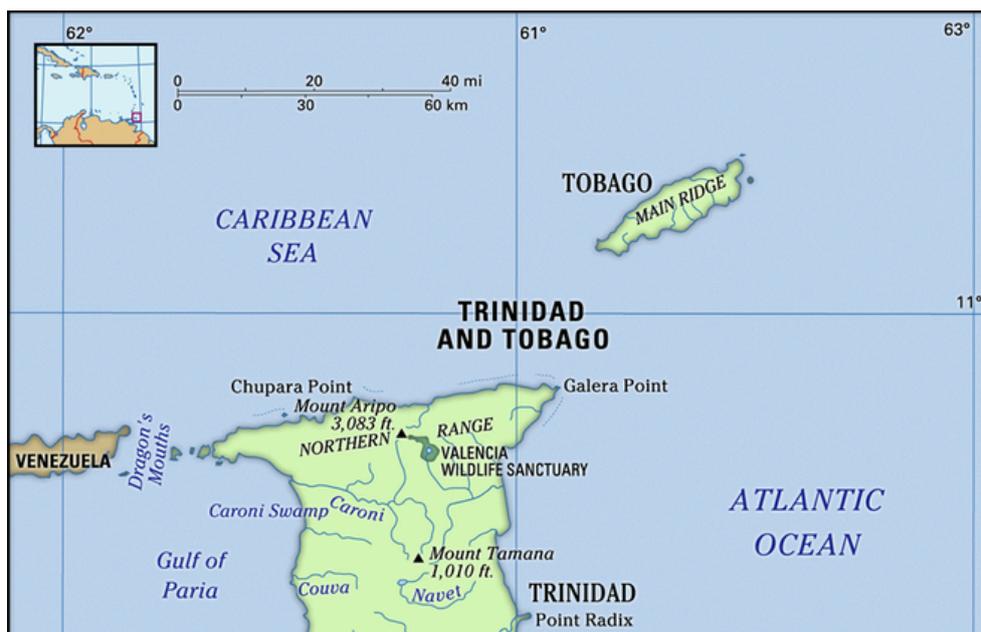


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**Context:** The Prime Minister of India has arranged a significant diplomatic visit to Trinidad and Tobago, which will be the first-ever bilateral visit at the Prime Ministerial level, thereby enhancing India's involvement with the Global South.



## About Trinidad and Tobago: Geographical Location:

- **Country:** Trinidad and Tobago, an island nation situated in the southeastern West Indies.
- **Capital:** Port of Spain, located on the northwestern coast of Trinidad.
- **Neighbouring Countries:** Positioned northeast of Venezuela and northwest of Guyana, separated by the Gulf of Paria. (All are maritime boundaries.)

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## **Main Islands:**

- **Trinidad:** The larger island, covering an area of approximately 4,800 square kilometers.
- **Tobago:** The smaller island, around 300 square kilometers, is located 30 kilometers northeast of Trinidad.
- **Little Tobago:** A small island near Tobago, which was once the habitat of the bird of paradise.

## **Mountain Ranges:**

### **Trinidad:**

- **Northern Range:** An extension of Venezuela's Andes, with Mount Aripo (940 meters) being the highest peak.
- **Central Range:** Home to Mount Tamana (308 meters).
- **Southern Range:** Comprises low hills along the southern side of the island.

### **Tobago**

- Characterized by the Main Ridge (approximately 550 meters), which extends from northeast to southwest into coral plains.

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## **Rivers & Swamps:**

- **Major Rivers:** Ortoire (to the south) and Caroni (to the north).
- **Wetlands:** Caroni Swamp and Nariva Swamp are critical hotspots for biodiversity.

## **Unique Features:**

- **Pitch Lake (Trinidad):** The largest natural deposit of asphalt.
- **Mud Volcanoes:** Particularly the Devil's Woodyard, formed from gas and water seepages.
- **Coral Reefs:** Buccoo Reef in Tobago, famous for its marine biodiversity, is currently endangered due to tourism and pollution.

## **Climate Highlights:**

- **Type:** Tropical, characterized by humidity with moderation from sea breezes.
- **Temperature:** Ranges from 25°C to 32°C, cooler in January and February, and warmer in April, May, and October.