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Anya's Garden RiverCali



It's such a pleasure to experience a perfume without having seen any advertising, marketing, or even peeked at the perfumer's website. To be able to wear a fragrance relatively free of those associations and without expectations is a rarity

these days of media overload. My only prelude to **Rivercali** was knowing that its creator, Anya McCoy, is a devout natural perfumer from Florida and that her little box of samples was so beautifully packaged that I could hardly stand to open it up. But open it I did, as I clearly had to get to the vials inside. *Rivercali* was the first one that caught my eye, and I dabbed away.

Rivercali is a lush walk through a dewy oceanside garden, abundantly adorned with citrus blossoms. Neroli and **petitgrain** waft like an ocean breeze, and make you want to roll up your pant legs and splash in the surf. *Rivercali* is supported by a rich floral base of Turkish Rose Otto, yet in no way would I label this a rose fragrance. The rose otto offers spice and strength, providing a foundation for the heart, but does not overpower *Rivercali*'s inherent tropical leafy greenness.

This flirty, citrusy floral continues through to the drydown where just a hint of sandalwood and vanilla show themselves. Only slightly though. Just as this is not a rosy scent, this is also not a woody or vanillic one either. It's a lush blooming fragrance that is heaven for floral lovers. Especially those with a penchant for orange, lemon or lime blossoms.

As I mentioned above, Anya is a natural perfumer and never uses synthetics in her fragrances. She also uses organic, wildcrafted and sustainable essences whenever possible. Additionally, her perfumes are housed in boxes that are made from the sustainable Daphne plant and recycled paper. They are also imbedded with wildflower seeds, so you can plant the box and grow your own garden in a pot or in the ground.

You can also visit the blog **[I Smell Therefore I Am](#)** for a recent review of **Anya's Garden Kaffir** fragrance.

Rivercali is available at **[Anya's Garden](#)**. Also, there's a deal at Anya's Garden, take 10% off with coupon code kaffirlime, good through 4/4.

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