

Euphrates River

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Euphrates River Latest News

The Euphrates, one of the oldest and most storied rivers in human history, is disappearing.

About Euphrates River

- It is **Western Asia's longest river** and has a length of about **2,800 km**.
- **Course:**
 - The river **originates** in the Armenian Highlands of **southeastern Turkey**.
 - It then **flows through** the countries of **Syria and Iraq**, where it **meets with the Tigris River** and finally **drains into the Persian Gulf**.
- The Euphrates River **flows parallel to the Tigris River** and along with all their tributaries, form the large **Tigris-Euphrates River System**.
- **Ancient Mesopotamia**, a part of what is often called the "**Fertile Crescent**," **occupied the land between the Tigris and Euphrates** rivers.
- Some of the **world's oldest civilizations** were established there thousands of years ago.

- One of the **ancient world's most important cities, Babylon**, was built along the Euphrates.
- Often used as a **boundary between various kingdoms**, the Euphrates was the scene of battles during ancient times.
- The Euphrates receives **most of its water from winter rains and snowfall** in the mountains. The **rest of the land** that the Euphrates flows through is **dry**.

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