

Israel

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2005.....	6.9
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers)	22.1
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2005	129.8
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2005	23,474
Real GDP growth (percent), 2005.....	5.2

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

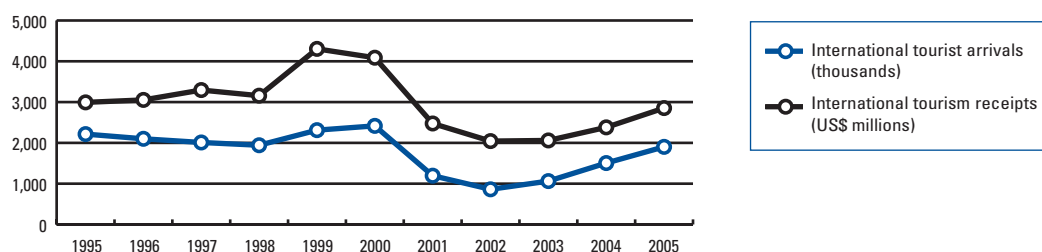
		Percent of total	2007–2016 annual growth (% forecast)
GDP (US\$ millions)	3,561	2.7	4.7
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	108	3.8	3.3

T&T economy, 2006 estimates

GDP (US\$ millions)	9,950	7.6	4.3
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	254	9.0	3.0

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

International tourist arrivals (1,000), 2005	1,903
International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 2005	2,853



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 124)	Score (1–7 scale)
2007 Index	32	4.8
T&T regulatory framework	36	4.9
Policy rules and regulations.....	30	5.2
Environmental regulation.....	30	4.9
Safety and security	69	4.3
Health and hygiene.....	7	6.3
Prioritization of T&T strategies.....	53	3.9
T&T business environment and infrastructure	33	4.3
Air transport infrastructure	40	3.6
Ground transport infrastructure	24	4.9
Tourism infrastructure	41	3.8
ICT infrastructure	23	4.8
Price competitiveness in T&T industry	78	4.3
T&T human, cultural, and natural resources	35	5.2
Human resources.....	13	5.7
Education and training.....	20	5.8
Availability of qualified labor	61	4.4
Workforce wellness	5	6.9
National tourism perception.....	78	4.6
Natural and cultural resources.....	27	5.2

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					
1.02	Property rights.....	23	1.04	Visa requirements	43
1.01	Foreign ownership restrictions.....	25	1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements	39
1.03	Rules governing foreign direct investment	30	<hr/>		
Environmental regulation					
2.02	Clarity and stability of environmental regulations	27	2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation	38
2.03	Government prioritization of sustainable T&T	27	<hr/>		
Health and hygiene					
4.03	Access to improved sanitation	1	Safety and security		
4.04	Access to improved drinking water	1	3.01	Business costs of terrorism	120
4.02	Physician density	8	3.02	Reliability of police services	42
4.01	Gov't efforts to reduce health risks from pandemics	29	3.03	Business costs of crime and violence.....	36
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Air transport infrastructure					
6.06	International air transport network	12	Prioritization of Travel & Tourism		
6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure	26	5.02	T&T government expenditure	85
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Ground transport infrastructure					
7.04	Domestic transport network	19	5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry.....	54
7.01	Road infrastructure.....	26	5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding	35
7.03	Port infrastructure	30	5.04	T&T fair attendance.....	35
7.02	Railroad infrastructure	31	<hr/>		
ICT infrastructure					
9.01	Extent of business Internet use.....	14	Air transport infrastructure		
9.02	Internet users	25	6.04	Airport density	53
9.03	Telephone lines.....	28	6.05	Number of operating airlines.....	40
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Human resources					
11.01	Primary education enrollment	1	6.02	Available seat kilometers.....	36
11.09	Malaria incidence.....	1	6.03	Departures per 1,000 population.....	32
11.11	Life expectancy	8	<hr/>		
11.04	Local availability of research and training services.....	10	Tourism infrastructure		
11.10	Tuberculosis incidence	16	8.03	ATMs accepting Visa cards	47
11.03	Quality of the educational system	22	8.01	Hotel rooms.....	36
11.05	Extent of staff training.....	23	8.02	Presence of major car rental companies.....	35
11.08	HIV prevalence	25	<hr/>		
Natural and cultural resources					
13.05	Risk of malaria and yellow fever	1	Price competitiveness in the T&T industry		
13.03	Nationally protected areas.....	25	10.02	Purchasing power parity.....	89
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Human resources					
11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor	95	10.04	Fuel price level	73
11.02	Secondary education enrollment.....	46	10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges.....	60
11.06	Hiring and firing practices.....	35	10.03	Extent and effect of taxation.....	58
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National tourism perception					
12.01	Tourism openness	79	<hr/>		
12.02	Attitude toward tourists	73	Human resources		
12.03	Recommendation to extend business trips	37	11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor	95
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Natural and cultural resources					
13.02	Carbon dioxide damage.....	58	11.02	Secondary education enrollment.....	46
13.01	Number of World Heritage sites	48	11.06	Hiring and firing practices.....	35
13.04	Business concern for ecosystems	32	<hr/>		