

THE RHINE



The Rhine is a major river in Europe, it flows through lots of countries including The Netherlands, Germany, and Switzerland. The Rhine is one of the longest rivers in Europe, at over 1,230 [1,980 kilometres.] Being one of the longest rivers, the Rhine is home to many species including fish, birds, insects, and lots more. The average of River Rhine is measured at 100,000 cubic feet per second or 2,900 meters. Did you know, River Rhine and River Danube are the major rivers, that have played a role in The Roman Empire. River Rhine is split into three parts the German Rhine, The Netherland Rhine, and last but not least The Swiss Rhine.

Who Discovered River Rhine?

John Henning Speke was born on 4 May 1827 in Bideford in Devon. He was commissioned into the British army in 1844 and posted to India where he served in the Punjab and travelled in the Himalayas and Tibet. In April 1855, as part of Richard Burton's expedition to explore Somaliland, Speke was severely wounded in an attack by the Somalis. Invalided home, he volunteered for the Crimea and served during the war with a regiment of Turks.



The name of the Rhine comes from the Celtic Renos, literally "that which flows", from the Proto-Indo-European root *rei- ("to flow, run"), which is also the origin of the English verb "to run" and the Greek adage Πάντα ῥεῖ καὶ οὐδὲν μένει, (everything flows, nothing stands still).

Fun Facts

- . The Rhine flows through approximately 6 countries