

Seine River

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After more than a century, swimmers returned to the River Seine on Saturday, marking the first official reopening of the iconic waterway for public bathing since 1923.

About Seine River

- It is **France's second-longest river after the Loire**, covering a distance of 775 kilometers.
- This river has a drainage basin, known as the **Paris Basin**, of approximately 79,000 sq.km. and drains mainly northern France.
- **Course:**
 - It rises 446 meters above sea level in the wine-making region of Burgundy, near the town of Dijon.
 - **As the Seine approaches Paris**, it is **joined by the Marne**, one of its largest tributaries, on the right bank.
 - It **flows through Paris** for about 13 kilometers from west to east.

- It finally **empties into the English Channel**, an **arm of the Atlantic Ocean** separating northern France and southern England.
- The river's course consists of **5 sections**.
 - From its source to Montereau-Fault-Yonne, it's known as the **Small Seine** (Petite Seine).
 - **From there to Paris**, it's the **Upper Seine** (Haute Seine).
 - **Passing through Paris**, it's the **Paris waterway** (Traversée de Paris).
 - From Paris to Rouen, it's called the **Lower Seine** (Basse Seine).
 - **As it finally makes its way to the English Channel** and its estuary at Honfleur and Le Havre, it's known as the **Maritime Seine** (Seine-Maritime).
- Most of the river basin is formed of **permeable rocks**, the absorptive capacity of which mitigates the risk of river floods.
- The basin receives modest annual precipitation ranging from 650 to 750 millimeters.
- **About 62% of the basin is used for agriculture**; the basin hosts 25% of the French agricultural activity and 25-30% of the national industrial activity.
- It is one of Europe's great historic rivers, and **its drainage network carries most of the French inland waterway traffic**.

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