



KARUN RIVER

KARUN RIVER (Rud-e Kārun), the largest river and the only navigable waterway in Iran. It flows out of the central Zagros range, traverses the Khuzestan plain, and joins the [Shatt al-Arab](#) before the latter discharges into the Persian Gulf. This entry will be divided into the following three sections:

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