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Wedding bells soon to ring at luxury Oak Bay Beach Hotel

New West Coast hotel to offer three wedding packages, catering to couples with guest lists from 10 to 150

Jan. 18, 2012, Victoria, BC – From selecting a gown guaranteed to raise the eyebrow of stuffy Aunt Mabel to choosing a multi-tiered cake of wispy sugar flowers and thick fondant, the decisions involved with planning that big day might seem endless. And betrothed couples facing the biggest decision of them all, their venue, will soon have one more location to pick from after the iconic Oak Bay Beach Hotel reopens in May 2012.

“During the 80-year reign of the original hotel, from the 1920s to 2006, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel was a place of celebration for thousands of lovebirds tying the knot,” said Kevin Walker, longtime owner and developer of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel project. “And after opening the doors to the rebuilt hotel in just four months, I look forward to welcoming a new legacy of couples who are entering their vows and declaring lifelong partnership.”

Catering to clientele in the market for a sophisticated and luxurious wedding, the new Oak Bay Beach Hotel contains 100 guestrooms that feature spa bathrooms, floor-to-ceiling windows and fireplaces; a variety of ceremony and reception spaces to choose from, ideal for both intimate groups of 10 as well as ample crowds of 150; services from the skilled in-house teams of events and culinary staff; a round-the-clock butler, concierge and valet; and a full-service spa and seaside mineral pools.

“Imagine getting married with the backdrop of the wild Pacific Ocean and snowcapped Mount Baker – as you say your vows, a sailboat silently glides by; a humpback splashes its tail in celebration as you savor that first kiss,” said Walker. “Afterwards, enjoy fine wines and elegantly-prepared dishes before dancing the night away in the company of your loved ones and then retiring in a luxurious ocean view suite. In short, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel is the epitome of wedded bliss.”

Overview of wedding packages at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel:

→ Champagne Package – \$1,900

For weddings of up to 10 guests, the Crystal Package has two options. The first includes venues for the ceremony (seaside gardens or rooftop terrace) and the reception (a choice of two beautifully decorated private dining rooms) and all the wedding essentials (chairs and signing table for the ceremony; tables, chairs, linens and place settings for the reception). The second option includes the arrangement of an officiant and witness for the ceremony; use of the gardens and beachfront for wedding photos; a romantic dinner and private champagne tasting for two in the Dining Room (includes sommelier services); assistance of the on-site event manager; a private wine and menu tasting for two (includes gratuities and sommelier services); one-night accommodation in a panoramic ocean view suite; turndown service, breakfast in bed, late checkout, valet services and a keepsake for the newlyweds; and a special wedding rate for guests staying at the hotel.

→ Crystal Package – \$3,600

For weddings of up to 50 guests, the Crystal Package includes venues for the ceremony (seaside garden) and the reception (Dining Room) and all the wedding essentials (chairs and signing table for the ceremony; tables, chairs, linens and place settings for the reception); use of the gardens and beachfront for wedding photos; assistance of the on-site event manager; a private wine and menu tasting for two (includes gratuities and sommelier services); one-night accommodation in a panoramic ocean view suite; turndown service, breakfast in bed, late checkout, valet services and a keepsake for the newlyweds; and a special wedding rate for guests staying at the hotel.

➔ **Diamond Package – \$6,300**

For weddings of up to 150 guests, the Diamond Package includes venues for the ceremony (seaside garden) and the reception (David Foster Foundation Theatre and colonnade) and all the wedding essentials (chairs and signing table for the ceremony; tables, chairs, linens, place settings and dance floor for the reception); use of the gardens and beachfront for wedding photos; assistance of the on-site event manager; a private wine and menu tasting for two (includes gratuities and sommelier services); one-night accommodation in a panoramic ocean view suite; turndown service, breakfast in bed, late checkout, valet services and a keepsake for the newlyweds; and a special wedding rate for guests staying at the hotel.

For more information about the Oak Bay Beach Hotel or to book a wedding celebration, visit www.oakbaybeachhotel.com.

About the Oak Bay Beach Hotel

The new Oak Bay Beach Hotel is being completely rebuilt on the same spectacular oceanfront lot where the previous hotel sat for more than 80 years. It will reopen this spring as a 100-room hotel with 20 luxury residences and vacation hotel suites. Built to five-star standards, hotel and residential amenities include a seaside therapeutic mineral pool, a fitness centre, spa, dinner theatre program and fine-dining restaurant. Not only is this Victoria's first combination full-service luxury hotel and private residence, but it is also the only commercial waterfront development in Oak Bay.

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