The Rhone River rises on the glacier of the same name near the Furka Pass in the Swiss Alps. After its course through the varied landscape of the Swiss Alps, it enters the Lake of Geneva and continues as a river again from the city of Geneva.

The journey along the Rhone starts in the Swiss Alps at an altitude of 2,275 m. The meltwater of the Rhone Glacier forms the source of the river.

The course of the young Rhone after tumbling down from the area of the glacier and flowing into the direction of Gletsch. Thirty years ago, the whole area was largely covered by the glacier. It flows south through Gletsch and the Goms, the uppermost valley region of the Valais before Brig. Shortly before reaching Brig, it receives the waters of the Massa from the Aletsch Glacier. It flows onward through the valley which bears its name and runs initially in a westerly direction about thirty kilometers to Leuk, then southwest about fifty kilometers to Martigny.