



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



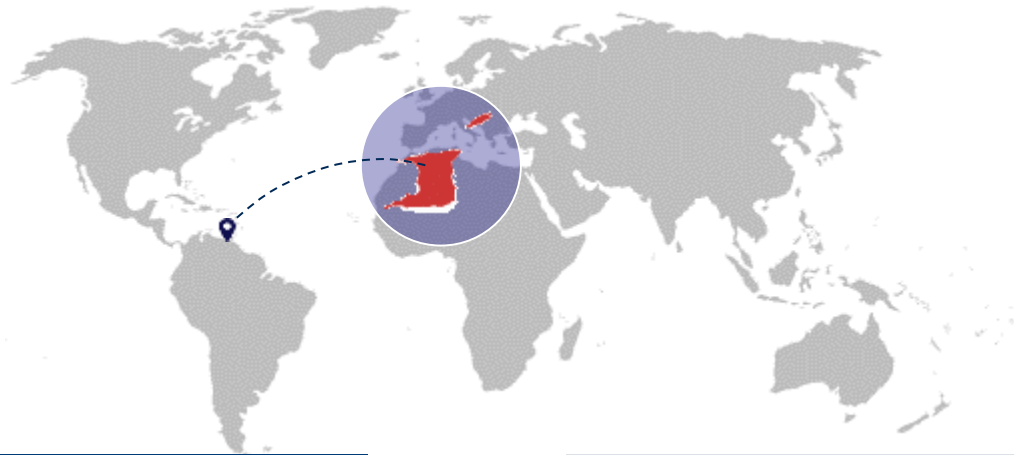
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Introduction to Trinidad & Tobago



Country Facts



Population



1.4 MILLION



**USD\$ 28.14
BILLION**

GDP
(Current Prices)

(IMF 2023)



Capital
PORT-OF-SPAIN



Time Zone
GMT -4



Area
5,131 km²



Language
ENGLISH



Government Type
**Constitutional
Republic**



President
**HER EXCELLENCY
CHRISTINE KANGALOO**



Prime Minister
**DR. THE
HONOURABLE KEITH
ROWLEY**



Labour Force

592,300

(Q2, 2024)



Literacy Rate

99%



Currency
TTD



Exchange
Rate US\$

TT\$ 6.7655

(Sep 2024)



Headline Inflation

0.3% (Jul 2024)

(Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago)

Trinidad & Tobago Overview

Trinidad is the **COMMERCIAL HUB** of the Caribbean, with a robust economy open for international business. It houses the headquarters for a number of global and regional entities.

The island is considered a vibrant destination with a myriad assortment of restaurants and abundant entertainment.

Tobago has **UNIQUE TOURISM ATTRACTIONS** and is a prime ecological destination, in contrast to the energized, fast paced and highly industrialized environment of Trinidad.



Culture

Trinidad and Tobago has a **DIVERSE POPULATION** made up of people from African, Indian, European and Chinese descent, which has produced a culture of diverse religious beliefs, ethnic cuisine, colourful festivals, vibrant music, and creative, innovative people.

Trinidad and Tobago is the **FESTIVAL CAPITAL** of the Caribbean, the birthplace of the steelpan, calypso and soca and annually hosts the premier **CARNIVAL** in the world.



History of Indians in Trinidad and Tobago

History

- Indians first came to Trinidad and Tobago in May of 1845 when 225 adults arrived to work as indentured labourers on the sugar plantations of the island following the abolition of Slavery in 1834. The Indian labourers were typically bonded under a contract for five or more years to work as short-term migrant labourers on plantations
- Almost 150,000 Indians, the majority of whom stayed after their term of indenture ship ended came to Trinidad and Tobago between 1845 and 1917
- Indians primarily came from the Hindi Belt of India with the largest numbers from the states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Smaller numbers of Indians came from Bengal and Tamil Nadu

Demographics¹

Currently Trinidadians of Indian descent are the largest ethnic group in Trinidad comprising 35.43% of the population. A further 7.66% indicate they are of mixed Indian/African ancestry.

(¹ Trinidad Census data)

History of India in Trinidad and Tobago

Diplomatic Missions

Diplomatic relations between Trinidad and Tobago (TT) and India were established in 1962, the year of Trinidad and Tobago's Independence. India's diplomatic mission in TT was set up in that year and TT established a High Commission in New Delhi on Oct 13th 1969

High Commission of Indian in Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain (HCIPOS)	High Commission of Trinidad and Tobago, New Delhi India
Head of Mission – His Excellency Dr. Pradeep Singh Rajpurohit Services – Consular, Trade, Bilateral Relations for Grenada, Dominica and Montserrat, ITEC, Diaspora relations, Know India Programme (KIP), Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Cultural Cooperation	Head of Mission – His Excellency Dr. Roger Gopaul Services – Consular, Commercial (Trade and Investment), Cultural, Political Relations

Point of Entry

Trinidad and Tobago is on Atlantic Standard time (GMT-4) and has direct flights with London [Gatwick], Amsterdam, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, New York, Houston, Toronto and Panama.

NEW YORK

5 hrs.

MIAMI

4 hrs.

