

Qatar

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2005.....	0.8
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers)	11.0
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2005	34.3
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2005	31,397
Real GDP growth (percent), 2005.....	6.5

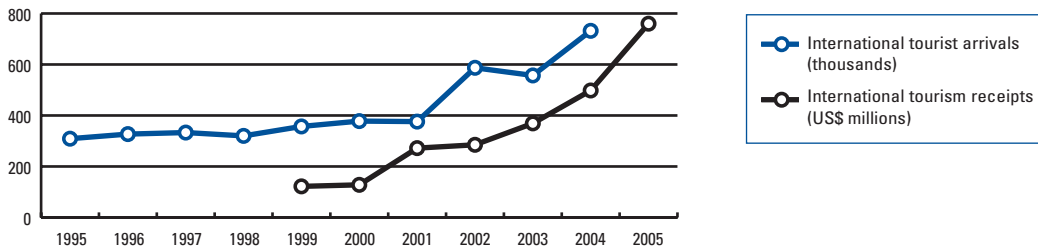
Source: World Bank, *World Development Indicators Online Database* (December 2006); IMF, *World Economic Outlook Online Database* (April and September 2006 editions); national sources

Travel & Tourism indicators

T&T industry, 2006 estimates	Percent of total	2007–2016 annual growth (% forecast)
GDP (US\$ millions)	524.....1.4	5.2
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	7.....2.0	2.8
T&T economy, 2006 estimates		
GDP (US\$ millions)	4,154.....11.4	3.4
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	39.....11.6	1.4

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

International tourist arrivals (1,000), 2004	732
International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 2005	760



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 124)	Score (1–7 scale)
2007 Index	36	4.7
T&T regulatory framework	34	5.0
Policy rules and regulations.....	65	4.7
Environmental regulation.....	29	4.9
Safety and security.....	17	5.6
Health and hygiene.....	24	5.9
Prioritization of T&T strategies.....	40	4.2
T&T business environment and infrastructure	39	4.1
Air transport infrastructure	29	3.9
Ground transport infrastructure	48	3.9
Tourism infrastructure	26	4.4
ICT infrastructure	49	3.1
Price competitiveness in T&T industry	25	5.1
T&T human, cultural, and natural resources	49	5.0
Human resources.....	19	5.6
Education and training.....	31	5.3
Availability of qualified labor	22	5.0
Workforce wellness	46	6.6
National tourism perception.....	41	5.3
Natural and cultural resources.....	75	4.1

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
Environmental regulation					
2.03	Government prioritization of sustainable T&T	10	1.01	Foreign ownership restrictions	91
2.02	Clarity and stability of environmental regulations	26	1.04	Visa requirements	85
Safety and security					
3.03	Business costs of crime and violence	13	1.03	Rules governing foreign direct investment	52
3.02	Reliability of police services	21	1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements	51
Health and hygiene					
4.03	Access to improved sanitation	1	1.02	Property rights	38
4.04	Access to improved drinking water	1	Environmental regulation		
4.01	Gov't efforts to reduce health risks from pandemics	13	2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation	42
Prioritization of Travel & Tourism					
5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry	24	Safety and security		
5.02	T&T government expenditure	26	3.01	Business costs of terrorism	46
Air transport infrastructure					
6.03	Departures per 1,000 population	8	Health and hygiene		
6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure	35	4.02	Physician density	46
Tourism infrastructure					
8.02	Presence of major car rental companies	1	Prioritization of Travel & Tourism		
8.03	ATMs accepting Visa cards	23	5.04	T&T fair attendance	70
Price competitiveness in the T&T industry					
10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges	4	5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding	60
10.04	Fuel price level	4	Air transport infrastructure		
10.03	Extent and effect of taxation	5	6.04	Airport density	77
Human resources					
11.01	Primary education enrollment	1	6.05	Number of operating airlines	57
11.08	HIV prevalence	1	6.02	Available seat kilometers	44
11.09	Malaria incidence	1	6.06	International air transport network	43
11.03	Quality of the educational system	20	Ground transport infrastructure		
11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor	23	7.02	Railroad infrastructure	60
11.06	Hiring and firing practices	31	7.04	Domestic transport network	49
11.02	Secondary education enrollment	33	7.01	Road infrastructure	48
Natural and cultural resources					
13.05	Risk of malaria and yellow fever	1	7.03	Port infrastructure	42
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