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The most beautiful lakes in France

There are thousands of lakes, ponds and marshes in France. Lake Geneva, the largest lake in Western Europe with its 582 km², one third of which is located on French territory and the other part in Switzerland, is indicated for its French part in Haute-Savoie.

The list of lakes in France below roughly distinguishes three categories: mountain lakes, classified by massif, plain lakes, classified by river basin, and coastal lakes:

- ✦ Lakes in mountain ranges can be natural, often of origin glacial or volcanic, or man-made, usually for the purpose of hydroelectric production or regulation of flow.
- ✦ Lowland lakes can be natural or intended to serve reservoir (PR) or be created by a retaining dam.
- ✦ Coastal lakes, close to the sea can be filled freshwater or saltwater.

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Lac d'Oô (Haute-garonne)



Lac de Gérardmer (Vosges)



Lac de Capitello (Haute-Corse)



Lac vert De Fontanalbe (Alpes-Maritimes)



Lac d'Allos (Alpes-de-Haute-Provence)



Lac de Guéry (Puy-de-Dôme)

