

Mauritania

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2005.....	3.1
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers)	1,025.5
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2005	1.9
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2005	2,535
Real GDP growth (percent), 2005.....	5.4

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

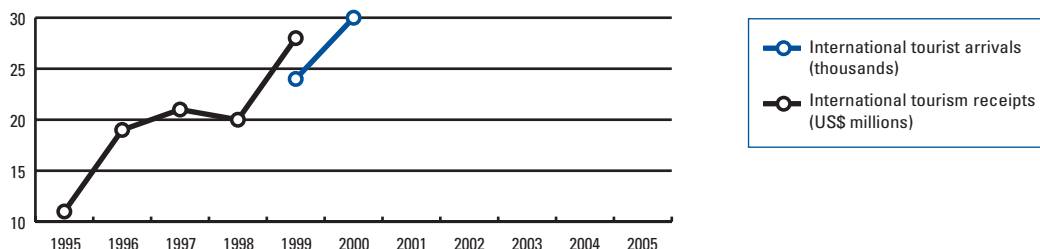
	Percent of total	2007–2016 annual growth (% forecast)
GDP (US\$ millions)	n/a	n/a
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	n/a	n/a

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), 2000	30
International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 1999	28



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 124)	Score (1–7 scale)
2007 Index	92	3.7
T&T regulatory framework	95	3.7
Policy rules and regulations.....	112	3.4
Environmental regulation.....	98	3.3
Safety and security	54	4.7
Health and hygiene.....	115	3.0
Prioritization of T&T strategies.....	55	3.9
T&T business environment and infrastructure	97	2.8
Air transport infrastructure	111	2.0
Ground transport infrastructure	99	2.5
Tourism infrastructure	72	2.7
ICT infrastructure	96	1.9
Price competitiveness in T&T industry	38	4.9
T&T human, cultural, and natural resources	74	4.7
Human resources.....	101	4.2
Education and training.....	117	3.2
Availability of qualified labor	3	5.6
Workforce wellness	105	3.8
National tourism perception.....	1	6.6
Natural and cultural resources.....	110	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
Safety and security					
3.01	Business costs of terrorism	37	1.04	Visa requirements	113
Prioritization of Travel & Tourism					
5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding	31	1.01	Foreign ownership restrictions.....	96
5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry.....	33	1.02	Property rights.....	93
Price competitiveness in the T&T industry					
10.03	Extent and effect of taxation.....	13	1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements	81
10.04	Fuel price level	46	1.03	Rules governing foreign direct investment.....	53
Human resources					
11.06	Hiring and firing practices.....	3	Environmental regulation		
11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor	22	2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation	104
National tourism perception					
12.03	Recommendation to extend business trips	3	2.03	Government prioritization of sustainable T&T	94
12.02	Attitude toward tourists	13	2.02	Clarity and stability of environmental regulations	89
Policy rules and regulations					
Safety and security					
Health and hygiene					
3.02	Reliability of police services	61	4.02	Physician density.....	110
3.03	Business costs of crime and violence.....	58	4.04	Access to improved drinking water	104
Prioritization of Travel & Tourism					
Air transport infrastructure					
5.04	T&T fair attendance.....	105	4.03	Access to improved sanitation	95
Ground transport infrastructure					
6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure	118	4.01	Gov't efforts to reduce health risks from pandemics	70
6.05	Number of operating airlines.....	117	Tourism infrastructure		
6.02	Available seat kilometers.....	113	8.02	Presence of major car rental companies.....	102
6.06	International air transport network	87	ICT infrastructure		
6.03	Departures per 1,000 population.....	82	9.02	Internet users	114
6.04	Airport density	56	9.03	Telephone lines.....	106
Tourism infrastructure					
7.01	Road infrastructure.....	119	9.01	Extent of business Internet use	72
7.03	Port infrastructure	99	Price competitiveness in the T&T industry		
7.04	Domestic transport network	91	10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges.....	98
7.02	Railroad infrastructure	80	Human resources		
Tourism infrastructure					
ICT infrastructure					
Price competitiveness in the T&T industry					
Human resources					
Natural and cultural resources					
11.04	Local availability of research and training services.....	121	13.02	Carbon dioxide damage.....	108
11.02	Secondary education enrollment.....	115	13.03	Nationally protected areas.....	97
11.09	Malaria incidence.....	111	13.05	Risk of malaria and yellow fever	90
11.03	Quality of the educational system	110	13.01	Number of World Heritage sites	73
11.10	Tuberculosis incidence	109	13.04	Business concern for ecosystems	63
11.01	Primary education enrollment	108			
11.11	Life expectancy	101			
11.08	HIV prevalence	78			
11.05	Extent of staff training.....	77			