

Argentina

Key indicators

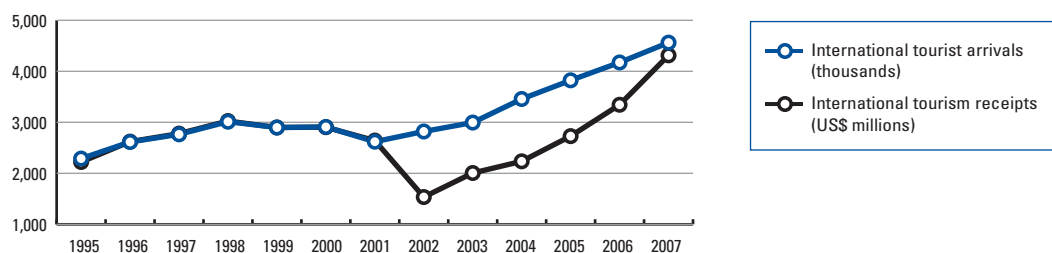
Population (millions), 2007	39.5
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers)	2,780.4
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2007	260.1
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2007	13,317.8
Real GDP growth (percent), 2007	8.7
Environmental Performance Index, 2008 (out of 149 countries).....	38

Travel & Tourism indicators

	Percent of total	2009–2018 annual growth (% forecast)
T&T industry, 2008 estimates		
GDP (US\$ millions)	9,448	3.3
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	783	4.6
T&T economy, 2008 estimates		
GDP (US\$ millions)	25,427	8.8
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	1,813	10.5

Source: World Travel & Tourism Council, TSA Research 2008

International tourist arrivals (thousands), 2007	4,562
International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 2007	4,313



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 133)	Score (1–7 scale)
2009 Index	65	4.1
2008 Index.....	58	4.2
T&T regulatory framework	74	4.4
Policy rules and regulations.....	98	3.9
Environmental sustainability.....	119	3.9
Safety and security	102	4.5
Health and hygiene	43	5.6
Prioritization of Travel & Tourism.....	79	4.1
T&T business environment and infrastructure	70	3.5
Air transport infrastructure	72	2.9
Ground transport infrastructure.....	105	2.7
Tourism infrastructure	52	3.8
ICT infrastructure	53	3.3
Price competitiveness in the T&T industry.....	52	4.9
T&T human, cultural, and natural resources	41	4.3
Human resources	73	5.0
Education and training	67	4.7
Availability of qualified labor.....	83	5.3
Affinity for Travel & Tourism.....	94	4.5
Natural resources	13	4.9
Cultural resources.....	43	2.9

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

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 ownership96...■	8.01	Hotel rooms*52...■
1.02	Property rights127...■	8.02	Presence of major car rental companies*23...■
1.03	Business impact of rules on FDI125...■	8.03	ATMs accepting Visa cards*58...■
1.04	Visa requirements*26...■	<hr/>	
1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements*79...■	9th pillar: ICT infrastructure	
1.06	Transparency of government policymaking131...■	9.01	Extent of business Internet use71...■
1.07	Time required to start a business*89...■	9.02	Internet users*62...■
1.08	Cost to start a business*60...■	9.03	Telephone lines*57...■
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2nd pillar: Environmental sustainability		9.05	Mobile telephone subscribers*39...■
2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation121...■	<hr/>	
2.02	Enforcement of environmental regulation123...■	10th pillar: Price competitiveness in the T&T industry	
2.03	Sustainability of T&T industry development105...■	10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges*62...■
2.04	Carbon dioxide emissions*63...■	10.02	Purchasing power parity*45...■
2.05	Particulate matter concentration*107...■	10.03	Extent and effect of taxation129...■
2.06	Threatened species*99...■	10.04	Fuel price levels*21...■
2.07	Environmental treaty ratification*52...■	10.05	Hotel price index*50...■
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3rd pillar: Safety and security		11th pillar: Human resources	
3.01	Business costs of terrorism38...■	11.01	Primary education enrollment*14...■
3.02	Reliability of police services129...■	11.02	Secondary education enrollment*75...■
3.03	Business costs of crime and violence111...■	11.03	Quality of the educational system105...■
3.04	Road traffic accidents*89...■	11.04	Local availability of research and training services60...■
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4th pillar: Health and hygiene		11.06	Hiring and firing practices119...■
4.01	Physician density*32...■	11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor48...■
4.02	Access to improved sanitation*59...■	11.08	HIV prevalence*78...■
4.03	Access to improved drinking water*58...■	11.09	Business impact of HIV/AIDS66...■
4.04	Hospital beds*41...■	11.10	Life expectancy*42...■
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5th pillar: Prioritization of Travel & Tourism		12th pillar: Affinity for Travel & Tourism	
5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry92...■	12.01	Tourism openness*97...■
5.02	T&T government expenditure*87...■	12.02	Attitude of population toward foreign visitors105...■
5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding79...■	12.03	Extension of business trips recommended59...■
5.04	T&T fair attendance*41...■	<hr/>	
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6th pillar: Air transport infrastructure		13.01	Number of World Heritage natural sites*10...■
6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure123...■	13.02	Protected areas*84...■
6.02	Available seat kilometers, domestic*21...■	13.03	Quality of the natural environment65...■
6.03	Available seat kilometers, international*31...■	13.04	Total known species*13...■
6.04	Departures per 1,000 population*78...■	<hr/>	
6.05	Airport density*37...■	14th pillar: Cultural resources	
6.06	Number of operating airlines*51...■	14.01	Number of World Heritage cultural sites*54...■
6.07	International air transport network97...■	14.02	Sports stadiums*37...■
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7th pillar: Ground transport infrastructure		14.04	Creative industries exports*48...■
7.01	Quality of roads89...■	<hr/>	
7.02	Quality of railroad infrastructure76...■		
7.03	Quality of port infrastructure92...■		
7.04	Quality of ground transport network95...■		
7.05	Road density*110...■		

* 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.