When to use 'the' with country names + lakes, rivers, and more

Countries
the Bahamas
the Cayman Islands
the Central African Republic
the Channel Islands
the Comoros
the Czech Republic
the Dominican Republic
the Falkland Islands
the Gambia
the Isle of Man
the Ivory Coast
the Leeward Islands
the Maldives (the Maldive Islands)
the Marshall Islands
the Netherlands
the Netherlands Antilles
the Philippines
the Solomon Islands
the Turks and Caicos Islands
the United Arab Emirates
the United Kingdom (of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
the United States (of America)
the Virgin Islands

	Rivers
the	Amazon
the	Colorado
the	Columbia
the	Danube
the	Don
the	Euphrates
the	Ganges
the	Huang
the	Hudson
the	Indus
the	Jordan
the	Lena
the	Mackenzie
the	Mekong
the	Mississippi
the	Missouri
the	Niger
the	Nile
the	Ob
the	Ohio
the	Orinoco
the	Po
the	Rhine
the	Rhone
the	Rio Grande
the	St. Lawrence
the	Seine
the	Tagus
the	Thames
the	Tiber
the	Tigris
the	Volga

Other Features the equator the Far East the Gobi (desert) the Kalahari (desert) the Middle East the Near East the North Pole the Occident the Orient the Panama Canal the Sahara (desert) the South Pole the Suez Canal the Tropic of Cancer the Tropic of Capricorn

Gulfs, Oceans, Seas, Straits the Adriatic Sea the Aegean Sea the Arabian Sea the Arctic Ocean the Atlantic (Ocean) the Baltic (Sea) the Black Sea the Caribbean (Sea) the Caspian (Sea) the Gulf of Aden the Gulf of Mexico

Mountain Ranges the Alps the Andes the Appalachians the Atlas Mountains the Caucasus the Himalayas the Pyrenees the Rockies (the Rocky Mountains) the Urals

the Gulf of Oman