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Places (continents, countries, states, islands, towns etc.)

In general we do *not* use **the** + names of places:

- **France** is a very large country. (*not* 'the France')
- ~~THE~~ ● **Cairo** is the capital of **Egypt**.
- **Corsica** is an island in the Mediterranean.
- **Peru** is in **South America**.

But we use **the** in names with 'republic'/'states'/'kingdom':

~~THE~~ **the Republic** of Ireland (or **the Irish Republic**)
the United States of America (**the USA**) **the United Kingdom** (**the UK**)

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the -s (plural names)

We use **the** + *plural* names of countries/islands/mountains:

~~THE~~ **the Netherlands** **the** Canary Islands **the** Philippines **the** Andes

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Seas, rivers etc.

We use **the** + names of oceans/seas/rivers/canals:

~~THE~~ **the** Atlantic (Ocean) **the** Mediterranean (Sea) **the** Amazon
the (River) Nile **the** Suez Canal **the** Black Sea

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Places in towns (streets, buildings etc.)

In general we do *not* use **the** + names of streets, squares etc.:

- Kevin lives in **Newton Street**.
- ~~THE~~ ● Where is **Highfield Road**, please?
- **Times Square** is in New York.

We do *not* use **the** + name of place (or person) + airport/station/university/castle etc.:

~~THE~~ **Kennedy Airport** **Victoria Station** **Cambridge University**
Westminster Abbey **Edinburgh Castle** **London Zoo**

But usually we use **the** + names of hotels, restaurants, pubs, cinemas, theatres, museums:

~~THE~~ **the** Hilton (Hotel) **the** Star of India (restaurant)
the Science Museum **the** Odeon (cinema)
the National Theatre **the** Tate Gallery (art gallery)

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the ... of ...

We use **the** + names with ... **of** ... :

~~THE~~ **the** Republic **of** Ireland **the** Bank **of** England
the Great Wall **of** China **the** Tower **of** London

We say: **the north** / **the south** / **the east** / **the west** / **the middle** (of ...):

- I've been to **the north of Italy** but not to **the south**.