

MØNS KLINT

Breathtakingly beautiful, they are Denmark's answer to the white cliffs of Dover. Big chunks of the chalk do crash down into the sea after heavy rains. **But MØNS KLINT is still a great place to relax** and, if you're lucky, find a rare dinosaur fossil.

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The white cliffs are a star attraction, but you will also find gorgeous beaches, wild orchids, large blue butterflies and the peregrine falcon.



The chalk that forms Møns Klint was created from old skeleton remains of sea life from 75 million years ago. At one point, the chalk was at the bottom of the sea, but it emerged before the last ice age reached Denmark. Every year, a layer of approximately 20-40 centimeters disappears back into the sea from the six-kilometer stretch.



Above: The highest cliff at Møn is 128 meters above the sea. Here you see part of an area that collapsed in a 2007 landslide. Left: To reach the beach below the cliffs, you traverse well-marked paths and steps through the forest.



Fossil hunting is a fantastic way to explore the island on a more intimate level. The most common finds are different types of sea urchins such as the one above, shellfish and belemnites.

Ancient treasures are all over the island, including giants' graves – Neolithic chambered tombs. After the landslides of 2007, heaps of new fossils were found. **One very lucky 12-year-old boy even discovered what's thought to be a tooth from a dinosaur-like animal called a Mosasaurus**, which last walked the earth 70 million years ago. Since this reptile had a body length of 15 meters, that's one big tooth.

Landslides do occur in the winter, but not every year. Two in January and March of 2007 were the largest in 50 years, causing huge portions of the cliffs to fall into the sea. A 330-meter-long peninsula of chalk and fallen trees was created.

FOSSIL HUNTING IN MØNS KLINT

WHERE IT'S AT
The island is off the coast of southeast Zealand. By car, it's an easy 128-kilometer drive south from Copenhagen.

WHERE TO STAY
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