# Amazon River



The Amazon River is located

in South America. It is the second longest river in the world. The Nile River is the longest. The Amazon River is 3,980 miles long. Its basin covers more than half of South America. In 1541 Spanish explorer Francisco de Orellana gave the river its name and was the first



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3.	How long is the Amazon River?
4.	Who traveled the entire length of the river in 1541?
<b>5</b> .	How much of South America does the Amazon River basin cover?

#### **ANSWER KEY**

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5. How much of South America does the Amazon River basin cover?

The Amazon River basin covers half of South America.