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SAY "I DO" BY THE SEA AT KATA ROCKS

The Perfect Phuket Oceanfront Wedding

(Hong Kong – 18 March, 2016) Kata Rocks, the luxury oceanfront resort and residence located in Phuket offers the perfect paradise backdrop for exceptional weddings. Offering western and traditional Thai services, the wedding ceremony can take place in a choice of three breath-taking locations; on the rocks by the sea, by a 35 meter infinity pool or in the luxury Penthouse on the peak at Kata Rocks.

The luxurious Kata Rocks wedding ceremony packages start from HKD8,500 for this little taste of wedding splendour and the resort only hosts one wedding per week to guarantee ultimate privacy, pampering and exclusivity.

Before the big day, a dedicated in-house wedding coordinator will work with the bride and groom to arrange all the finer elements as well as to be on-hand on the day. Packages are tailored to suit individual requirements and no ask is too big or small for the events team.

A variety of locations for the special wedding nuptials are available, one being on the rocks of the resort, right by the sea alongside the crashing waves, as the perfect casual seaside wedding with sunset views and a sea breeze.

Alternatively for panoramic views out to sea, a formal poolside ceremony can take place under a floral decadent wedding arch. And finally, the Penthouse - a four bedroom sky villa - hosts smaller, intimate weddings of 35 guests, with a private cocktail reception on arrival to the resorts most premium villa.

Following the ceremony-of-choice, there are three different styles of formal dining experiences in the resort to round off the special day; The Penthouse, Infinite Luxury Restaurant and the Outdoor Terrace host sit-down four-course meals for wedding parties. For more casual affairs, there is also the buffet reception or barbeque option available at the Infinite Luxury Bar which looks out over the Andaman Sea.

For each venue and dining choice, the Kata Rocks Chefs create a wide range of dining menus from a formal set menu, a family style banquet - where dishes are served from the middle of the table - or casual buffet or barbecue. A talented pastry team prepares personalised wedding cakes, with the choice of; vanilla, chocolate, coconut and mocha.

The Western Wedding Package includes ceremony set up, master of ceremonies, indoor and outdoor sound system, wedding rehearsal and a unique sand blending ceremony. This beautiful ritual showcases two separate sand vessels at the beginning of the ceremony that are then united into one vessel, which represents life before marriage and the subsequent commitment by the two sand vessels becoming one. There is also a candle ceremony available as part of this package and all Kata Rocks weddings receive a certificate signed by a celebrant. Introductory packages starting from HKD8,500*

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For those who would like to have a traditional Thai wedding, The Traditional Thai Wedding Package consists of venue set up; beginning with prayer then continuing with a Monks blessings followed with the traditional Barring Room Ceremony. A sacred blessing by Thai Buddhist monks is a once in a lifetime experience, providing the opportunity to connect and align the relationship. The blessing ceremony at the water blessing table, traditionally known as Lot Nam Sang is one of the most important components to the wedding ceremony as this is when the couple officially becomes husband and wife. A traditional Thai wedding package price starts from HKD16,500.

For some floral flair, Kata Rocks will also provide fresh flower arrangements; the deluxe package is priced from HKD7,700 and the premium package priced from HKD12,000 including the bride's bouquet; boutonniere; floral stand and centerpieces for the wedding.

Festivities can begin before the actual wedding date with the Kata Rock team on-hand to arrange transportation, excursions, parties as well as group activities pre or post-wedding. Local activities include elephant riding, zip wire adventures, helicopter rides and diving expeditions.

Kata Rocks is perfectly located for the couple who want a destination wedding but convenient to Hong Kong, Singapore and China for guests on a short wedding getaway.

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

*A minimum of 2 nights stay in one villa is required for the wedding couple. Special rates will be available for the wedding couple and their guests. All prices are subject to 17.7% tax and service charge

For reference: A Western wedding ceremony for 35 on the rocks by the sea with dining at the Terrace with deluxe floral package, barbeque buffet and standard beverage package as well as a 2-tier wedding cake with photography and DJ entertainment for 2 hours will be priced at HKD94,500.

ABOUT KATA ROCKS

Kata Rocks is a design driven, luxury resort and residence, located directly on the oceanfront at the southern end of the renowned Kata Beach, along Phuket's sunset west coast. It features 34 iconic Sky Pool Villas of one to four bedrooms, each offering its own private infinity-pool, expansive living and dining area, superbly appointed bedrooms and bathrooms. Each villa is equipped with latest interactive iPad technology allowing guests to control the Sky Villa environment at the touch or swipe of a button. The Sky Villas also come with the latest in mobile connectivity providing guests unlimited 4G internet access and complimentary international phone calls. Along with exquisite dining options, poolside restaurant and bar, the resort features the award-winning Infinite Luxury Spa and fitness suite. Voted 'Best Apartment in the World' at the London International Property Awards; in 2016, Kata Rocks had the honour of being named one of the 25 best hotels in Southeast Asia by the prestigious Conde Nast Travelers 2016 Readers' Choice Awards, raising its total to over 50 international awards. Kata Rocks is also home to the highly coveted annual Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous - hailed by leading industry players such as Feadship and Burgess and luxury media as the definitive superyacht event in Asia.

ABOUT INFINITE LUXURY

Infinite Luxury is the owning and operating company of Kata Rocks, its flagship resort. Infinite Luxury is a hospitality management company with expertise in luxury brand marketing, design, architecture, and project management of bespoke luxury residences and hospitality real estate developments.

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