

The **Kaduna River** is a tributary of the [Niger River](#) which flows for 550 kilometres (340 mi) through [Nigeria](#). It got its name from the [crocodiles](#) that lived in the river and surrounding area. It starts in [Plateau State](#) on the [Jos Plateau](#) 29 kilometres (18 mi) southwest of Jos town, flows through its namesake [Kaduna State](#) and through its capital [Kaduna](#), and meets the Niger River in [Niger State](#). Most of its course passes through open savanna woodland, but its lower section has cut several gorges above its entrance into the extensive Niger floodplains.