



George Washington Smith's Ogilvy House
Montecito, California

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LOCATION

Ideally located in Santa Barbara County, Montecito affords a unique and desirable living environment in beautifully preserved coastal surroundings. Fine shopping, dining and excellent public and private schools are nearby. Sporting clubs including Santa Barbara Polo and Racquet Club, Valley Club and Montecito Country Club are also close at hand.

PROPERTY

Originally built in 1926 for Arthur E. Ogilvy, this beautifully and sensitively restored George Washington Smith estate, set on four lush acres, includes a main home, guesthouse, studio, pool, pool pavilion, Jacuzzi, championship tennis court and three-car garage. Located within a short bicycle ride of both Montecito villages, the property is gated for security, walled and situated

on a quiet side street, affording its owners easy access to local dining and shopping coupled with the serene privacy of a walled garden park. The grounds have been exceptionally landscaped around magnificent mature trees with tiled fountains and waterways, a Koi pond, spectacular roses, colorful seasonal cutting beds, a large variety of fruit trees, expansive lawns and secluded sitting gardens surrounded by privacy hedging.

RESIDENCE

Where possible, original doors, windows, ironwork, tiles, and fixtures were restored and reinstalled; otherwise, replicas were specially designed and manufactured to match originals. While architectural design and details were held true to Smith's plans, all major systems throughout the main home, guesthouses, garage and grounds were replaced and updated to reflect the most advanced technology available today; heating air-conditioning, plumbing, electrical, lighting, irrigation, media, communication and security systems are all

new. Old world elegance and modern convenience have been combined to form a sophisticated, yet warm and comfortable residence.

Mediterranean tiled fountains, water features, fireplaces, beamed ceilings and French doors to balconies and terraces, all standard Smith features, are found throughout. Mahogany is used extensively in the Wet Bar behind the Living Room and for the spacious island in the Kitchen. 5000-bottle storage racks in the Wine Room are constructed of Honduran alder.

An Office overlooking the pool, guesthouse and lawn and the Media Room with equipment and utility rooms are located at the other end of the home. There are three Bedrooms, each with an private bath, on the ground floor. The second-story is a 1,300 square foot Master Suite with generous Bath and dressing areas, a Sitting Room and third-floor observation tower.

The Pool Pavilion is located in a passageway between the front courtyard and the side lawn. The Kitchenette and large shower Bath both have extensive designer tiling. A fireplace, wet bar and bath set into the wall between changing rooms makes this veranda a cozy, sheltered, gathering place adjacent to the pool and Jacuzzi.





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Situated on the other side of the pool and across the lawn is a charming Guesthouse with a Great Room/Kitchen, Bedroom with fireplace and decor-tiled Bath. All rooms have French doors that open to private patios and gardens surrounding the cottage.

Past the championship tennis court and beyond the formal gardens is a very private Studio with fireplace and four sets of French doors to hedged gardens.

During the renovation, every aspect of this property was addressed in meticulous detail and imbued with the same artistry and craftsmanship that George Washington Smith brought to the original. Ogilvy House is a beatific marriage of landscape and architecture.

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