



Trinidad and Tobago

Joined the Commonwealth 1962 - visited by the Queen in 2009



Trinidad and Tobago is an island nation in the south-east Caribbean

Pop: (2013) 1,341,000 Capital: Port of Spain Area: 5,128 sq km

Trinidad has a sophisticated and diverse economy for a country of its size and, after the US and Canada, is the third richest country by GDP per capita in all the Americas. Its geography is more akin to Venezuela than any other Caribbean island especially in terms of its rich biodiversity and huge oil and natural gas reserves. The latter underpin the economy.

A high mountain range in the north is separated from rolling hills in the south by the Caroni plain on which crops such as sugar cane and tropical vegetables are grown. The sandy beaches and rugged coastline, together with the vibrant multicultural society known for its carnival, steel drums and calypso support a thriving tourist industry on both islands.

The natural gas supply is high in methane and has few impurities. This makes it suitable for methanol and ammonia production. The industrial area of Port Lisas has 17 large processing plants with more planned.



Trinidad and Tobago has more species of birds and butterflies than any other Caribbean island

The Caroni swamp, a mangrove wetland on the west coast of Trinidad, is a wildlife sanctuary and home to huge flocks of the famous scarlet ibis

