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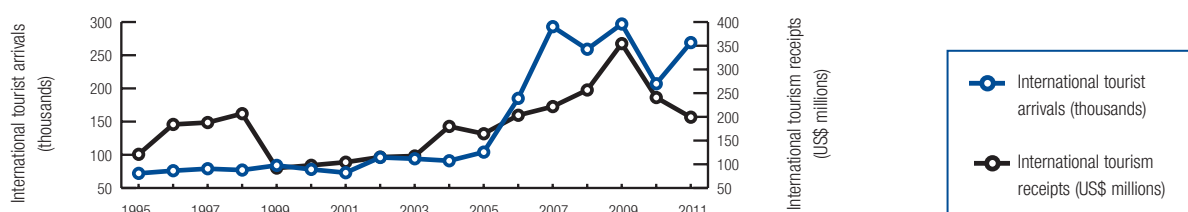
## Key indicators

Population (millions), 2011 .....	2.8
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers), 2011 .....	17.8
Gross domestic product (current US\$ billions), 2011 .....	161.0
Gross domestic product (current PPP, \$) per capita, 2011 .....	41,700.7
Real GDP growth (percent), 2011 .....	8.2
Environmental Performance Index 2012, rank (out of 132 economies), 2011 .....	126

## Travel & Tourism indicators

	Absolute value	Percent of total	T&T industry GDP growth forecast (2013–2022)
<b>T&amp;T industry, 2012 estimates</b>			
T&T industry GDP (US\$ millions).....	4,165.6	2.5	3.1
T&T industry employment (1,000 jobs) .....	67.8	3.0	1.6
<b>T&amp;T economy, 2012 estimates</b>			
T&T economy GDP (US\$ millions) .....	8,914	5.4	3.4
T&T economy employment (1,000 jobs) .....	133	5.9	2.2

International tourist arrivals (thousands), 2011 .....	269.0
International tourism receipts (US\$, millions), 2011 .....	199.3



## The Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 140)	Score (1–7)
<b>2013 Travel &amp; Tourism Competitiveness Index</b> .....	<b>101</b>	<b>3.6</b>
2011 Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index.....	95	3.7
2009 Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index.....	95	3.6
<b>T&amp;T regulatory framework</b> .....	<b>114</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Policy rules and regulations .....	122	3.8
Environmental sustainability .....	140	2.7
Safety and security.....	47	5.2
Health and hygiene.....	62	5.0
Prioritization of Travel & Tourism .....	139	2.3
<b>Business environment and infrastructure</b> .....	<b>62</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Air transport infrastructure .....	72	2.9
Ground transport infrastructure.....	59	3.9
Tourism infrastructure .....	68	4.1
ICT infrastructure.....	54	3.6
Price competitiveness in the T&T industry .....	40	4.8
<b>T&amp;T human, cultural, and natural resources</b> .....	<b>131</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Human resources .....	66	4.9
Education and training.....	69	4.7
Availability of qualified labor.....	50	5.2
Affinity for Travel & Tourism .....	132	3.9
Natural resources .....	139	1.8
Cultural resources.....	90	1.9

**Note:** For further details and explanation, please refer to the section "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles" on page 83.

