

Australia

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2005.....	20.3
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers)	7,741.2
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2005	708.5
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2005	30,897
Real GDP growth (percent), 2005.....	2.5

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

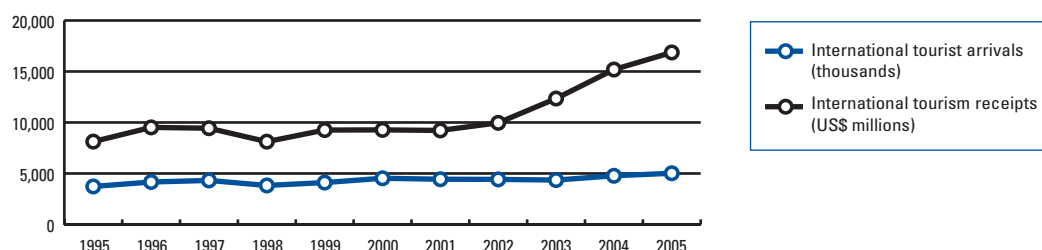
	Percent of total	2007–2016 annual growth (% forecast)
GDP (US\$ millions)	39,972	5.3
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	569	5.6

T&T economy, 2006 estimates

GDP (US\$ millions)	91,480	12.2
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	1,287	12.8

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

International tourist arrivals (1,000), 2005	5,020
International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 2005	16,866



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 124)	Score (1–7 scale)
2007 Index	13	5.2
T&T regulatory framework	16	5.3
Policy rules and regulations.....	52	4.8
Environmental regulation.....	13	5.6
Safety and security	20	5.5
Health and hygiene.....	22	5.9
Prioritization of T&T strategies.....	30	4.6
T&T business environment and infrastructure	10	5.0
Air transport infrastructure	5	5.4
Ground transport infrastructure	20	5.2
Tourism infrastructure	14	5.4
ICT infrastructure	8	5.6
Price competitiveness in T&T industry	111	3.6
T&T human, cultural, and natural resources	26	5.3
Human resources.....	17	5.6
Education and training.....	18	5.9
Availability of qualified labor	82	4.1
Workforce wellness	2	7.0
National tourism perception.....	80	4.6
Natural and cultural resources.....	15	5.6

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
Policy rules and regulations					
1.02	Property rights.....	10	1.04	Visa requirements	92
Safety and security					
3.02	Reliability of police services	12	1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements	72
Health and hygiene					
4.03	Access to improved sanitation	1	1.03	Rules governing foreign direct investment	51
4.04	Access to improved drinking water	1	1.01	Foreign ownership restrictions.....	22
Air transport infrastructure					
6.02	Available seat kilometers.....	7	Environmental regulation		
Tourism infrastructure					
8.02	Presence of major car rental companies.....	1	2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation	16
8.03	ATMs accepting Visa cards	8	2.02	Clarity and stability of environmental regulations	14
ICT infrastructure					
9.02	Internet users	5	2.03	Government prioritization of sustainable T&T	13
9.03	Telephone lines.....	10	Safety and security		
Human resources					
11.01	Primary education enrollment	1	3.01	Business costs of terrorism	78
11.02	Secondary education enrollment.....	1	3.03	Business costs of crime and violence.....	19
11.09	Malaria incidence.....	1	Health and hygiene		
11.11	Life expectancy	3	4.02	Physician density.....	39
11.10	Tuberculosis incidence	11	4.01	Gov't efforts to reduce health risks from pandemics	22
11.03	Quality of the educational system	12	Prioritization of Travel & Tourism		
Natural and cultural resources					
13.01	Number of World Heritage sites	12	5.02	T&T government expenditure	44
Policy rules and regulations					
1.04	Visa requirements	92	5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry.....	28
1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements	72	5.04	T&T fair attendance.....	23
1.03	Rules governing foreign direct investment	51	5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding	13
1.01	Foreign ownership restrictions.....	22	Air transport infrastructure		
Environmental regulation					
2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation	16	6.04	Airport density	23
2.02	Clarity and stability of environmental regulations	14	6.05	Number of operating airlines.....	21
2.03	Government prioritization of sustainable T&T	13	6.06	International air transport network	18
Safety and security					
3.01	Business costs of terrorism	78	6.03	Departures per 1,000 population.....	16
3.03	Business costs of crime and violence.....	19	6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure	15
Health and hygiene					
4.02	Physician density.....	39	Ground transport infrastructure		
4.01	Gov't efforts to reduce health risks from pandemics	22	7.03	Port infrastructure	28
Prioritization of Travel & Tourism					
5.02	T&T government expenditure	44	7.01	Road infrastructure.....	24
5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry.....	28	7.02	Railroad infrastructure	22
5.04	T&T fair attendance.....	23	7.04	Domestic transport network	21
5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding	13	Tourism infrastructure		
Air transport infrastructure					
6.04	Airport density	23	8.01	Hotel rooms.....	24
6.05	Number of operating airlines.....	21	ICT infrastructure		
6.06	International air transport network	18	9.01	Extent of business Internet use	16
6.03	Departures per 1,000 population.....	16	Price competitiveness in the T&T industry		
6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure	15	10.02	Purchasing power parity	108
Ground transport infrastructure					
7.03	Port infrastructure	28	10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges.....	101
7.01	Road infrastructure.....	24	10.03	Extent and effect of taxation.....	80
7.02	Railroad infrastructure	22	10.04	Fuel price level	75
7.04	Domestic transport network	21	Human resources		
Tourism infrastructure					
8.01	Hotel rooms.....	24	11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor	82
ICT infrastructure					
9.01	Extent of business Internet use	16	11.06	Hiring and firing practices.....	71
Price competitiveness in the T&T industry					
10.02	Purchasing power parity	108	11.08	HIV prevalence	25
10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges.....	101	11.05	Extent of staff training.....	20
10.03	Extent and effect of taxation.....	80	11.04	Local availability of research and training services.....	16
10.04	Fuel price level	75	National tourism perception		
Human resources					
11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor	82	12.03	Recommendation to extend business trips	80
11.06	Hiring and firing practices.....	71	12.01	Tourism openness	70
11.08	HIV prevalence	25	12.02	Attitude toward tourists	20
11.05	Extent of staff training.....	20	Natural and cultural resources		
11.04	Local availability of research and training services.....	16	13.02	Carbon dioxide damage.....	62
National tourism perception					
12.03	Recommendation to extend business trips	80	13.03	Nationally protected areas.....	31
12.01	Tourism openness	70	13.04	Business concern for ecosystems	13
12.02	Attitude toward tourists	20	Natural and cultural resources		
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13.02	Carbon dioxide damage.....	62			
13.03	Nationally protected areas.....	31			
13.04	Business concern for ecosystems	13			