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Inn at the Mission
San Juan Capistrano

It's quite a feat when top Southern California architects and a nationally prominent Los Angeles interior design firm can successfully create a new boutique property that is both harmonious with centuries-old architecture and the needs of modern, worldly travelers. However, what makes the Inn at the Mission San Juan Capistrano even more impressive is that it was completed during 2020 and opened this past summer.



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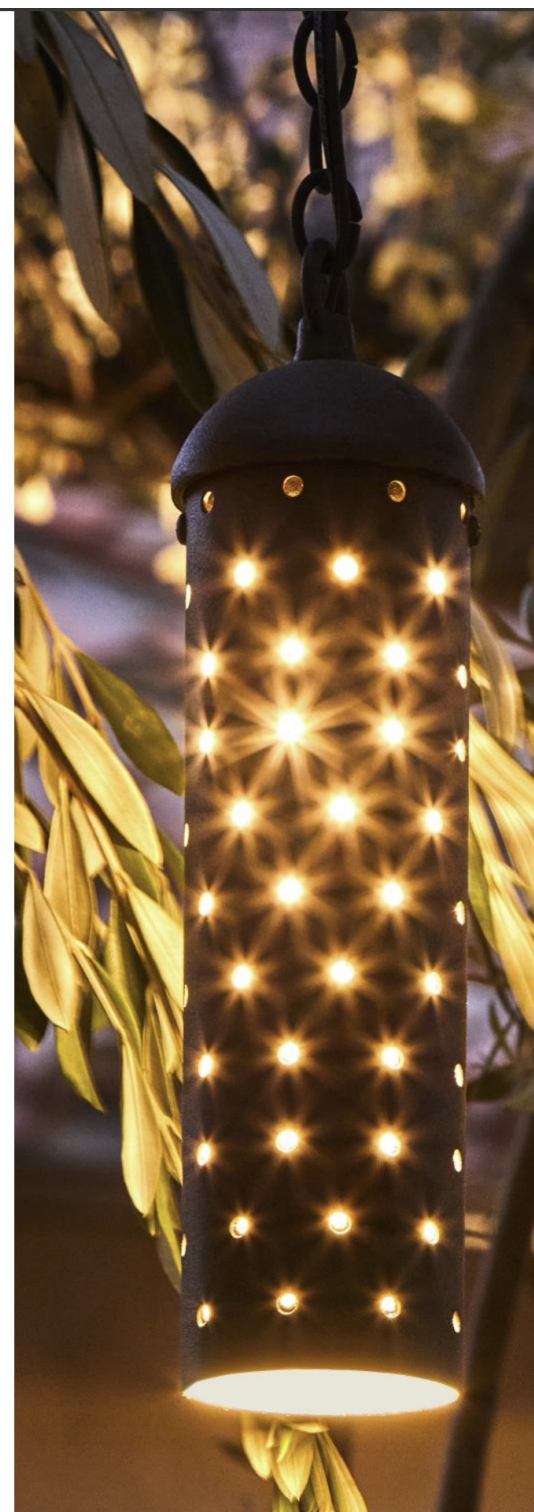


Under the direction of Kay Lang + Associates and AO Architects, the Inn at the Mission San Juan Capistrano transcends being inspired by a national landmark and museum (“the birthplace of Orange County”). It taps into what the Mission itself represents: The state’s multi-cultural history, informed by Native American, Spanish, Mexican and European heritage.

Centuries ago, the Mission was a hub of agriculture, industry, education and religion, and aesthetically, the theme is continued throughout the property. The influences of the natural terrain and different cultures are woven into the contemporary design of its 125 hacienda style guest rooms,

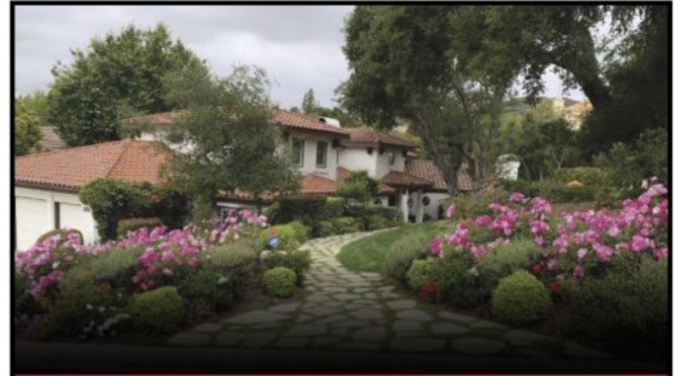


seven luxury suites and three residential-style villas. The agricultural heritage flows into its own olive grove (which produces its proprietary EVOO olive oil) while the architectural heritage influences continue into its expansive outdoor patio overlooking the Mission’s Great Stone Church.



Los Angeles-bred, Le Cordon Bleu-educated Executive Chef Aaron Obregon honors the agricultural bounty of Southern California at Ysidora Restaurant & Lounge and El Café Real, offering breakfast, Spanish pintxos (tapas and snacks), gazpacho and locally-made gelato. At fine dining restaurant Ysadora, Obregon translates locally-sourced ingredients into main courses, tapas and gin-and-tonics one would find in Spain, applying the skills he honed working at Mexico City's BIKO

(recognized as one of the world's top 50 restaurants) and several carefully curated wines from Spain. On weekends, live entertainment and music spirits guests even deeper into the heart of Spain, while on the second Thursday of each month, the property offers an educational session covering the history of California Olive Oil, complete with tastings, a sorbet made with the hotel's own Nuvo Olive Oil, a balsamic cocktail created by the resort's resident mixologist and plenty of



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shopping tips that will linger long after one's stay.

While the Mission was a sanctuary for its inhabitants and many others living nearby centuries ago, the Inn's 2,500 square-foot Spa at The Mission (overseen by spa manager Donna Sullivan) provides guests a wellness-driven modern interpretation of "sanctuary" with a variety of holistic treatments, including the Lavender & Olive Oil Indulgence, inspired by the property's 72 Mission Olive Trees, as well as unique fitness experiences such as

yoga sessions in the olive grove.

The hotel is located in the fashionable center of historic downtown San Juan Capistrano where the famous cliff swallows nest, yet the Inn ensures you have the full experience of the destination even if you don't leave the property.

For more information and reservations (rooms begin at \$278), call (949) 503-5700 or visit www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/snaak-inn-at-the-mission-san-juan-capistrano-autograph-collection.