

Sea to Sky Highway

A 1,100-Foot Waterfall, Then a Bridge Above the Clouds — A 3-Day Sea to Sky Highway Road Trip

DURATION

3 Days

BEST TIME TO GO

June – September

FROM

\$510 USD / person

The Sea to Sky Highway runs about 75 miles north from Vancouver to Whistler, climbing from the ocean at Howe Sound into the Coast Mountains in under two hours. This three-day loop breaks up the drive with a towering waterfall and a gondola ride on the way up, a full day in Whistler Village and its lift system, and one more waterfall stop on the way back down.

Day 1

Vancouver to Squamish: Shannon Falls & the Sea to Sky Gondola

Pick up a rental car in Vancouver and drive north along the Sea to Sky Highway, BC's famous mountain-to-ocean corridor, stopping for a towering waterfall and a gondola ride above the clouds.

Car Rental — Vancouver (YVR or downtown)

Pick up morning · rentals from around C\$65/day

Pick up a car at Vancouver International Airport or downtown before heading north; Highway 99, signed as the Sea to Sky Highway, runs the whole route to Whistler and beyond.

Shannon Falls Provincial Park

~45 min stop · free, day-use parking

A short, flat walk from the parking lot leads to a viewing platform at the base of one of British Columbia's tallest waterfalls, posted at 1,100 feet — a quick, easy stop just south of Squamish.

Sea to Sky Gondola

~2–3 hrs · adult tickets around C\$75 (\$55 USD)

A ten-minute gondola ride climbs to 2,900 feet on the slopes of Mount Habrich, where the 312-foot Sky Pilot Suspension Bridge crosses to a viewing platform looking over Howe Sound, the Tantalus Range and the Stawamus Chief below.

Sea to Sky Gondola · seatoskygondola.com

Dinner — Fergie's Cafe, Squamish

Dinner · \$15–25 per person

A long-running, no-frills local diner in downtown Squamish known for big breakfasts and comfort food — a reliable, unpretentious stop before continuing north to Whistler.

Day 2

Whistler Village & the Peaks Above It

Train Wreck Trail, Whistler

~1 hr round trip · free, suspension bridge access

A short forest walk and a suspension bridge over the Cheakamus River lead to a cluster of decades-old derailed box cars, now covered in graffiti art and tucked into the trees — an offbeat stop most drive-through visitors miss.

Drive — Whistler to Vancouver

~2 hr drive · return the rental car before your flight

The return drive retraces Highway 99 south along Howe Sound, with pull-offs for one last look at the water before dropping back into the city — leave a buffer before an evening flight out of YVR.