

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT RIVERS



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The Nile River, located in Africa, is listed as being 6,853 kilometers (4,258 miles) long, and is hence commonly considered to be the longest river in the world. This river and its water resources are shared by eleven countries – Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, South Sudan, Sudan and Egypt.



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The Yangtze River is the third longest river in the world running 6,300 kilometers (3915 miles). The river is the longest in the world to flow entirely within one country. Rising in Tanggula Mountain, it flows eastwards and pours itself into the East China Sea.

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The second longest river in the world is the [Amazon River](#), it reaches around 6400 kilometers in length (4000 miles). The Amazon River is the largest river by discharge volume of water – greater than the next seven largest independent rivers combined. It is also the widest river in the world, while not in flood, the main stretches can reach widths of up to 11 km (7 miles) at its widest points. The Amazon River originates from the [Andes](#) in the [Peru](#) and runs through [Bolivia](#), [Venezuela](#), [Colombia](#), [Ecuador](#), and [Brazil](#).



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The Missouri River is the longest river in North America. Rising in the Rocky Mountains of western Montana, the Missouri flows east and south for 3,767 kilometers (2,341 miles) before entering the Mississippi River north of St. Louis, Missouri. The Missouri River is the world's 15th-longest river.

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Rio Negro is a river located in South America. It is a unique river for its unusual color – black. Rio Negro or Black River is the largest left tributary of the Amazon river. Rio Negro is also recognized as the world's largest blackwater river. Although it was named Black River, its waters are not totally black. It can be compared to the color of a strong tea. When viewed from afar, Rio Negro looks black.

