



Sea to Sky Gondola

Listening Questions 1:

1. How long does the Gondola ride take to get to the top?
2. How long is the suspension bridge?
3. What are some activities visitors can do?
4. When is the Sea to Sky Gondola closed?

Listening Questions 2:

1. What kind of activities is the city of Squamish known for?
2. How many people can the gondola carry at a time and in a day?
3. How many visitors are expected to ride the Sea to Sky Gondola annually?
4. What did the New York Times do in 2015?

Transcript 1:

The Sea to Sky Gondola opened in May 2014 and is located approximately halfway between Vancouver and Whistler, British Columbia, Canada. If you drive, it will take you about one hour to get there from Vancouver.

The gondola ride takes about 10 minutes and travels up roughly 900 meters to the top where you can eat a meal or have a drink. There are also a number of designated walking and hiking trails and a suspension bridge that is close to 100 meters long.

The gondola operates throughout the year and visitors can enjoy spectacular views of the local mountains including the Stawamus Chief, a large granite mountain. People interested in outdoor activities such as rock climbing, snowshoeing and more can experience some of Canada's nature by taking the gondola.



Transcript 2:

The Sea to Sky Gondola has 20 gondolas, 14 towers and about 4 kilometers of cable. The gondolas can carry 8 people at a time or about 5,000 per day.

In addition to being a very popular destination in its own right, the Sea to Sky Gondola has also helped the local economy of Squamish. Squamish is a small city located about 15 minutes up the road and is well-known to outdoor enthusiasts for activities like mountain biking and windsurfing. It has been estimated that upwards of 300,000 people will visit the tourist attraction every year and many of those visitors will likely spend some time and money in Squamish. Historically, tourists either drove through Squamish on their way to Whistler or only stopped for a short time.

In 2015 both Squamish and the Sea to Sky Gondola made it on the New York Times' list of 52 Places to Go.