

SEA TO SKY GONDOLA INCREASES CAPACITY BY 50% WITH 10 NEW EIGHT-PASSENGER GONDOLA CABINS AND INTRODUCES A NEW ACOUSTIC MUSIC NIGHT ON THURSDAYS

Get together at the gondola for the new Summer Nights Series, Backyard Seafood Boil, and alpine adventures

SQUAMISH, BC June 11, 2019 – The Sea to Sky Gondola is ready to welcome more guests into the alpine with the addition of 10 new eight-passenger gondola cabins to the line on Friday, May 31; increasing their load capacity by 50 per cent. With increased capacity and a host of new and returning summer events and activities, the gondola is ready to get back into the swing of summer. The new acoustic music series called Summer Nights kicks off on Thursday, July 4 and will take place weekly through to August 29. The popular Mountain Music Series returns every Friday for the sixth year running, and sweet savings are back with 50 per cent off lift passes purchased at the ticket window for uploads after 5 p.m. at Sunset Saturdays through to September 14, 2019.

Thursday's Backyard Seafood Boil returns for a weekly al fresco, longtable dining experience starting July 4. Refreshing drinks, fresh salads, individual pots of crab, prawns, potatoes, and corn, plus fresh baguettes to sop up the sauce, and seasonal desserts are served up and washed down with refreshing drinks, cold beer or wine. This culinary event has a casual backyard feel and is the perfect way to enjoy a long summer night with friends and family.

For those looking to take their health and wellness to new heights in the great outdoors, the Sea to Sky Gondola's signature early morning hiking program, the Rise + Climb group hike, will take place on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Hikers arriving at the summit by noon receive a complimentary coffee and participation recognition for the chance to win prizes. There are also many hiking options that wind around and away from the summit including the Wonderland Lake Loop, an intermediate 1.6km trail winding through nature including coastal rainforest, flower-filled meadows, rocky viewpoints to the scenic lake. Enjoy views of Goat Ridge, Howe Sound, and the arresting Sky Pilot Mountain along the way. Hour-long yoga classes take place Monday to Friday starting at 9:45 a.m. for \$15, and yoga participants can access 20 per cent off gondola passes. A variety of yoga styles from flow to Hatha are taught by various instructors, and all levels can enjoy mindful movement in the mountains with the Sea to Sky Gondola's morning yoga series.

Patio sessions are more epic at the summit of the Sea to Sky Gondola, and with live music, on Thursday and Friday nights, there is no better way to unwind and let loose at the end of the week. The Summit Lodge's large deck overlooking Howe Sound will be the place to be for delicious food and drinks including paella and sangria bar on Friday nights and a family-friendly barbeque menu.

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NEW – Summer Nights Music Series on Thursday Nights – 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

- July 4 - Marc Charron (Folk, Rock)
- July 11 - Havyn (R&B, Pop)
- July 18 - Will Ross (Soul, Looping)
- July 25 - Ari Neufeld (Indie, Folk)

- August 1 - Cam Salay (Bluegrass, Soul)
- August 8 - Alexandria Maillot (Ambient, Pop)
- August 15 - Jim Foster (Blues, Folk)
- August 22 - Caitlin Canning (Alternative, Pop)
- August 29 - Colin Bullock (Indie, Folk)

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Mountain Music Series on Friday Nights – 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- Friday, June 7: The Wells (Modern, Rock)
- Friday, June 14: Fleetwood Mac Cover Band (Tribute, Classic Rock)
- Friday, June 21: Hairfarmers (Modern, Rock)
- Friday, June 28: Eagle Eyes (Tribute, Classic Rock)
- Friday, July 5th: Sean Kozak (DJ)
- Friday, July 12th: Whiskey Dicks (Celtic, World)
- Friday, July 19th: Hairfarmers (Modern, Rock)
- Friday, July 26th: Terminal Station Band (Blues, Rock)
- Friday, August 2nd: Bluesberry Jam (Jazz, Soul)
- Friday, August 9th: Hairfarmers (Modern, Rock)
- Friday, August 16th: Jocelyn Pettit Band (Folk, World)
- Friday, August 23rd: Ruckus Deluxe (Celtic, Country Rock)
- Friday, August 30th: Dakota Pearl (Alt Country)
- Friday, September 6th: Hairfarmers (Modern, Rock)
- Friday, September 13th: Cam Salay (Folk, Soul)

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About the Sea to Sky Gondola

The Sea to Sky Gondola is one of British Columbia's newest iconic tourist attractions and is located in Squamish, BC within the unceded traditional territory of the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam First Nations. The gondola was featured in the New York Times' 52 Places to Go in 2015 list, where they cited the attraction's "unusual combination of West Coast wilderness and accessibility." The gondola is situated between Shannon Falls and the Stawamus Chief and transports guests to the Summit Lodge on a ridge leading towards Mount Habrich. The summit of the Sea to Sky Gondola provides a base camp for further exploration.

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