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Ultimate Island Getaway combines five days of West Coast luxury in Victoria and Tofino, British Columbia

March 31, 2015, Victoria, BC – The Oak Bay Beach Hotel and the Wickaninnish Inn have partnered together to offer Vancouver Island-bound visitors an exclusive “lap of luxury” escape that includes a private plane and a chauffeured journey via luxury vehicle between the two West Coast destinations.

Available from July 1 until Sept. 30, 2015, the five-day Ultimate Island Getaway is \$3,900 Cdn per person, based on double occupancy and is inclusive of all gratuities and taxes.

The *Ultimate Island Getaway* begins with a pick up from any of Victoria, BC’s transportation terminals by the Oak Bay Beach Hotel’s chauffeur-driven Mercedes. Upon arrival at the seaside destination hotel guests will be greeted and escorted to a one-bedroom suite with panoramic views of the Salish Sea. During the two-night stay, guests will have the opportunity to experience a couple’s massage in the Boathouse Spa & Baths, as well as an evening of fine dining in the intimate dining room where Executive Chef Robert Budlong will prepare a tasting menu, customized to suit guests’ culinary desires.

“By combining our elegant and idyllic seaside manor with the rugged beauty of Tofino’s West Coast, we’ve created an experience that showcases the true beauty and diversity of Vancouver Island,” says Michelle Le Sage, general manager of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel. “Our Ultimate Island Getaway package builds on our ongoing relationship with the Wickaninnish Inn, one of Canada’s most renowned properties.”

On the third day of the Ultimate Island Getaway, guests travel to Tofino via private plane departing from Victoria International Airport. Upon arrival, the Wickaninnish team will be on hand to drive you to the front door of the West Coast, award-winning Relais & Chateaux property. During their two-night stay, guests will enjoy a helicopter tour of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, which includes a backpack lunch on top of Mount Ursus Glacier. The package also includes a four-course tasting menu for two in The Pointe Restaurant, prepared by Executive Chef Warren Barr. With an old growth forest as a backdrop and the open Pacific Ocean stretching to the horizon the Inn is exclusively located on 2.5km long Chesterman Beach and is the perfect spot to beachcomb, watch the sunset, go surfing or take an after dinner stroll under the stars.

“The combination of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel with its classic ocean front presence, the scenic drive to Tofino, arriving amidst the beauty and majesty of Clayoquot Sound, while enjoying the ultimate in personal service at the Wickaninnish Inn is the best way to capture the essence of Vancouver Islands wonderful diversity,” says Charles McDiarmid, managing director of the Wickaninnish Inn.

Return ground transportation is provided by the Oak Bay Beach Hotel in a chauffeured luxury vehicle along picturesque Highway 4 – ranked as one of the top drives in North America by Michelin. To book the Ultimate Island Getaway, call 1-800-668-7758; for more information, visit www.oakbaybeachhotel.com or www.wickinn.com.

About the Oak Bay Beach Hotel

Reopened in the fall of 2012, the new Oak Bay Beach Hotel has been completely rebuilt on the same spectacular oceanfront lot where the previous hotel sat for more than 80 years. Oak Bay is a residential community with its own village centre, just six kilometres outside of British Columbia’s capital city, Victoria. Today, the Oak Bay Beach Hotel offers 100 hotel rooms. Built to five-star standards, hotel amenities include seaside mineral pools, a fitness studio, Boathouse Spa & Baths, The Snug pub, the David Foster Foundation Theatre, Kate’s Café and a fine-dining restaurant with a 1,600 bottle tasting room. For more information, visit www.oakbaybeachhotel.com.

About the Wickaninnish Inn

The iconic Wickaninnish Inn, perched on the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island near Tofino, is a year-round destination exemplifying “rustic elegance on nature’s edge.” A Relais & Châteaux member property since 1997, the Inn is owned and managed by the McDiarmid family of Tofino, and is exclusively located on beautiful Chesterman Beach.

Each one of the 75 oceanfront guest rooms and suites is designed to AAA/CAA Five Diamond standards, welcoming guests with a beach or ocean viewscape, gas fireplace, soaker tub, local art, and an individual balcony. The Wickaninnish Inn is home to The Pointe Restaurant, boasting 240-degree Pacific Ocean views and an innovative culinary program, and the award-winning Ancient Cedars Spa. The Inn’s on-property reservations team is available 24 hours a day at 1-800-333-4604 or www.wickinn.com.

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