

European Charm Via Méditerranée

Chattering away with a lilting French accent as she busily totes stunning handcrafted terra cotta pots onto the front porch, Sophie Christian is as charming and vibrant as her wonderful boutique, Via Méditerranée. Step in through these doors just a short walk across the street from Scottsdale's popular Arcadia Farms restaurant, and you'll feel like you've entered a beautiful little home in the French countryside. This quaint, 1940s house—brightly painted inside and out in coastal Mediterranean style—and its spacious garden are brimming with treasures from France, Italy, Spain and Morocco, carefully acquired directly from small, traditional workshops, some made exclusively for Via Méditerranée.

People who have discovered Via Méditerranée are pleasantly surprised by the reasonable prices and often become repeat visitors. Sophie and her husband Patrick are very customer service-oriented. Interior designers, home stagers, landscapers and architects are also

beginning to discover the delights here, which include handcrafted traditional and contemporary ceramics such as dishes, interior and exterior pots, wall jars and art pieces; wrought-iron furniture and décor; Moroccan zellige (mosaic) tables; colorful curtains from Lyon, France;

Italian fountains and statuary; urns from Versailles; Catalan pots from Spain; wall amphora and much more. It's positively the perfect place to go if you're planning to spruce up your garden this spring or add a few authentic Mediterranean accent pieces to your home. ■

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