



The rivers of South America

Human or Physical?

- We have learnt about human and physical features. What are they?
- What do you think rivers are, human or physical?



Some of the famous rivers in South America.



The Amazon River

The Amazon River is in South America. It runs through Guyana, Ecuador, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia and Peru.

- The length of the Amazon River is approximately 6400 kilometres (4000 miles).
- During the wet season, the Amazon River can reach over 190 kilometres (120 miles) in width.
- There are no bridges that cross the Amazon, mostly because there is no need, the majority of the Amazon River runs through rainforests rather than roads or cities.



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The Parana River

The Parana is the 14th-longest river in the world, flowing 2,485 miles across southeastern South America. It begins at the junction of the Paranaíba and the Rio Grande rivers, flows southwest to the Paraguay River, then south and east through Argentina to the Uruguay River and the Rio de la Plata.

The river has the second largest drainage system on the continent. Flooding is common on the southern Parana, which also many waterfalls and a large dam built in the 1980s. Oceangoing ships can travel partway up the river, but most of the water traffic is commercial point-to-point. Cruises do steam up and down the river, too.



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The Orinoco River

- Orinoco, river of Venezuela, estimated to be from 1,500 to 1,700 mi (2,410-2,735 km) long. Rising near Mt. Delgado Chalbaud in the Guiana Highlands, the Orinoco flows in a wide arc through tropical rain forests and savannas (llanos), forming part of the Venezuela-Colombia border, and enters the Atlantic Ocean through a large marshy delta in NE Venezuela.
- One of South America's longest rivers, it and its branches drain an extensive basin; the Apure River is its chief tributary. The Orinoco is joined to the Amazon system by the Casiquiare, a natural canal

