

Malaysia

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2005.....	25.3
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers)	329.7
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2005	130.8
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2005	11,201
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

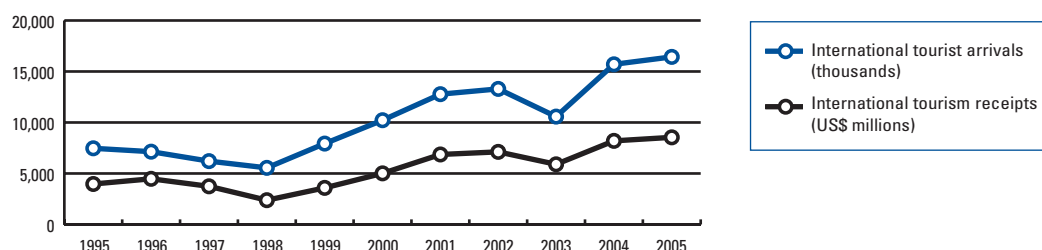
	Percent of total	2007–2016 annual growth (% forecast)
GDP (US\$ millions)	4.6	5.6
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	4.6	3.0

T&T economy, 2006 estimates

GDP (US\$ millions)	14.6	5.9
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	12.6	3.1

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

International tourist arrivals (1,000), 2005	16,431
International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 2005	8,543



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 124)	Score (1–7 scale)
2007 Index	31	4.8
T&T regulatory framework	27	5.1
Policy rules and regulations.....	26	5.3
Environmental regulation.....	20	5.3
Safety and security	26	5.3
Health and hygiene.....	62	4.7
Prioritization of T&T strategies.....	21	5.0
T&T business environment and infrastructure	27	4.4
Air transport infrastructure	31	3.9
Ground transport infrastructure	15	5.6
Tourism infrastructure	60	3.1
ICT infrastructure	37	3.7
Price competitiveness in T&T industry	2	5.9
T&T human, cultural, and natural resources	57	4.8
Human resources.....	34	5.4
Education and training.....	29	5.3
Availability of qualified labor	45	4.6
Workforce wellness	73	6.2
National tourism perception.....	26	5.6
Natural and cultural resources.....	101	3.5

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					
1.03	Rules governing foreign direct investment	12	1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements	51
1.04	Visa requirements	15	1.01	Foreign ownership restrictions.....	49
1.02	Property rights.....	24	<hr/>		
Environmental regulation					
2.03	Government prioritization of sustainable T&T	8	Safety and security		
2.02	Clarity and stability of environmental regulations	23	3.01	Business costs of terrorism	65
2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation	25	3.03	Business costs of crime and violence.....	32
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Safety and security					
3.02	Reliability of police services	19	<hr/>		
Health and hygiene					
4.01	Gov't efforts to reduce health risks from pandemics	8	Health and hygiene		
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Prioritization of Travel & Tourism					
5.04	T&T fair attendance	2	Prioritization of Travel & Tourism		
5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding	6	5.02	T&T government expenditure	94
5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry	8	<hr/>		
Air transport infrastructure					
6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure	16	Air transport infrastructure		
6.02	Available seat kilometers.....	21	6.04	Airport density	75
6.06	International air transport network	24	6.03	Departures per 1,000 population.....	34
6.05	Number of operating airlines.....	27	<hr/>		
Ground transport infrastructure					
7.03	Port infrastructure	13	Tourism infrastructure		
7.01	Road infrastructure.....	15	8.02	Presence of major car rental companies.....	66
7.02	Railroad infrastructure	17	8.03	ATMs accepting Visa cards	48
7.04	Domestic transport network	23	8.01	Hotel rooms.....	42
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ICT infrastructure					
9.01	Extent of business Internet use.....	27	ICT infrastructure		
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Price competitiveness in the T&T industry					
10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges.....	8	Price competitiveness in the T&T industry		
10.04	Fuel price level	9	10.02	Purchasing power parity.....	56
10.03	Extent and effect of taxation.....	12	<hr/>		
Human resources					
11.03	Quality of the educational system	10	Human resources		
11.05	Extent of staff training.....	17	11.01	Primary education enrollment	112
11.04	Local availability of research and training services.....	22	11.02	Secondary education enrollment.....	86
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National tourism perception					
12.03	Recommendation to extend business trips	16	11.10	Tuberculosis incidence	78
12.01	Tourism openness	20	11.09	Malaria incidence.....	77
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Natural and cultural resources					
13.04	Business concern for ecosystems	22	11.08	HIV prevalence	69
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National tourism perception					
12.02	Attitude toward tourists	36	11.06	Hiring and firing practices.....	59
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Natural and cultural resources					
13.05	Risk of malaria and yellow fever	103	11.11	Life expectancy	53
13.02	Carbon dioxide damage.....	93	11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor	38
13.01	Number of World Heritage sites	73	<hr/>		
13.03	Nationally protected areas.....	73	National tourism perception		
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