



# Country Profile: Trinidad and Tobago

Trinidad and Tobago is a developing nation in the Caribbean composed of two islands. The islands gained independence from the British in 1962. The country is one of the most prosperous in the Caribbean, largely as a result of petroleum and natural gas industries. Tourist travel is mostly to the smaller of the two sister islands, Tobago. Tourist facilities are widely available. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Trinidad and Tobago for additional information.

## COUNTRY OVERVIEW



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| Country Name:                     | Trinidad & Tobago  |
| Continent:                        | Caribbean  |
| Capital City:                     | Port-of Spain  |
| Boundary Countries:               |  |
| Recommended Hospitals in Capital: | West Indies: Mount Hope International, Port of Spain General Hospital, San Fernando General Hospital, Tobago Regional Hospital<br><br>Cocorite: West Shore Medical<br><br>Port of Spain: Trinidad Specialty Centre |
| Main Cities:                      | Port-of-Spain, Scarborough, Arima, Sangre Grande, Point Fortin, Siparia, San Fernando, Chaguanas, Pointe-à- Pierre, Point Lisas  |
| Country Size:                     | 5,128 sq km  |
| Population:                       | 1,047,366  |

## COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Language:              | English (official), Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), French, Spanish, Chinese   |
| Currency:              | Trinidad & Tobago Dollar (TTD)  |
| Predominant Religions: | Roman Catholic 26%, Hindu 22.5%, Anglican 7.8%, Baptist 7.2%, Pentecostal 6.8%, Muslim 5.8%, Seventh Day Adventist 4%, other Christian 5.8%, other 10.8%, unspecified 1.4%, none 1.9%   |
| National Holidays:     | independence Day, 31 August (1962)  |
| Economic Status:       | Trinidad and Tobago has earned a reputation as an excellent investment site for international businesses and has one of the highest growth rates and per capita incomes in Latin America. Recent growth has been fueled by investments in liquefied natural gas (LNG), petrochemicals, and steel.   |
| Security:              | Trinidad and Tobago Defense Force (TTDF): Trinidad and Tobago Regiment, Coast Guard, Air Guard  |
| US Presence:           | <a href="#">U.S. Embassy in Port of Spain</a><br>15 Queen's Park West<br>Port of Spain<br>Trinidad and Tobago<br>Tel: (868) 622-6371  |
| Major Airports:        | Airports: 6, Airports w/paved runways: 3<br>Piarco International Airport (POS/TTPP)<br>Port of Spain Airport, Trinidad & Tobago, Airports Authority of Trinidad & Tobago, Caroni North Bank Road, Piarco, Trindad, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO<br>Tel: +1 868 669-8047/9<br>Fax: +1 868 669-0228<br>Email: <a href="mailto:info@caribinfo.com/aatt/piarco.html">info@caribinfo.com/aatt/piarco.html</a> |

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