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Sitting on the Edge – The View from Preikestolen by Alex Berger

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I had seen photos of it for years. A strange piece of rock somewhere in Scandinavia. It looked rectangular in shape and protruded out over the fjords like a large stage or balcony. Eventually I learned its name – Preikestolen also known as the Preacher’s Pulpit and its location. To my surprise it was somewhat challenging to get to or to find information about. Especially given how popular a photo destination it is.

First, it required a trip by ferry, plane or train from Oslo out to port city of Stavanger. A city which is located a few hours to the south of Bergen, a popular cruise and tourist destination. Once there I caught a special car ferry across to the tiny port town of Tau where I connected with a bus which shuttled me the 15 minutes or so to the visitors center and basecamp at the head of the Preikestolen trail.

The trail itself winds a rugged 2.8 miles through gorgeous highland meadows, beautiful ponds, and along drastic cliffs before offering a stunning view of the Lysefjorden. From there it’s an exhilarating walk along the top of the cliff with a staggering 1,900+ foot drop to your left. While in good repair the trail is completely natural and doesn’t have any fencing or railing. A bit rough for those with a fear of heights, myself included, it adds to the ambiance of the experience.

After walking along the top of a cliff face I reached Preikestolen and tentatively made my way out onto the large rectangular rock. Once there I joined a few other tourists as we risked death (at least it felt that way) to peer over the side, pose for photos, and then with our throats in our mouths slowly drop our legs over the side. Eyes wide and hands shaking I straddled one of the corners of the rock formation with naught but empty air and the fjord below my feet.

You’ll see lots of wonderful photos of Preikestolen, the Pulpit Rock, but I can guarantee you not a single one of them will ever compare to the sheer beauty and excitement of seeing it first hand.

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Funny you should mention Pulpit Rock; it ended up on my list of "things to see when I get to Scandinavia". Only made it to Iceland though so the whole North of Europe is still high on my list of places to see.

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