

Azerbaijan

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2005.....	8.4
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers)	86.6
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2005	12.6
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2005	4,601
Real GDP growth (percent), 2005.....	24.3

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

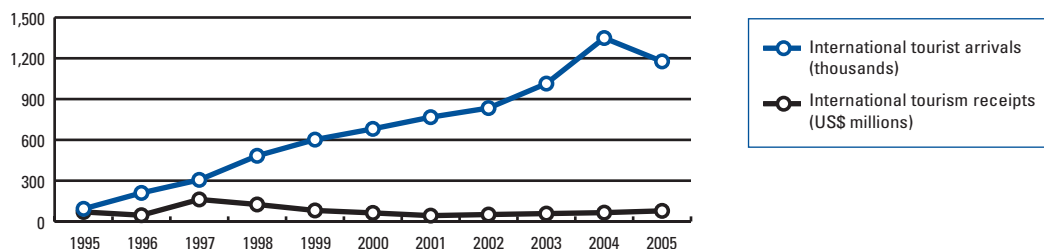
	Percent of total	2007–2016 annual growth (% forecast)
GDP (US\$ millions)	n/a	n/a
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	n/a	n/a

T&T economy, 2006 estimates

GDP (US\$ millions)	n/a	n/a
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	n/a	n/a

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

International tourist arrivals (1,000), 2005	1,177
International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 2005	78



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 124)	Score (1–7 scale)
2007 Index	75	3.9
T&T regulatory framework	77	4.0
Policy rules and regulations.....	96	3.8
Environmental regulation.....	104	3.2
Safety and security	38	5.0
Health and hygiene.....	63	4.7
Prioritization of T&T strategies.....	84	3.4
T&T business environment and infrastructure	70	3.3
Air transport infrastructure	77	2.8
Ground transport infrastructure	49	3.9
Tourism infrastructure	101	2.1
ICT infrastructure	73	2.4
Price competitiveness in T&T industry	17	5.3
T&T human, cultural, and natural resources	88	4.4
Human resources.....	36	5.4
Education and training.....	78	4.5
Availability of qualified labor	9	5.4
Workforce wellness	75	6.2
National tourism perception.....	65	4.8
Natural and cultural resources.....	116	3.2

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					
1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements	48	1.04	Visa requirements	100
1.01	Foreign ownership restrictions	50	1.02	Property rights	98
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Safety and security					
3.03	Business costs of crime and violence	26	1.03	Rules governing foreign direct investment	84
3.02	Reliability of police services	50	<hr/>		
Health and hygiene					
4.02	Physician density	14	<hr/>		
Air transport infrastructure					
6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure	43	Environmental regulation		
6.05	Number of operating airlines	47	2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation	111
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Ground transport infrastructure					
7.02	Railroad infrastructure	34	2.02	Clarity and stability of environmental regulations	103
7.04	Domestic transport network	45	2.03	Government prioritization of sustainable T&T	99
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Price competitiveness in the T&T industry					
10.04	Fuel price level	5	<hr/>		
10.02	Purchasing power parity	29	Safety and security		
10.03	Extent and effect of taxation	41	3.01	Business costs of terrorism	76
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Human resources					
11.08	HIV prevalence	1	<hr/>		
11.06	Hiring and firing practices	5	Health and hygiene		
11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor	36	4.01	Gov't efforts to reduce health risks from pandemics	89
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National tourism perception					
12.03	Recommendation to extend business trips	4	4.04	Access to improved drinking water	89
12.02	Attitude toward tourists	33	4.03	Access to improved sanitation	80
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Policy rules and regulations					
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Environmental regulation					
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Safety and security					
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Health and hygiene					
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Prioritization of Travel & Tourism					
5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding	91	5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry	85
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Air transport infrastructure					
6.02	Available seat kilometers	78	6.02	Available seat kilometers	78
6.03	Departures per 1,000 population	74	6.03	Departures per 1,000 population	74
6.06	International air transport network	73	6.06	International air transport network	73
6.04	Airport density	66	6.04	Airport density	66
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Ground transport infrastructure					
7.01	Road infrastructure	63	<hr/>		
7.03	Port infrastructure	58	Tourism infrastructure		
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Tourism infrastructure					
8.02	Presence of major car rental companies	92	8.02	Presence of major car rental companies	92
8.01	Hotel rooms	82	8.01	Hotel rooms	82
8.03	ATMs accepting Visa cards	65	8.03	ATMs accepting Visa cards	65
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ICT infrastructure					
9.02	Internet users	85	<hr/>		
9.03	Telephone lines	74	Price competitiveness in the T&T industry		
9.01	Extent of business Internet use	57	10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges	86
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Price competitiveness in the T&T industry					
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Human resources					
11.01	Primary education enrollment	100	11.01	Primary education enrollment	100
11.05	Extent of staff training	94	11.05	Extent of staff training	94
11.11	Life expectancy	89	11.11	Life expectancy	89
11.03	Quality of the educational system	86	11.03	Quality of the educational system	86
11.04	Local availability of research and training services	68	11.04	Local availability of research and training services	68
11.10	Tuberculosis incidence	68	11.10	Tuberculosis incidence	68
11.02	Secondary education enrollment	67	11.02	Secondary education enrollment	67
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National tourism perception					
12.01	Tourism openness	94	<hr/>		
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Natural and cultural resources					
13.02	Carbon dioxide damage	118	13.02	Carbon dioxide damage	118
13.04	Business concern for ecosystems	94	13.04	Business concern for ecosystems	94
13.01	Number of World Heritage sites	87	13.01	Number of World Heritage sites	87
13.03	Nationally protected areas	68	13.03	Nationally protected areas	68