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Rhine River

- ❖ The **Rhine River** originates in the **Swiss Alps** in the canton of Graubünden, forming one of Europe's most significant transboundary rivers.
- ❖ The **Rhine River** begins in **Graubünden (Switzerland)** and initially flows through the southeastern part of the Swiss Alpine region.
- ❖ The **Rhine** forms parts of the **Switzerland–Liechtenstein** and **Switzerland–Austria** international borders in its upper course.
- ❖ From **Lake Constance (Bodensee)** onward, the **Rhine** serves as a natural boundary between Switzerland and Germany for a certain stretch.
- ❖ The **Rhine River** later forms a large portion of the **France–Germany border**, particularly near the Alsace region.
- ❖ The **Rhine** flows northward through the **German Rhineland**, a historically and economically important region of Germany.
- ❖ The **Rhine River** eventually turns west in the **Netherlands** before draining into the North Sea through a complex delta system.
- ❖ The **Rhine Basin** covers approximately **185,000 km²**, draining large parts of Switzerland, Germany, France, Austria, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Belgium, and the Netherlands.
- ❖ With a length of about **1,230 km**, the **Rhine** ranks as the second-longest river in Central and Western Europe after the Danube.
- ❖ The **Rhine River** has an average discharge of about **2,900 m³/s**, making it one of Europe's most voluminous rivers.
- ❖ The **Rhine Falls** near Schaffhausen represent **Europe's most powerful waterfall**, located along the High Rhine section.
- ❖ The **Rhine** and the **Danube River** served as major northern frontiers of the Roman Empire, shaping ancient military and trade geography.
- ❖ The **Rhine Waterway** has functioned as a major **commercial navigation route** since Roman times, transporting goods deep into inland Europe.
- ❖ The name **Rhine** originates from the **Gaulish word "Rēnos"**, later adapted by the Romans as the Latin term "Rhenus."
- ❖ Several regions and cities are named after the **Rhine**, including **North Rhine-Westphalia**, **Rhineland-Palatinate**, Basel, Strasbourg, Cologne, Rotterdam, and Düsseldorf, highlighting the river's cultural and economic significance.

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Eastern Coastal Plains

- ❖ The **Eastern Coastal Plains** form a broad **coastal lowland** situated between the Deccan Plateau and the Bay of Bengal in eastern India.
- ❖ The **Deccan Plateau** lies to the west of the **Eastern Coastal Plains**, creating a natural inland boundary for the region.
- ❖ The **Bay of Bengal** forms the eastern maritime boundary of the **Eastern Coastal Plains** along India's eastern shoreline.
- ❖ The **Eastern Ghats** mountain chain acts as the irregular **western boundary** separating the plains from the interior plateau.
- ❖ The **Eastern Coastal Plains** extend from the **Mahanadi delta** in Odisha to Kanyakumari at the southernmost tip of peninsular India.
- ❖ The **latitudinal span** of the plains stretches roughly between **21°N and 8°N** across eastern India.
- ❖ The **coastal stretch** of the Eastern Coastal Plains measures approximately **1500 km** along the Bay of Bengal.
- ❖ The **average width** of the Eastern Coastal Plains varies between **100 km and 120 km**, although it expands further in delta regions.
- ❖ The **Western Coastal Plains** are narrower compared with the broader **Eastern Coastal Plains** of India.
- ❖ The **Eastern Coastal Plains** pass through the Indian states of **Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu**.
- ❖ **Puducherry** also contains small segments of the Eastern Coastal Plains.
- ❖ The **two coastal plains** of India converge geographically at **Kanyakumari** where the Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, and Indian Ocean meet.
- ❖ The **Eastern Coastal Plains** are divided into three major subregions known as **Utkal Plains, Andhra Plains, and Tamil Nadu Plains**.
- ❖ The **Utkal Plains** occupy the northern section of the Eastern Coastal Plains within the coastal region of Odisha.
- ❖ The **Andhra Plains** form the central sector of the Eastern Coastal Plains along the Andhra Pradesh coastline.

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