

Rivers are found across the globe and on every continent. Even Antarctica has 700 rivers and streams fed by melting ice. Lets have a look at some of the interesting facts about our planet's rivers.

## 5 LONGEST RIVERS IN THE WORLD



## THE WORLD'S SHORTEST RIVER



The shortest river in the world can be found in the United State of America. Measuring only 61 metres long, the Roe River in Montana was officially recognised by the Guinness Book of World Records. Since then, the book has removed the category but it's safe to say that you are unlikely to find many rivers much shorter!

## THE MOST TRAVELLED RIVER



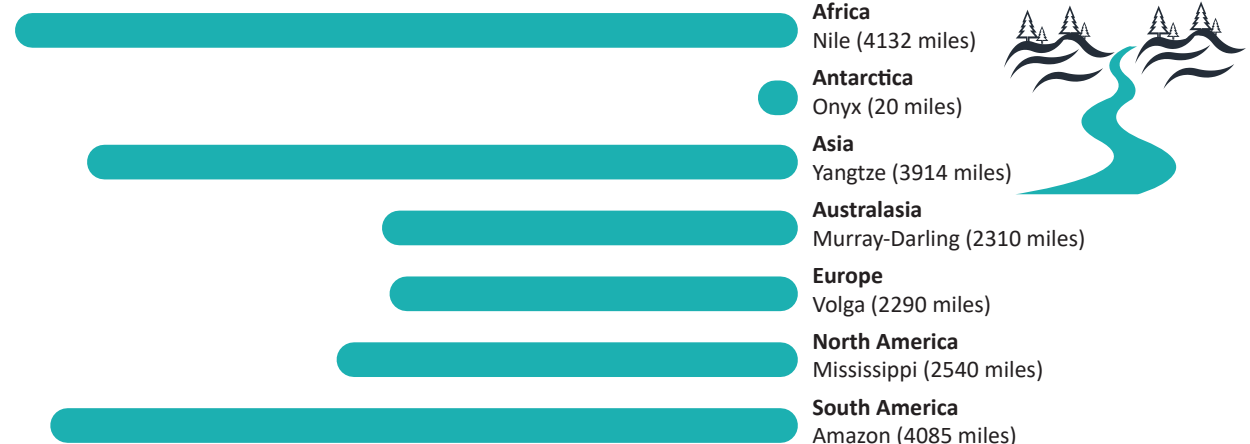
As well as being the longest river in the world (although there is some debate that perhaps the Amazon is longer), the Nile River is also the most well travelled. Over the course of its journey, the Nile River passes through 11 different countries: Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, South Sudan, Sudan and, of course, Egypt!

In a close second is the Danube river in Europe which passes through an equally impressive 10 different countries.

## 10 TALLEST WATERFALLS IN THE WORLD



## LONGEST RIVERS ON EACH CONTINENT



## RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. How long is the shortest river in the world?
2. Which continent is home to the second longest river according to the text?
3. Which river is 2310 miles long?
4. Which two waterfalls are the same height?
5. How many countries does the Danube River pass through?

## VIPERS QUESTIONS

- P** Why might the Guinness Book of World Records have removed the category for shortest river?
- P** Why do you think there aren't many long rivers on Antarctica?
- V** Find another word that means "discussion".
- E** Is the use of graphics effective in this text? What makes you think this?
- I** How does the author feel about the fact there are rivers on Antarctica? How do you know?

Answers:

1. 61 metres
2. South America
3. Murray-Darling River
4. Kjelfossen and Mardalsfossen
5. 10

P: It might be hard to know where rivers begin and end if they are that short. Accept answers that are also well-reasons and show an understanding of the practicalities of this

P: They might freeze as the get slower

V: Debate

E: Accept answers that are either positive or negative as long as the are reasoned with links to their understanding of the text

I: The author might be surprised because they started the sentence with "Even Antarctica...".