

# Argentina

## Key indicators

Population (millions), 2005 .....	38.7
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers) .....	2,780.4
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2005 .....	181.5
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2005 .....	14,109
Real GDP growth (percent), 2005 .....	9.2

Source: World Bank, *World Development Indicators Online Database* (December 2006); IMF, *World Economic Outlook Online Database* (April and September 2006 editions); national sources

## Travel & Tourism indicators

### T&T industry, 2006 estimates

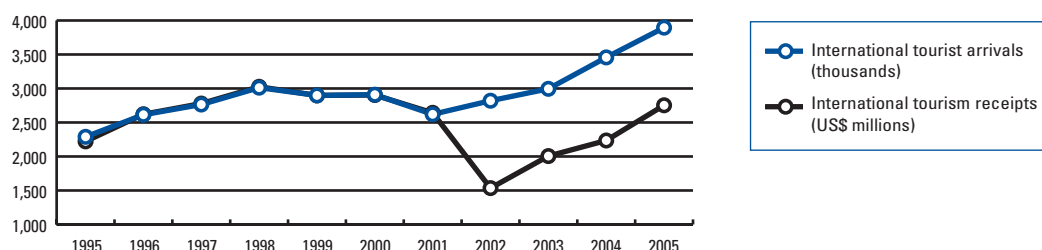
	Percent of total	2007–2016 annual growth (% forecast)
GDP (US\$ millions) .....	2.9	3.0
Employment (1,000 jobs) .....	4.0	1.5

### T&T economy, 2006 estimates

GDP (US\$ millions) .....	8.0	3.3
Employment (1,000 jobs) .....	9.5	1.6

Source: World Travel & Tourism Council, *TSA Research 2006*

International tourist arrivals (1,000), 2005 .....	3,895
International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 2005 .....	2,753



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

## Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 124)	Score (1–7 scale)
<b>2007 Index</b> .....	<b>64</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>T&amp;T regulatory framework</b> .....	<b>85</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Policy rules and regulations .....	78	4.3
Environmental regulation .....	94	3.4
Safety and security .....	91	3.9
Health and hygiene .....	90	4.0
Prioritization of T&T strategies .....	64	3.8
<b>T&amp;T business environment and infrastructure</b> .....	<b>58</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Air transport infrastructure .....	43	3.5
Ground transport infrastructure .....	69	3.4
Tourism infrastructure .....	51	3.5
ICT infrastructure .....	55	3.0
Price competitiveness in T&T industry .....	62	4.6
<b>T&amp;T human, cultural, and natural resources</b> .....	<b>45</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Human resources .....	66	5.1
Education and training .....	53	4.9
Availability of qualified labor .....	95	3.8
Workforce wellness .....	53	6.5
National tourism perception .....	52	5.1
Natural and cultural resources .....	35	4.9

Note: For descriptions of variables and detailed sources, please refer to "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles."

## T&T national competitiveness balance sheet

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES		Rank/124	COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		Rank/124
<b>Policy rules and regulations</b>					
1.04	Visa requirements .....	1	1.02	Property rights .....	121
<b>Safety and security</b>					
3.01	Business costs of terrorism .....	12	1.03	Rules governing foreign direct investment .....	111
<b>Health and hygiene</b>					
4.02	Physician density .....	29	1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements .....	75
<b>Prioritization of Travel &amp; Tourism</b>					
5.04	T&T fair attendance .....	23	1.01	Foreign ownership restrictions .....	63
<b>Air transport infrastructure</b>					
6.04	Airport density .....	12	<b>Environmental regulation</b>		
6.02	Available seat kilometers .....	28	2.02	Clarity and stability of environmental regulations .....	110
6.05	Number of operating airlines .....	42	2.03	Government prioritization of sustainable T&T .....	91
<b>Tourism infrastructure</b>					
8.02	Presence of major car rental companies .....	35	2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation .....	87
<b>Price competitiveness in the T&amp;T industry</b>					
10.02	Purchasing power parity .....	34	<b>Safety and security</b>		
10.04	Fuel price level .....	46	3.02	Reliability of police services .....	108
<b>Human resources</b>					
11.01	Primary education enrollment .....	1	3.03	Business costs of crime and violence .....	105
11.02	Secondary education enrollment .....	25	<b>Health and hygiene</b>		
11.11	Life expectancy .....	39	4.01	Gov't efforts to reduce health risks from pandemics .....	114
11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor .....	40	<b>Prioritization of Travel &amp; Tourism</b>		
11.04	Local availability of research and training services .....	43	5.02	T&T government expenditure .....	77
<b>National tourism perception</b>					
12.03	Recommendation to extend business trips .....	8	5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding .....	75
12.01	Tourism openness .....	35	5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry .....	69
<b>Natural and cultural resources</b>					
13.01	Number of World Heritage sites .....	24	<b>Air transport infrastructure</b>		
13.05	Risk of malaria and yellow fever .....	49	6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure .....	84
<b>Ground transport infrastructure</b>					
<b>Tourism infrastructure</b>					
<b>ICT infrastructure</b>					
<b>Price competitiveness in the T&amp;T industry</b>					
<b>Human resources</b>					
<b>National tourism perception</b>					
<b>Natural and cultural resources</b>					