HOUSTON

5.3 hrs.

TORONTO

6 hrs.

LONDON

8.5 hrs.

AMSTERDAM

9 hrs.

PANAMA

3.25 hrs.

Trinidad and Tobago has two international airports -

1. The Piarco International Airport (Trinidad)
2. The A.N.R. Robinson International Airport (Tobago)

Both islands are also connected to each other through multiple daily flights(air bridge) as well as sea connectivity via a fleet of fast ferries (sea bridge)



Manufacturing Sector

T&T's Manufacturing Sector

T&T's manufacturing sector is the largest in the English-speaking Caribbean, and the largest sector of the country's national economy as based on its share of GDP.

This is primarily driven by the Petroleum and Chemical Products sub sector of manufacturing.

The availability and abundant supply of affordable electricity and natural gas gives this sector a competitive advantage, relative to our regional counterparts.

Trinidad and Tobago is also the leading manufacturer of consumer goods for the CARICOM Market particularly food and beverages.



Nearshore Manufacturing

Trinidad and Tobago is an ideal nearshore location for manufacturing enterprises to service North American and Latin American markets.

Major offshore shipping challenges are eliminated by bringing production facilities closer to targeted markets. Additionally, the country's location at the southernmost end of the Caribbean archipelago minimizes the threat of operational downtime for businesses during the region's annual hurricane season.



STRATEGIC LOCATION - a gateway to North & Latin America, the United States and Canada.

Access to **INTERNATIONAL MARKETS** via numerous bi-lateral and multi-lateral trade agreements.

A specialized highly **EDUCATED WORKFORCE**.

LOW COST of utilities and energy.

Developed **PORT INFRASTRUCTURE**. Currently ranked as 3rd for port capacity in the English-speaking Caribbean

INDUSTRIAL PARKS strategically located near an international containerized port.

Nearshore Manufacturing

Opportunities in this sector include:

- **Food and Beverage**
- **Pulp and Paper Manufacturing**
- **Pharmaceuticals**
- **Iron & Steel**



Other Investment Opportunities



**BUSINESS
PROCESS
OUTSOURCING**



**LOGISTICS
& DISTRIBUTION**



**COMMERCIAL
MARITIME**



TOURISM



**AGRICULTURE
& AGRO-
PROCESSING**



**RENEWABLE
ENERGY**



ENERGY



**ICT &
DATA CENTRE**



FINTECH



HEALTH



**REAL ESTATE
DEVELOPMENT**



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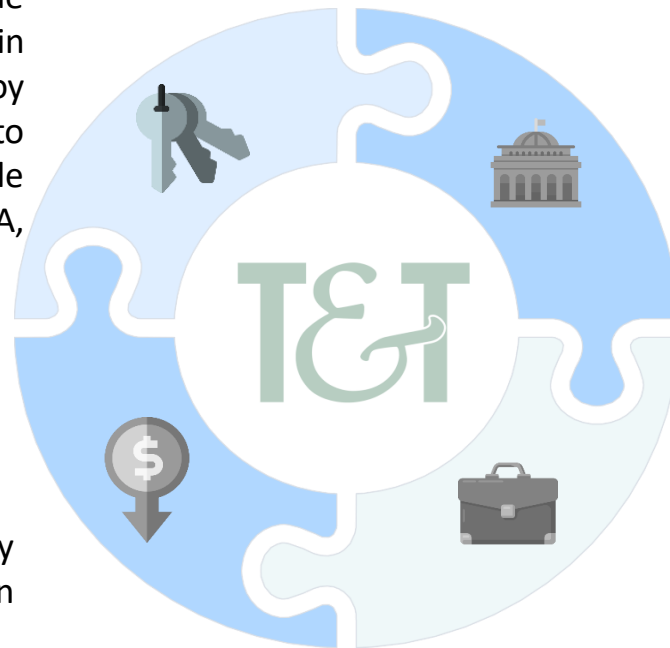
Value Proposition



- Geographically positioned to access attractive end markets
- Through established trade agreements, businesses in Trinidad and Tobago enjoy market access to approximately 1 billion people worldwide including the USA, Canada, EU and UK.



- Among the lowest electricity rates in the Western Hemisphere
- Low utility rates (electricity, water & telephone).



INCENTIVES

- The Government of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago (GORTT) supports foreign direct investment in almost all sectors, with specific focus on the non-energy targeted sectors through various incentive programmes.
- The Special Economic Zone Regime is the most recent and most comprehensive incentive programme in the country.



FACILITATION SERVICES

- InvestTT business facilitation services (approvals, work permits, real estate, provision of information and research).

Why TT Products?

1. TT has the largest manufacturing base in the English speaking Caribbean. Our brands are known and trusted across the region and diaspora markets.
2. Our companies have international quality standards and can compete with global brands.
3. Our rich history and culture leads to unique and niche products that are familiar but unlike other products found around the world.



Why TT Products?

4. We are open to contract manufacturing, joint ventures and investing in factories and distribution abroad. Some of TT's manufacturers have acquired manufacturing plants and distribution companies across Latin America, North America and the Caribbean.



5. We are interested in long term partnerships with distributors and working with them to build our brands.

