



OJAI VALLEY INN

FACTS-AT-A-GLANCE

OVERVIEW

Nestled in the idyllic enclave of Ojai, California is the historic AAA Five Diamond, Ojai Valley Inn, a luxurious retreat that has been one of California's most revered destinations since opening in 1923. Located just 90 minutes north of Los Angeles, the resort overlooks the unspoiled natural beauty of its mountain surroundings and celebrates the relaxed glamour of California's past to create an unparalleled resort experience that is quintessentially Ojai. Beginning in 2015, the resort has continued to unveil a multi-year, multi-phase series of enhancements that further elevate the resort experience while remaining true to its authentic spirit.

LOCATION & CONTACT

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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

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 31,000 square foot luxury spa in the classic Spanish Colonial style in 1997, transforming the resort into the Ojai Valley Inn.

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 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 2015, the property introduced a refined lobby design, chic adult pool, a new signature restaurant and a refreshed parlor concept at the Wallace Neff Heritage Bar. A second series of enhancements in 2016 began with the opening of Libbey's, a fresh artisan market, café and boutique concept, perfectly aligned with the launch of an elegant fleet of custom Linus bicycles. Additional enhancements unveiled in 2017 span a dramatically redesigned arrival experience that offers the feel of being welcomed into a warm and grand estate, the introduction of a luxurious new category of guest accommodations and immersive beekeeping excursions with the unveiling of a new apiary and honey tasting patio.

In 2019, The Inn debuted The Farmhouse at Ojai Valley Inn, the show-stopping, multi-use epicurean and event center designed by nationally acclaimed architect Howard Backen with Backen Gillam Kroeger.

GUEST ROOMS

303 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, high-speed internet and bedside tablets for room service, valet and other services just a touch away. Guests have unlimited use of the driving range and complimentary 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 Oak for children 4-12 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 is a pet friendly resort with a variety of amenities for furry members of the family. Special offerings include house made organic dog treats, eco-friendly Harry Barker pet beds and a personalized welcome letter from Coco, the resort's own furry ambassador.

Debuted October 2016, Discover Ojai Center invites guests to go beyond traditional resort experiences and explore the vast activities available in Ojai and on-property at the Ojai Valley Inn.

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.

Two luxurious 1,500 square-foot spa penthouse suites are accessed by private elevator and feature a meditation loft, large terraces, private outdoor whirlpool and fireplaces.

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 are offered daily and full-moon yoga is offered on select 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.

DINING

Olivella: The Inn's signature dinner restaurant features distinctly California cuisine with Italian influences and a seasonally driven menu that fuses a commitment to valley-grown ingredients with a nod to Italian tradition. The refined 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.

Wallace Neff Heritage Bar: The resort's historic center, this welcoming gathering space is steeped in history yet features contemporary comforts, a courtyard with oversized fire pits and comfortable seating and a handsome lounge with cozy nooks and tables set for board games. A seasonally-driven menu of small bites and a Heritage menu of hand crafted cocktails named for legendary silver screen movies that drew inspiration from Ojai.

Indigo Pool & Bar: The luxurious outdoor adult oasis is a chic setting to enjoy thoughtfully prepared small plates, salads and sandwiches that highlight locally sourced ingredients. Coolhaus ice cream sandwiches, handcrafted cocktails, champagnes, wines and craft beers are all refreshing options, designed for a sun-splashed poolside experience. Eight stylish cabanas with custom designed lounge furniture receive personal pool butler service. A sunglass concierge is also available.

Libbey's: A chic, airy artisan market, café and boutique offering light meals, designs and local gourmet food products bearing a distinctly "Ojai" style and sensibility. Libbey's is a casually elegant, bright space featuring locally sourced, house made fare throughout the day with expertly prepared espresso beverages; seasonal wraps, salads and sandwiches; freshly baked pastries and a pop-up of McConnell's Fine Ice Cream.

Spa Café: 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.

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

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