

Caravan Bridge

Although there are a few bridges that are much older, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, the bridge over the river Meles (commonly called Caravan Bridge) is the oldest datable bridge in the world still in use. This ancient arched stone slab bridge was built sometime around 850 BCE in Izmir, Turkey. At one point, the Caravan Bridge served as the checked entry point into the city of Izmir.

The river Meles is known for being the birthplace of the legendary Ancient Greek author Homer. The river and the Caravan bridge were prominently featured in Homer's work.

