

Dominican Republic

Key indicators

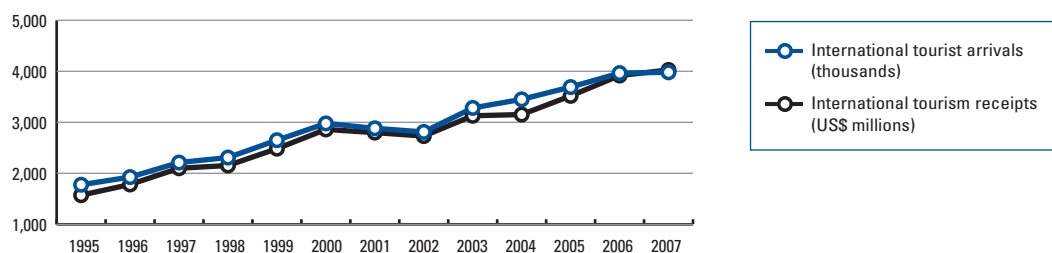
Population (millions), 2007	9.1
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers)	48.7
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2007	41.0
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2007	8,116.5
Real GDP growth (percent), 2007	8.5
Environmental Performance Index, 2008 (out of 149 countries).....	33

Travel & Tourism indicators

	Percent of total	2009-2018 annual growth (% forecast)
T&T industry, 2008 estimates		
GDP (US\$ millions)	2,325	5.3
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	178	4.7
T&T economy, 2008 estimates		
GDP (US\$ millions)	7,325	16.6
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	550	14.4

Source: World Travel & Tourism Council, TSA Research 2008

International tourist arrivals (thousands), 2007.....3,980
 International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 20074,026



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 133)	Score (1-7 scale)
2009 Index	67	4.0
2008 Index.....	63	4.0
T&T regulatory framework	54	4.8
Policy rules and regulations.....	26	5.1
Environmental sustainability.....	108	4.0
Safety and security	101	4.5
Health and hygiene	68	4.5
Prioritization of Travel & Tourism.....	13	5.6
T&T business environment and infrastructure	71	3.5
Air transport infrastructure	47	3.7
Ground transport infrastructure.....	99	2.8
Tourism infrastructure	51	3.8
ICT infrastructure	83	2.4
Price competitiveness in the T&T industry.....	81	4.5
T&T human, cultural, and natural resources	68	3.9
Human resources	92	4.8
Education and training.....	108	3.8
Availability of qualified labor.....	19	5.8
Affinity for Travel & Tourism.....	14	5.6
Natural resources	55	3.5
Cultural resources.....	95	1.7

Note: For descriptions of variables and detailed sources, please refer to "How to the Read Country/Economy Profiles."

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The Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index in detail

■ Competitive Advantage ■ Competitive Disadvantage

INDICATOR	RANK/133	INDICATOR	RANK/133
1st pillar: Policy rules and regulations		8th pillar: Tourism infrastructure	
1.01	Prevalence of foreign ownership36 ■	8.01	Hotel rooms*40 ■
1.02	Property rights90 ■	8.02	Presence of major car rental companies*23 ■
1.03	Business impact of rules on FDI67 ■	8.03	ATMs accepting Visa cards*67 ■
1.04	Visa requirements*7 ■	9th pillar: ICT infrastructure	
1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements*4 ■	9.01	Extent of business Internet use76 ■
1.06	Transparency of government policymaking80 ■	9.02	Internet users*76 ■
1.07	Time required to start a business*57 ■	9.03	Telephone lines*94 ■
1.08	Cost to start a business*83 ■	9.04	Broadband Internet subscribers*71 ■
2nd pillar: Environmental sustainability		9.05	Mobile telephone subscribers*86 ■
2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation110 ■	10th pillar: Price competitiveness in the T&T industry	
2.02	Enforcement of environmental regulation121 ■	10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges*122 ■
2.03	Sustainability of T&T industry development56 ■	10.02	Purchasing power parity*64 ■
2.04	Carbon dioxide emissions*53 ■	10.03	Extent and effect of taxation124 ■
2.05	Particulate matter concentration*34 ■	10.04	Fuel price levels*51 ■
2.06	Threatened species*127 ■	10.05	Hotel price index*21 ■
2.07	Environmental treaty ratification*94 ■	11th pillar: Human resources	
3rd pillar: Safety and security		11.01	Primary education enrollment*113 ■
3.01	Business costs of terrorism49 ■	11.02	Secondary education enrollment*96 ■
3.02	Reliability of police services128 ■	11.03	Quality of the educational system130 ■
3.03	Business costs of crime and violence116 ■	11.04	Local availability of research and training services89 ■
3.04	Road traffic accidents*72 ■	11.05	Extent of staff training78 ■
4th pillar: Health and hygiene		11.06	Hiring and firing practices37 ■
4.01	Physician density*60 ■	11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor7 ■
4.02	Access to improved sanitation*78 ■	11.08	HIV prevalence*102 ■
4.03	Access to improved drinking water*62 ■	11.09	Business impact of HIV/AIDS112 ■
4.04	Hospital beds*82 ■	11.10	Life expectancy*83 ■
5th pillar: Prioritization of Travel & Tourism		12th pillar: Affinity for Travel & Tourism	
5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry28 ■	12.01	Tourism openness*18 ■
5.02	T&T government expenditure*1 ■	12.02	Attitude of population toward foreign visitors28 ■
5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding25 ■	12.03	Extension of business trips recommended44 ■
5.04	T&T fair attendance*62 ■	13th pillar: Natural resources	
6th pillar: Air transport infrastructure		13.01	Number of World Heritage natural sites*74 ■
6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure37 ■	13.02	Protected areas*7 ■
6.02	Available seat kilometers, domestic*88 ■	13.03	Quality of the natural environment85 ■
6.03	Available seat kilometers, international*46 ■	13.04	Total known species*113 ■
6.04	Departures per 1,000 population*n/a	14th pillar: Cultural resources	
6.05	Airport density*64 ■	14.01	Number of World Heritage cultural sites*65 ■
6.06	Number of operating airlines*39 ■	14.02	Sports stadiums*91 ■
6.07	International air transport network32 ■	14.03	Number of international fairs and exhibitions*62 ■
7th pillar: Ground transport infrastructure		14.04	Creative industries exports*118 ■
7.01	Quality of roads64 ■		
7.02	Quality of railroad infrastructure109 ■		
7.03	Quality of port infrastructure74 ■		
7.04	Quality of ground transport network114 ■		
7.05	Road density*69 ■		

* Hard data

Note: For further details and explanation, please refer to the section "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles" at the beginning of this chapter.