## TOURISM INVESTMENT

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# Trinidad & Tobago



Official Name: Republic of Trinidad & Tobago

Capital: Port of Spain

Area: 5,128 sq.km (1,980 sq. miles)

**Population: 1,365,805** 

Official Language: English

**Currency:** Trinidad and Tobago Dollar (TT\$)

**Exchange Rate:** US\$ 1.00 = TT\$ 6.79



### **KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

GDP (US\$): \$23.4Bn (Central Bank 2021)

GDP Growth (Annual %): -1.0 (Central Bank 2021)

**GDP Per Capita (US\$):** 16,033 (World Bank 2021)

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.9% (Central Bank 2022)

Inflation Rate: 5.8% (Central Bank 2022)

**Labour Force:** 588,900 (CSO 2021)

#### INTERNATIONAL CREDIT RATING

Moody's: Ba2

S&P: BBB-

### **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES**

- Attractive investment incentives
- Competitive cost structure labour, energy, utilities
- Regional centre for education
- Full range of support services information technology, construction, finance & accounting, research & testing
- Diverse & differentiated tourism product
- World class utilities
- Proximity to North and Latin America

- Strong domestic demand for resort product
- Strong sustained demand for business hotel rooms
- Hilton, Hyatt, Marriott, Radisson, IHG brands present
- World class construction companies and ancillary services (project management, surveying, valuation, design)
- No foreign exchange controls and stable exchange rate
- Southern tip of the hurricane belt



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### TOURISM INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Annual Visitor Arrivals - Trinidad and Tobago

**2015** - 439,767

**2016** - 408.782

**2017 -** 394,650

**2018** - 375,485

**2019** - 388,576

**2020 -** 98.284

**2021** - 40,621

**2022 -** 226.483

- VFR, Leisure & Business Top Purpose of Visit representing 77% of arrivals (pre pandemic)
- 13 days Average length of stay
- US\$100 Expenditure per person per day
- US\$165.25 Average Room Rate (2019)
- **62.11%** Hotel Occupancy Rate (2019)
- US\$104.72 RevPar (2019)

### FISCAL INCENTIVES FOR APPROVED TOURISM PROJECTS

- Tax holidays of up to seven years
- Carry-over of losses from tax exemption period
- Duty exemption for building materials and articles of tourism equipment
- Capital Allowances
- Accelerated depreciation

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