

# Slovak Republic

## Key indicators

Population (millions), 2005.....	5.4
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers) .....	49.0
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2005 .....	47.5
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2005 .....	16,041
Real GDP growth (percent), 2005.....	6.1

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

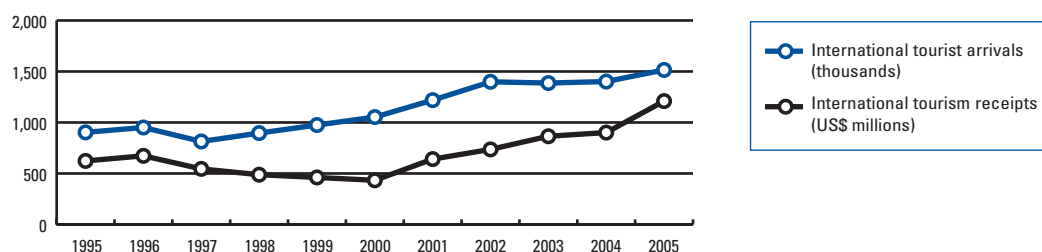
	Percent of total	2007–2016 annual growth (% forecast)
GDP (US\$ millions) .....	1,109	2.2
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	48	2.1

### T&T economy, 2006 estimates

GDP (US\$ millions) .....	7,768	15.4
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	306	13.6

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

International tourist arrivals (1,000), 2005 .....	1,515
International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 2005 .....	1,210



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

## Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 124)	Score (1–7 scale)
<b>2007 Index</b> .....	<b>37</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>T&amp;T regulatory framework</b> .....	<b>37</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Policy rules and regulations.....	24	5.3
Environmental regulation.....	38	4.6
Safety and security .....	24	5.4
Health and hygiene.....	18	6.0
Prioritization of T&T strategies.....	104	3.1
<b>T&amp;T business environment and infrastructure</b> .....	<b>45</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Air transport infrastructure .....	97	2.3
Ground transport infrastructure .....	44	4.0
Tourism infrastructure .....	30	4.3
ICT infrastructure .....	35	3.8
Price competitiveness in T&T industry .....	57	4.7
<b>T&amp;T human, cultural, and natural resources</b> .....	<b>18</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Human resources.....	10	5.8
Education and training.....	40	5.1
Availability of qualified labor .....	5	5.5
Workforce wellness .....	36	6.7
National tourism perception.....	71	4.7
Natural and cultural resources.....	16	5.6

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	
<b>Policy rules and regulations</b>						
1.01	Foreign ownership restrictions.....	2	1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements.....	75	
1.03	Rules governing foreign direct investment.....	5	1.02	Property rights.....	45	
1.04	Visa requirements.....	15	<hr/>			
<b>Environmental regulation</b>						
2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation.....	30	2.03	Government prioritization of sustainable T&T.....	82	
2.02	Clarity and stability of environmental regulations.....	33	<hr/>			
<b>Safety and security</b>						
3.01	Business costs of terrorism.....	7	3.02	Reliability of police services.....	49	
3.03	Business costs of crime and violence.....	23	<hr/>			
<b>Health and hygiene</b>						
4.03	Access to improved sanitation.....	1	<b>Health and hygiene</b>			
4.04	Access to improved drinking water.....	1	4.01	Gov't efforts to reduce health risks from pandemics.....	47	
4.02	Physician density.....	24	<hr/>			
<b>Ground transport infrastructure</b>						
7.02	Railroad infrastructure.....	23	<b>Prioritization of Travel &amp; Tourism</b>			
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<b>Tourism infrastructure</b>						
8.02	Presence of major car rental companies.....	1	5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding.....	108	
8.03	ATMs accepting Visa cards.....	28	5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry.....	99	
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<b>ICT infrastructure</b>						
9.02	Internet users.....	27	5.02	T&T government expenditure.....	85	
9.01	Extent of business Internet use.....	35	5.04	T&T fair attendance.....	48	
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<b>Price competitiveness in the T&amp;T industry</b>						
10.03	Extent and effect of taxation.....	8	<hr/>			
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<b>Human resources</b>						
11.08	HIV prevalence.....	1	<b>Air transport infrastructure</b>			
11.09	Malaria incidence.....	1	6.05	Number of operating airlines.....	104	
11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor.....	4	6.03	Departures per 1,000 population.....	100	
11.06	Hiring and firing practices.....	15	6.02	Available seat kilometers.....	97	
11.10	Tuberculosis incidence.....	33	6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure.....	83	
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<b>National tourism perception</b>						
12.03	Recommendation to extend business trips.....	29	6.06	International air transport network.....	77	
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<b>Natural and cultural resources</b>						
13.05	Risk of malaria and yellow fever.....	1	6.04	Airport density.....	66	
13.04	Business concern for ecosystems.....	28	<hr/>			
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<b>Ground transport infrastructure</b>						
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<b>Tourism infrastructure</b>						
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<b>ICT infrastructure</b>						
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<b>Price competitiveness in the T&amp;T industry</b>						
10.04	Fuel price level.....	109	7.03	Port infrastructure.....	73	
10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges.....	77	7.01	Road infrastructure.....	57	
10.02	Purchasing power parity.....	67	7.04	Domestic transport network.....	57	
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<b>Human resources</b>						
11.01	Primary education enrollment.....	85	<hr/>			
11.03	Quality of the educational system.....	49	<b>Tourism infrastructure</b>			
11.04	Local availability of research and training services.....	45	8.01	Hotel rooms.....	38	
11.05	Extent of staff training.....	45	<hr/>			
11.11	Life expectancy.....	45	<b>ICT infrastructure</b>			
11.02	Secondary education enrollment.....	42	9.03	Telephone lines.....	56	
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<b>National tourism perception</b>						
12.02	Attitude toward tourists.....	104	<hr/>			
12.01	Tourism openness.....	54	<b>Natural and cultural resources</b>			
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<b>Natural and cultural resources</b>						
13.02	Carbon dioxide damage.....	81	<hr/>			
13.01	Number of World Heritage sites.....	40	<hr/>			