## The Travel &amp; Tourism Competitiveness Index in detail

INDICATOR	SCORE	RANK	INDICATOR	SCORE	RANK
<b>1st pillar: Policy rules and regulations</b> .....	<b>3.8</b> .....	<b>122</b>	<b>8th pillar: Tourism infrastructure</b> .....	<b>4.1</b> .....	<b>68</b>
1.01 Prevalence of foreign ownership .....	3.1 .....	134	8.01 Hotel rooms/100 pop.* .....	0.3 .....	77
1.02 Property rights .....	5.1 .....	<b>38</b>	8.02 Presence of major car rental co. (1–7)* .....	6 .....	<b>32</b>
1.03 Business impact of rules on FDI .....	2.9 .....	137	8.03 ATMs accepting Visa cards/million pop.* .....	368.7 .....	55
1.04 Visa requirements, no. of countries* .....	34.4 .....	114	<b>9th pillar: ICT infrastructure</b> .....	<b>3.6</b> .....	<b>54</b>
1.05 Openness bilateral ASAs (0–38)* .....	7.0 .....	115	9.01 ICT use for B-to-B transactions .....	4.9 .....	72
1.06 Transparency of government policymaking .....	3.8 .....	107	9.02 ICT use for B-to-C transactions .....	4.8 .....	54
1.07 No. of days to start a business* .....	32 .....	107	9.03 Individuals using the Internet, %* .....	74.2 .....	<b>26</b>
1.08 Cost to start a business, % GNI/capita* .....	1.1 .....	<b>17</b>	9.04 Fixed telephone lines/100 pop.* .....	18.3 .....	70
1.09 GATS commitment restrictiveness (0–100)* .....	25.0 .....	110	9.05 Broadband Internet subscribers/100 pop.* .....	1.7 .....	98
<b>2nd pillar: Environmental sustainability</b> .....	<b>2.7</b> .....	<b>140</b>	9.06 Mobile telephone subscriptions/100 pop.* .....	175.1 .....	<b>7</b>
2.01 Stringency of environmental regulation.....	2.9.....	125	9.07 Mobile broadband subscriptions/100 pop.* .....	5.9.....	84
2.02 Enforcement of environmental regulation .....	2.9.....	112	<b>10th pillar: Price competitiveness in T&amp;T ind.</b> .....	<b>4.8</b> .....	<b>40</b>
2.03 Sustainability of T&T industry development.....	2.3.....	139	10.01 Ticket taxes and airport charges (0–100)* .....	95.5.....	<b>6</b>
2.04 Carbon dioxide emission, million tons/capita* .....	30.1 .....	137	10.02 Purchasing power parity* .....	1.1 .....	123
2.05 Particulate matter concentration, µg/m <sup>3</sup> * .....	94.8 .....	130	10.04 Fuel price, US\$ cents/liter* .....	21.0 .....	<b>7</b>
2.06 Threatened species, %* .....	4.3 .....	55	10.03 Extent and effect of taxation .....	5.5 .....	<b>6</b>
2.07 Environm. treaty ratification (0–25)* .....	16.....	112	10.05 Hotel price index, US\$* .....	221.0 .....	109
<b>3rd pillar: Safety and security</b> .....	<b>5.2</b> .....	<b>47</b>	<b>11th pillar: Human resources</b> .....	<b>4.9</b> .....	<b>66</b>
3.01 Business costs of crime and violence .....	5.8 .....	<b>24</b>	<i>Education and training</i> .....	4.7 .....	69
3.02 Reliability of police services.....	4.8 .....	<b>47</b>	11.01 Primary education enrollment, net %* .....	92.1 .....	83
3.03 Road traffic accidents/100,000 pop.* .....	16.9 .....	76	11.02 Secondary education enrollment, gross %* .....	101.0 .....	<b>25</b>
3.04 Business costs of terrorism .....	5.6.....	58	11.03 Quality of the educational system .....	3.1 .....	103
<b>4th pillar: Health and hygiene</b> .....	<b>5.0</b> .....	<b>62</b>	11.04 Local availability specialized research & training... ..	3.7 .....	96
4.01 Physician density/1,000 pop.* .....	1.8 .....	66	11.05 Extent of staff training .....	3.7 .....	91
4.02 Access to improved sanitation, % pop.* .....	100.0 .....	<b>1</b>	<i>Availability of qualified labor</i> .....	5.2 .....	<b>50</b>
4.03 Access to improved drinking water, % pop.* .....	99.0 .....	<b>42</b>	11.06 Hiring and firing practices .....	3.6 .....	90
4.04 Hospital beds/10,000 pop.* .....	20.0 .....	81	11.07 Ease of hiring foreign labor .....	4.5 .....	<b>42</b>
<b>5th pillar: Prioritization of Travel &amp; Tourism</b> .....	<b>2.3</b> .....	<b>139</b>	11.08 HIV prevalence, % adult pop.* .....	n/a.....	<b>50</b>
5.01 Government prioritization of the T&T industry .....	2.7 .....	139	11.09 Business impact of HIV/AIDS.....	5.8.....	<b>39</b>
5.02 T&T gov't expenditure, % gov't budget* .....	1.2 .....	126	11.10 Life expectancy, years* .....	74.6.....	55
5.03 Effectiveness of marketing to attract tourists .....	2.3 .....	138	<b>12th pillar: Affinity for Travel &amp; Tourism</b> .....	<b>3.9</b> .....	<b>132</b>
5.04 Comprehensiveness of T&T data (0–120)* .....	45.0 .....	108	12.01 Tourism openness, % of GDP* .....	5.2.....	60
5.05 Timeliness of T&T data (0–18)* .....	3.0 .....	112	12.02 Attitude of population toward foreign visitors .....	5.2.....	137
<b>6th pillar: Air transport infrastructure</b> .....	<b>2.9</b> .....	<b>72</b>	12.03 Extension of business trips recommended .....	3.5.....	139
6.01 Quality of air transport infrastructure .....	4.2.....	87	12.04 Degree of customer orientation.....	4.6.....	62
6.02 Airline seat kms/week, dom., millions* .....	0.0.....	105	<b>13th pillar: Natural resources</b> .....	<b>1.8</b> .....	<b>139</b>
6.03 Airline seat kms/week, int'l, millions* .....	218.9.....	55	13.01 No. of World Heritage natural sites* .....	0 .....	79
6.04 Departures/1,000 pop.* .....	7.9.....	<b>45</b>	13.02 Quality of the natural environment.....	2.5.....	138
6.05 Airport density/million pop.* .....	0.4.....	97	13.03 Total known species* .....	329.....	121
6.06 No. of operating airlines* .....	35.0.....	52	13.04 Terrestrial biome protection (0–17%)* .....	1.6.....	125
6.07 International air transport network .....	4.7.....	68	13.05 Marine protected areas, %* .....	0.0.....	98
<b>7th pillar: Ground transport infrastructure</b> .....	<b>3.9</b> .....	<b>59</b>	<b>14th pillar: Cultural resources</b> .....	<b>1.9</b> .....	<b>90</b>
7.01 Quality of roads .....	4.9.....	<b>44</b>	14.01 No. of World Heritage cultural sites* .....	0 .....	125
7.02 Quality of railroad infrastructure .....	n/a.....	n/a	14.02 Sports stadiums, seats/million pop.* .....	76,471.5.....	<b>30</b>
7.03 Quality of port infrastructure.....	4.1 .....	72	14.03 No. of int'l fairs and exhibitions* .....	3.0.....	117
7.04 Quality of ground transport network .....	4.5.....	66	14.04 Creative industries exports, % of world total* .....	0.0.....	70
7.05 Road density/million pop.* .....	37.0.....	64			