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SEA TO SKY GONDOLA BRINGS THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TO THE SUMMIT

The gondola opens for the winter season with holiday cheer on November 24, 2017

SQUAMISH, BC November 20, 2017 – The Sea to Sky Gondola in Squamish will open for the winter season on Friday, November 24, 2017. Snow at the summit and the launch of a magical line-up of experiences during the Spirit of Christmas events schedule make it easy to celebrate the season in Squamish.

All through the Spirit of Christmas, Sea to Sky Gondola guests will be able to walk in a winter wonderland on a trail festively decorated for the Christmas Forest Walk. The whimsically decorated and lit trail leads guests back to the Summit Lodge to warm up with a hot chocolate.

Other snow play activities offered at the summit include snowshoeing and winter walking, snowtubing, headlamp hikes departing at 4:30 p.m., and a decadent holiday fondue that is perfect to share with friends and family to wrap up a day of spirited adventure in the alpine.

Of course, the holiday season wouldn't be complete without Santa! The Sea to Sky Gondola will have the jolly old elf at the beautifully decorated Summit Lodge for pancakes and pictures with Santa Claus on Friday, December 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; and Sunday, December 3, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Before and after the photo kids can enjoy festive activities including writing postcards to Santa and creating magical reindeer treats. Breakfast is \$5 per person, and photos are \$15 for one picture or \$20 for two.

Winter operations and the Spirit of Christmas holiday events and experiences begin on November 24, 2017, with a special Winter Storytime from 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. A new indoor play area for families will also be revealed. Regular storytime will take place through December on Tuesdays and Thursdays from December 5 to December 21 while the Family Singalongs are slated for Wednesdays through December from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Sea to Sky Gondola's Spirit of Christmas Holiday Schedule

November 24 – Winter Storytime and launch of the new indoor play area for families
10:30 - 11:00 am

December 1, 2 & 3 – Pancakes and Pictures with Santa
Fri 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Sat & Sun 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

December 9 – A Classic Choral Christmas
12:00 - 4:00 pm

December 9 – Community Christmas Dinner
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Get into the holiday spirit and enjoy a family style 3-course menu while listening to carolers in the Summit Lodge. \$55 per person (+ taxes and gratuities) includes lift ticket.

December 10 – Holiday Concert

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Get into the Spirit of Christmas with musical performances in the Summit Lodge. The all-ages concert will kick-off with a Christmas carol sing-along by the Christmas tree, followed by contemporary holiday favorites and classic carols performed by solo performers from the Squamish Academy of Music.

December 15 – Holiday Wine Pairing Dinner

6:00PM - 9:00PM

Enjoy a festive feast that combines local food and wine at the Sea to Sky Gondola's longtable series.

See the full line-up for the Sea to Sky Gondola's Spirit of Christmas holiday schedule here

<https://www.seatoskygondola.com/christmas-events-and-activities>

An annual pass or gift card to the Sea to Sky Gondola is the perfect gift this holiday season. From exceptional ways to celebrate this December to an ever-changing line-up of seasonal celebrations, events, live music and ways to play outside, gifts of fresh mountain air and experiences at the summit are always welcome and best yet; they are "one size fits all."

LINK: <https://www.seatoskygondola.com/visit/tickets-and-passes>

WINTER OPERATING HOURS

Hours of operation November 24 to April 30 are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and hours of operation on Christmas Eve December 24 and Christmas Day, December 25 are 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. with the last download at 4 p.m.

Adult day tickets are \$39.95 when purchased online or in advance at any Lower Mainland London Drugs location. When purchased day of tickets are \$41.95 at the ticket window. For guests who plan to visit more than three times, the Sea to Sky Gondola Annual Pass is on sale for Christmas until December 31, 2017 and unlocks a year of unlimited access to all four seasons. The sale price is \$119 + tax for adults (regular \$149) and \$299 + tax for a family of four (regular \$349). Annual passes are available to purchase at any time of the year, and a day ticket can be upgraded to an Annual Pass within seven days of the visit.

Coming from Vancouver? The Squamish Connector (24 seats) offers roundtrip shuttle service from three downtown Vancouver locations to the Sea to Sky Gondola. Guests can enjoy three hours at the Sea to Sky Gondola before returning to downtown Vancouver by 4 p.m. Learn more:

<https://www.seatoskygondola.com/visit/shuttle>.

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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 and Tsleil-Waututh 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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