The Collection
and *The Human Journey*

**What Does It Mean to Understand and Appreciate Nature?**

**Waterscapes**

Possessing extraordinary power, both to destroy and to create, water holds a central place in our collective psyche. It figures prominently in most creation myths and has been a pervasive and enduring subject of all the arts. Its universality has made water a versatile metaphor, adaptable to signify a wide variety of concrete and abstract concepts.

Visually, water is richly fascinating. Tranquil water can be as reflective as a mirror and water in motion can display an extraordinary range of colors and shapes. These exceptional visual qualities have made waterscapes a longstanding favorite of landscape artists. The artworks collected here display water in several of its manifestations: as rain, sea, river, swamp, ice and fountain. Together they highlight the extraordinary physical versatility and evocative power of what is one of the most familiar substances in nature.

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