second renovation phase will begin in early 2016.

GUEST ROOMS

305 spacious rooms and suites, most with fireplaces, terraces and spectacular mountain and golf course views. All rooms have king or double beds with exclusive "Ojai Nest" bedding, LCD flat-screen televisions and high-speed internet. Guests have unlimited use of the driving range and free valet parking.

RATES

Starting room rates between \$400 to \$600
Suites between \$700 to \$6,000

ACTIVITIES

Year-round activities include golf on the George C. Thomas Jr.-designed 18-hole championship course, a full service tennis center with four hard courts, and swimming or lounging at four heated swimming pools and whirlpools.

Camp Ojai for children 5-12 offers supervised educational activities with a focus on learning about the Chumash Indians, and outdoor activities in which camp-goers revel in Ojai's beautiful Mediterranean climate.

Off-property excursions include guided hiking, bird watching tours, artist studio tours, jeep tours, ocean and lake fishing, surfing and kayak lessons in the Pacific Ocean or nearby Lake Casitas.

Ojai's unique topography, lying in a valley spanning east to west, sets the stage for the very rare "Pink Moment" when the sun melts away and paints the west-facing bluffs a brilliant, blushing pink. A warm aura of calm emanates, creating the perfect backdrop for a romantic getaway.

The Ojai Valley Inn & Spa is a pet friendly resort with a variety of amenities for furry members of the family. Special offerings include a gourmet doggie room service menu, personalized welcome door hanging, comfy dog bed and snacks.

SPA OJAI

An award-winning 31,000-square-foot luxury spa with twenty-eight treatment areas, including massage rooms with fireplaces, the legendary Spa Ojai offers customized therapies and treatments to indulge, refocus and revive body and mind.

The luxurious 3,500-square-foot spa penthouse has a private elevator, meditation loft and large terraces with private outdoor whirlpools and fireplaces for VIP guests.

Spa Ojai's gym is well equipped with a state-of-the-art cardio theater, a full selection of weight machines and free weights.

A daily schedule of complimentary mind/body classes includes t'ai chi, yoga, qi gong, meditation, spinning, water aerobics, dancing and cardio-boxing. Power walks and nature hikes are offered daily. Full-moon yoga is offered on selected nights.

Two pools are located at Spa Ojai, one with guest cabanas for added privacy.

The Artist Cottage and Apothecary at Spa Ojai offers classes in a variety of art mediums and custom blending of spa products. The Personal Mandala is a signature Ojai experience that is quiet and introspective, with insightful feedback from your instructor and the Kuyam treatment is a mud treatment that marries the best of ancient local traditions with the new.

DINING

Maravilla: The Inn's signature dinner restaurant features prime steaks, chops and fresh seafood complemented by the chef's garden-grown and local Ojai ingredients. The elegant dining room serves dinner Wednesday through Sunday evenings.

The Oak: The handsome décor of The Oak is based on architect Wallace Neff's signature Spanish Colonial design of the Inn. Guests may dine inside by the fireplace, or outside on the bougainvillea covered **Oak Terrace** overlooking the golf course. Radiant heating on the terrace tile make it appealing year round. The Oak menu includes signature soups, fresh salad and chef's specialties. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily.

Jimmy's Pub: A popular "19th hole" stop, this dark-wood paneled pub features thin-crust pizzas and a selection of beers, wines by the glass and cocktails. Golfers, sports enthusiasts and families father to watch sporting events on the 60" plasma television screens.

Café Verde: Located near one of Spa Ojai's swimming pools, this indoor-outdoor café serves light Mediterranean fare for lunch. Salads, smoothies, sandwiches and desserts are available all afternoon. Guests may also enjoy a cappuccino and croissant for breakfast. Healthy offerings include dishes made with organic, locally grown produce, and fresh-pressed fruit and vegetable juices.

Herb Garden Bistro: This beautifully appointed restaurant is a casual dining option for adults at the Herb Garden Pool. Guests enjoy tapas, sandwiches, burgers and wraps daily in this picturesque setting.

Swim Club Café: Located at the main family pool, this informal dining spot serves breakfast, lunch and cocktails that can be enjoyed indoors or at guests' lounge chairs. A selection of pool and patio items are available for purchase.

Joe 'n Go: A convenient to-go window and quick-service food and beverage option near the Putting Green serves breakfast and lunch options such as sandwiches, burritos, wraps and salads.

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