

Below is a list of countries which use the definite article. In English, we use "the" if a country has a political title in its name, or if it refers a group of islands. There are also countries, such as the Netherlands, which people commonly attach the definite article to even though it does not follow the two rules above. For bodies of water, we frequently add the definite article to rivers, oceans, and seas. For single mountains, we don't typically add the definite article. However, for groups of mountains, we do.

You'll find many examples of these rules below, as well as a list of other geographical features which use the definite article.

Countries	Rivers	Gulfs, Oceans, Seas, Straits	Other Features
the Bahamas	the Amazon	the Adriatic Sea	the equator
the Cayman Islands	the Colorado	the Aegean Sea	the Far East
the Central African Republic	the Columbia	the Arabian Sea	the Gobi (desert)
the Channel Islands	the Danube	the Arctic Ocean	the Kalahari (desert)
the Comoros	the Don	the Atlantic (Ocean)	the Middle East
the Czech Republic	the Euphrates	the Baltic (Sea)	the Near East
the Dominican Republic	the Ganges	the Black Sea	the North Pole
the Falkland Islands	the Huang	the Caribbean (Sea)	the Occident
the Gambia	the Hudson	the Caspian (Sea)	the Orient
the Isle of Man	the Indus	the Coral Sea	the Panama Canal
the Ivory Coast	the Jordan	the Gulf of Aden	the Sahara (desert)
the Leeward Islands	the Lena	the Gulf of Mexico	the South Pole
the Maldives (the Maldive Islands)	the Mackenzie	the Gulf of Oman	the Suez Canal
the Marshall Islands	the Mekong		the Tropic of Cancer
the Netherlands	the Mississippi		the Tropic of Capricorn
the Netherlands Antilles	the Missouri	Mountain Ranges	
the Philippines	the Niger	the Alps	
the Solomon Islands	the Nile	the Andes	
the Turks and Caicos Islands	the Ob	the Appalachians	
the United Arab Emirates	the Ohio	the Atlas Mountains	
the United Kingdom (of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	the Orinoco	the Caucasus	
the United States (of America)	the Po	the Himalayas	
the Virgin Islands	the Rhine	the Pyrenees	
	the Rhone	the Rockies (the Rocky Mountains)	
	the Rio Grande	the Urals	
	the St. Lawrence		
	the Seine		
	the Tagus		
	the Thames		
	the Tiber		
	the Tigris		
	the Volga		
	the Yangtze		