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Dramatic first look at world's highest, longest glass-bottom bridge



Cue the sweaty palms.

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Travelers will soon be able to walk across the world's longest and highest glass-bottom bridge, which spans two cliffs in China's Hunan province.

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This week, workers were photographed installing the bridge's first piece of glass.

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Set against dramatic landscapes in Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, the bridge is 430 meters long, six meters wide and hovers over a 300-meter vertical drop.

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Construction on the bridge was originally expected to be finished at the end of 2015. It's now set to open in May this year.

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World's highest catwalk?

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Designed by Israeli architect Haim Dotan, the glass-bottom bridge will also feature the world's highest bungee jump and serve as a runway for fashion shows.

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Hanging above Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon, it will be able to hold up to 800 people at once.

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Digital renderings of the bridge highlight the architectural firm's vision -- to build a glass structure that fades into the clouds.

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Stunning as the view is, tourists will likely tread carefully.

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In October last year, cracks appeared in a mountainside glass walkway in Yuntaishan Scenic Park, in China's central Henan province, just two weeks after opening.

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The incident sent visitors running and screaming in panic, according to witnesses.

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Park officials said the damage was superficial and posed no threat to safety.

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