



OJAI VALLEY INN

GUESTS HONE ARTISTIC SKILLS AT OJAI VALLEY INN'S ARTIST COTTAGE & APOTHECARY

Local Artists and Aromatherapists Lead Creative and Eclectic Endeavors

OJAI, CALIF. – The Ojai Valley Inn's hacienda-style Artist Cottage & Apothecary is the centerpiece of its unique arts program. In one of the only authentic art studios at a resort, Spa Ojai combines its world-class spa experience with programs designed to encourage artistic self-discovery. Classes range from mixed media, painting on glass, silverpoint drawing and silk scarf painting, to signature mandala drawing; an introspective and very personal class. Local artisans teach guests valuable techniques while promoting individual self-expression. In the Apothecary, guests may enjoy the unique experience of blending essential therapeutic oils to create a personal scent.

Spa Ojai's 1,200 sq. ft. Artist Cottage is nestled beneath a centuries-old oak tree, coined the "friendship tree," adjacent to Spa Ojai. A paseo-style tiled patio encircles the cottage allowing for plein-air painting. Expansive windows and doors open the interiors to the outdoors creating a versatile workspace without walls. The cottage houses old-fashioned artist's easels, art books for inspiration, high-quality art supplies, and plenty of raw materials to entice creativity.

Artist Cottage Highlights

Guests may select to participate in open studio time, in which they are free to explore their artistic whims under light guidance, group art classes, or private art sessions for more in-depth and personal instruction. Available classes include:

Spirit Stones: Guests are invited to select an Ojai River rock to create a meaningful design on using an array of tools. These stones can be used to inspire and empower or are a decorative addition to the home and garden.

Mixed Media: Guests combine acrylic paints, oil pastels and a variety of found materials to create a unique collage. The finished product becomes a moment of their Ojai vacation.

Glass Painting: Visitors learn the art of painting on glass. They choose from a variety of vessels to create a beautiful piece for oneself or as a gift for a friend.

Beginning Watercolors: An experience in color, guests learn basic techniques that can be used to create an abstract, still life or landscape image.

Beginning Acrylic: Guests explore this versatile artist's medium using a variety of painting techniques. The fun and creative energies flow with a vivid color palette and quick drying time.

The Apothecary

In the Apothecary section of the Cottage, guests may learn the art of custom blending essential oils. Instructors demonstrate how to distill herbs in an old-fashioned French alembic, to create an intense scent. In the blending class, guests choose from a wide selection of essential oils and blend their own personalized scent to use in their spa treatments or to take home. The Apothecary stores each personal formulation so that upon return home, guests can order additional quantities of their scent infused in a variety of products including soaps, perfumes, lotions, and scrubs.

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About Ojai Valley Inn

Tucked within the Topa Topa Mountains in the mystical Ojai Valley, the iconic AAA Five-Diamond Ojai Valley Inn continues to redefine luxury, beckoning travelers since its opening in 1923 to the tranquil setting known as "Shangri La." Located 90 minutes north of Los Angeles in the chic bohemian enclave of Ojai, the resort balances the relaxed glamour of Southern California with reverence for the unspoiled natural beauty of the region for an unrivaled experience that embodies the authentic spirit of Ojai. Sprawled across 220 lush, oak and olive tree-studded acres scented with wild sage and lavender, Ojai Valley Inn offers an abundance of freshly renewed settings, activities and amenities for inspired

escapes including: the 31,000 square foot Spa Ojai and its surrounding Spa Village, The Artist Cottage, a working artist studio and apothecary for instruction in aromatherapy oil blending; a historic, George C. Thomas designed golf course; apiary and immersive beekeeping program; multiple pools and more than five dining concepts including signature restaurant Olivella, the sole restaurant between Los Angeles and Northern California to hold both the Forbes Four Star and AAA Four-Diamond designations. New for 2019, the resort introduced The Farmhouse at Ojai Valley Inn, a 20,000 square-foot epicurean event center, connecting world-class food culture, sublime indoor/outdoor settings and bucket list events.

For additional information and guest bookings, please visit www.ojavalleyinn.com or call 1-800-422-6524.

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