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## **Succumb to an irresistible mountain love affair this Wedding Season**

*Valentine's Day contest announced as Golden prepares for wedding season with boast of best backdrop*

**January 7, 2016 - GOLDEN, B.C.** Nestled between three magnificent mountain ranges and two historic rivers, Golden and Kicking Horse Country offer an array of unique, breathtaking settings for a romantic getaway. From the comfort of quaint, charming chalets and lodges, to cozy and rustic award-winning restaurants, Golden offers many memorable settings and experiences to spoil loved ones this Valentine's Day. This year, Tourism Golden is giving away an intimate, romantic getaway to two couples.

This Valentine's Day, Tourism Golden is offering couples the chance to win three nights of accommodation at Purcell Mountain Lodge, with helicopter transportation from Golden Municipal Airport. This grand prize, valued at \$3000, includes a professional backcountry guide and gourmet chef-prepared meals during the stay, and all lodge amenities. Interested parties must attend the Calgary Wedding Fair on January 17 and register at the Tourism Golden booth. The winners will have one year from January 26, 2016 to claim their prize. The runners up prize winner will receive two nights of accommodation for two at the Prestige Inn to use during the same time period (July and August excluded). The prize includes two full day tickets to Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and lunch for two at Eagle's Eye Restaurant. Offer is subject to availability. Winners will be notified on January 20, 2016. Interested parties can purchase tickets to the Calgary Wedding Fair online at <http://www.theweddingfair.ca/tickets> and receive 20 per cent discount with the promo code GOLDEN16.

Tourism Golden is inviting couples to celebrate Valentine's Day in an intimate setting at one of its award-winning casual, fine dining restaurants. The Cedar House, Whitetooth Mountain Bistro, Eleven22 and The Island offer a wide range of culinary delights to suit every palate. Surprise your special valentine with a visit to the 3 Diamond Cedar House Restaurant, which was awarded one of the "Top 50 Places To Eat in Canada" for more than ten consecutive years by the National Restaurant Guide. Special three course menus have been crafted and are available at select locations on February 14. Reservations are encouraged to avoid disappointment. More energetic couples can enjoy dining and live music at the Rockwater Grill & Bar or The Golden Taps Pub. For more information on dining options click [here](#).

"Golden is brewing a fairytale romance. Couples love cozying up in front of a fireplace and a majestic mountain view," says Joanne Sweeting, executive director, Tourism Golden. "Mountain experiences frequently inspire romantic proposals."

Couples planning a wedding ceremony and reception will find that Golden caters to all tastes, budgets and styles, ranging from glamorous and luxurious to casual and intimate. Golden presents a range of charming indoor and outdoor settings to tie the knot in any season. From a winter wonderland, to the lush foliage in the summer and the golden leaves in the fall, the Town offers four seasons of spectacular backdrops. Couples can enjoy the company of family and friends while surrounded by six National Parks; Yoho, Glacier, Kootenay, Banff, Mount Revelstoke and Jasper. Outdoor venue options include recreational facilities such as park and community spaces and the historic interior of the Civic Centre. Spirit Square, adjacent to the Kicking Horse timberframe pedestrian bridge, is one unique location with Kicking Horse Mountain Resort visible in the background. Many venues can accommodate a ceremony and reception. To read more click [here](#).

Catering to small and large groups, Golden is home to a number of rustic yet elegant and authentic wedding venues. Set within the quiet peacefulness of the mountains, couples can choose from an array of charming, award-winning mountain lodges, cabins and chalets with spectacular mountain views to say their vows. Lodging options include centrally located hotels or motels with convenient access to downtown amenities. Cozy bed & breakfasts and backcountry lodges are suitable for smaller groups. With easy access from both Alberta and British Columbia, Golden can provide a venue to suit the needs and comfort level of all wedding party and guest list members. For a list of venues click [here](#).

Appealing to adventurous souls, couples have the option to take their vows on the top of a mountain, along a lakeshore or from a kayak, with guests cheering from the shore. Winter mountain settings allow for the option of skiing down the slope or skating in on a frozen pond to the ceremony. For a more private setting, secluded backcountry lodges are also options for wedding locations. For an elegant, elevated mountain wedding, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort is home to the Eagle Eye, Canada's highest restaurant, situated at 7,700 feet above sea level. For more information click [here](#). Couples can choose from a number of professional local photographers and videographers to capture cherished memories.

Golden is home to several talented catering companies that possess a wealth of experience and offer catering options to suit all events, from intimate weddings, to large group functions. Private catering in the comfort of select vacation rentals is available. Two popular catering companies are Whitetooth Mountain Bistro and The French Connection Cheese and Fine Foods. Whitetooth Mountain Bistro offers off-premise catering and can serve up to 205 people. To address all budget requirements, Golden's catering companies offer tailored options to help money go farther.

Couples have the option of hosting an outdoor adventure themed stag and stagette to embrace what Golden's mountain town has to offer. Outdoor activities that suit all energy levels are a memorable bonding experience and will satisfy a thirst for adventure. Guests can enjoy and explore the Canadian Rocky Mountains:

- Experience Golden's powder playground with 988,000 acres of heli-skiing
- Rent a snowmobile and organize a guide to show you to hidden gems
- Snowshoe and cross-country ski in the pristine ungroomed backcountry or discover world-class groomed trails
- Experience the fourth highest vertical drop in North America at Kicking Horse
- Enjoy the bonding group experience and the thrill of whitewater rafting on the Kicking Horse River
- Rent a canoe and paddle the Columbia River
- Score a hole-in-one on a championship golf course at the Golden Golf Club, one of the most scenic in western Canada
- Enjoy a scenic horseback ride in the Rocky and Purcell Mountains
- Mountain bike on more than 100 kilometres of single track, plus the highest downhill bike park at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort



Photo caption: Golden offers breathtaking mountain backdrops for wedding ceremonies and receptions  
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