

# Rope bridge

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A **rope bridge** is a bridge constructed chiefly of rope. In its simplest form, it can be one or two ropes that bridge a river, enabling the traveller to be supported in their crossing and not be swept away. One rope above another, for feet and hands, may be referred to as a commando bridge.

More complicated rope bridges can involve the use of multiple ropes, and boards as footpaths. One of the most complex examples of a culture using these as permanent, rather than temporary crossings, is the Inca civilization.

An 1853 watercolor by Manuel María Paz shows two men crossing a rope bridge over the Igará Paraná River "made of wood and lianas".<sup>[1]</sup>

## References

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## See also

- Inca rope bridge
- Simple suspension bridge

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A rope bridge in South America

<b>Ancestor</b>	None - this is a foundational type
<b>Related</b>	Inca rope bridge
<b>Descendant</b>	Simple suspension bridge
<b>Carries</b>	Pedestrians, livestock
<b>Span range</b>	short
<b>Material</b>	Grass or other rope, appropriate decking material
<b>Movable</b>	No
<b>Design effort</b>	low
<b>Falsework required</b>	No



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