

Key Facts about Ural River

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About Ural River

- It is a **2,428 km** long river that flows through **Russia and Kazakhstan** along the **continental boundary between Europe and Asia**.
- It is also referred to as the **Zhayyq River** in the native **Kazakh language**.
- **Course:**
 - The river **originates in the Ural Mountains**, close to Mount Kruglaya **in Russia**.
 - It **empties into the Caspian Sea**; the **world's largest inland sea** that lies between Europe and Asia.
- It is **Europe's third-longest river**, after the Volga and the Danube rivers, and Asia's 19th longest river.
- **Melting snow** constitutes about 60% to **70% of the river's water source**, while precipitation is a minor source.
- A **prominent feature** of the Ural River is its **digitate delta**, or tree-like structure, that can be seen as the river enters the Caspian Sea.
- **Tributaries:**

- It has a total of **58 tributaries**, with the most prominent ones being **Kushum, Derkul, Chagan, Irtek, Utva, Elek, Bolshaya Chobda, Kindel, Sakmara, Tanalyk, Salmys, Or,** and Suunduk.
- **Tributaries from the right side are typical mountain rivers**, while the left side tributaries have flatland characteristics.

Orsk City

- It is located in the **Orenburg Oblast region, Russia**.
- It lies about 150 miles (240 km) south of Magnitogorsk at the **confluence of the Ural and Or rivers**.
- It lies **adjacent to the Kazakhstan-Russia border**.

Orsk is now a **major industrial centre**, with a **large oil refinery** using petroleum piped from fields on the Caspian Sea.

Q1: Which countries border the Caspian Sea?

The Caspian Sea is bordered by five countries: Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Azerbaijan, and Russia.

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