

Romance Rules at Ojai Valley Inn & Spa, a Modern Day Shangri-La

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For the ultimate love-enhancing interlude with your sweetheart, look no farther than California's Shangri-la, the Ojai Valley Inn & Resort. A leisurely 35 mile drive from Santa Barbara, this sprawling Spanish-colonial style resort was chosen by Director Frank Capra as the setting for his 1937 classic film, "Lost Horizon." In the movie's legendary paradise, the hero finds love and inner peace in Shangri-la, a place whose inhabitants enjoy unheard-of longevity.



Let love rule by escaping to this real-life paradise. Consider the inn's "**Set the Scene for Romance**" package. Your Shangri-La room with fireplace awaits with wine and chocolates upon arrival. With the included Couples' Massage, your amorous auras will awaken to fresh arousal. Moving on to the Artists Cottage, even more closeness is instilled as you engage in a unique experience for two. Come evening, enjoy dinner in your room beside the glowing embers of the fireplace or dine in the resort's Maravilla Dining Room as evening's glow caresses the hilly contours of the beautiful Los Padres Forest in the distance.

A Pink Moment is a Peak Moment. In Ojai, you must look east, not west, as the setting sun illuminates the highest peaks of the craggy Topa Topa range in a salmon pink glow. Because the town is lined up with an east-west mountain range, its rare “Pink Moment” sunset is another of those sensual and sybaritic events that sets the stage for your own personal Shangri-la interlude.

The Spa at Ojai Valley Inn and Spa is its own paradise, where a sensuous Moroccan style decor creates a soothing space with an array of massages and healing treatments. The Spa’s unique Kuyam —a Chumash Indian word meaning “a place to rest together-” also takes inspiration from many cultures. Combining the therapeutic effects of cleansing mud, inhalation therapy, dry heat and guided meditation, the “Kuyam” promotes deep relaxation and healing. The Spa’s outdoor courtyard with fountain and patio seating invites guests to linger before or after each visit. In the nearby movement studio, complimentary classes in yoga and body sculpting are on offer daily.

Dining: Ojai’s Mediterranean micro-climate coaxes seasonal foods from the valley’s fertile orchards and its nearby ocean waters. And the team of chefs at the resort makes the most of the region’s year round bonanza with their award-winning California coastal cuisine. Thousands of lavender plants flourish in the Inn’s five-acre lavender fields. Lavender flavors the Inn’s signature cheesecake and its lavender iced tea. It is also blended into many of the signature spa treatments and skincare products. Stroll through the resort’s herb garden and you’ll feel like you have been transported to the lavender fields of Provence.

Create your own Shangri-la and kindle your romantic fires while experiencing all the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa has to offer. View their many special packages at www.ojairesort.com. Located at 905 Country Club Road, Ojai, California. Telephone (800) 407-3002. www.ojairesort.com.

Extend your stay in Ojai Valley with another day or two in downtown Ojai’s walkable village, an artistic enclave nestled at the foot of the Los Padres National Forest. For more information, visit the Ojai Visitors Bureau at www.ojaivisitors.com -- 1-888-OJAI NOW.

From San Francisco, Ojai can be reached via US Highway

