



Martin Strel, Honor Swimmer, Slovenia, 2015



[Personal Website](#)

Martin Strel is a legendary Slovenian marathon swimmer who is best known for completing stage swims along the length of the Danube River, the Mississippi River, the Yangtze River, and the Amazon River. He is a member of the 24-hour club for swimming along the Krka River (105 km) in Slovenia in 28 hours in 1992, and in the Kolpa river (62 kilometers) in 16 hours in 1993. In 2000, he swam in the Danube River and achieved the stage swim record (3,004 kilometers) in a 58-day swim. In 2001, he swam 504.5 kilometers when he swam non-stop in the Danube River for 84 hours 10 minutes. In 2002, he swam along the Mississippi River (3,885 kilometers) in 68 days.

In 2003, he swam 1,930 kilometers along the Argentine Paraná River. In 2004, he swam down the Yangtze River (4,003 kilometers) in China for 51 days. Strel swam along the Amazon River in 2007 in 66 days for 5,268 kilometers in a wetsuit. Strel was the subject and star of a feature documentary entitled *Big River Man* that won a Best Cinematography prize at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival. Martin is also the owner of 5 Guinness Records for the longest swim in the world.

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Slovenian Translation

Martin Strel je legendarni slovenski maratonski plavalec, ki je najbolj znan po maratonskih plavalnih dosežkih po reki Donavi, Mississippi-ju, Jangce Kiang-u in Amazonki. Je član 24-urnega kluba za plavanje po reki Krki (105 km) v Sloveniji v 28 urah leta 1992 in po reki Kolpi (62 kilometrov) v 16 urah leta 1993. Leta 2000 je v 58 dneh preplaval celotno reko Donavo in tri dodatne etape (3004 kilometrov). Leta 2001 je preplaval 504,5 kilometra neprekinjeno po reki Donavi v času 84 ur in 10 minut. Leta 2002 je preplaval celotno amerisko reko Mississippi oz izvira do izliva (3.885 kilometrov) v 68 dneh.

Leta 2003 je preplaval 1930 kilometrov po argentinski reki Parani. Leta 2004 je 51 dni plaval po reki Jangce-Kiang (4.003 kilometrov) na Kitajskem. Leta 2007 je Strel preplaval 5.268 kilometrov reke Amazonke (Peru, Brazilija) v 66 dneh. Martin Strel je igralec in zvezda celovečernega dokumentarca z naslovom Big River Man, ki je na prestižnem filmskem festivalu Sundance (ZDA) leta 2009 osvojil nagrado za najboljšo kinematografijo. O Martinu so napisane številne knjige in clanku po celem svetu. Martin je tudi lastnik 5 Guinnessovih rekordov za najdaljša plavanje po svetu.