How TNS Enterprise Branded Calling Helps the Business of Business Travel

A significant part of hotel revenue comes from business travel. To attract these travelers, it's crucial to find ways to build customer loyalty and offer guests optional extras ahead of their stay. Fortunately, many of the same programs that target leisure travelers, such as loyalty programs, are also effective for business travelers. Unfortunately, however, reaching business travelers to share discounts, offer add-ons to their stay or confirm their reservations can be challenging due to customers' hesitancy in answering the phone. TNS Enterprise Branded Calling can play a big role in breaking through to the busy business traveler.

The Size of the Business Travel Market

While business travel was curtailed during the pandemic, it's rebounding. In select cases, spending is actually exceeding pre-pandemic numbers, resulting in a massive opportunity for hotel brands to secure repeat bookings.

> In 2023, **49% of businesses expect their travel budgets to equal or exceed pre-pandemic levels**. Only 30% of businesses felt the same way in 2022¹.

43.6%

Business travelers accounted for more than **40% of hotel room revenue in 2022**². This was down from 52.5% pre-pandemic.

\$1.4 BILLION

37%

Spending on global business tourism peaked at \$1.4 billion in 2019³. Numbers are again expected to reach those levels in 2024⁴.

Thirty-seven percent of **Americans have work travel planned** in the coming six months⁵.



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The maximum average cost businesses are willing to spend on hotel stays for a corporate trip is 18.9% higher per night post-Covid⁶.



The current length of hotel stays for business has increased by 5.9% compared to pre-pandemic levels⁶.

The Travel Habits of the Business Traveler

Regarding many expenses, such as dining, renting cars and booking meeting room space, the business traveler has specific preferences and spending habits. Hotels can tap into these if they're able to effectively communicate with guests and prospects.



The US business travel economy is valued at \$550 billion a year, with \$50 billion of that spent on food⁷.

Lodging is the #1 Expense for the Business Traveler. Airfare is typically the #1 expense for the leisure traveler.



Travel Expenses for the Business Traveler⁸



34% Lodging







20% Food/Meals



19% Car Rental

Where do Business Travelers Eat¹⁰?

Upscale Restaurants	64%
Fast Casual	52%
Fast Food	34%
Fine Dining	29%



In 2022, 13% of US hotel revenue came from **food and beverage sales**, down from 20.1% in 2019 (pre-pandemic)⁹.

20.1% 13%

2019

The standard per diem rate for business travelers is **\$55-\$76 per day for meals and incidentals**, depending on the city.

\$55-\$76

2022





Attracting the Business Traveler

Business travelers share some of the characteristics and preferences of leisure travelers, but not all, such as how they consider their lodging.

Fifty-nine percent of US business travelers **always** book their hotels themselves, and 30% **usually** book their hotels themselves¹¹. Fifty-five percent of business travelers say the ability to participate in a loyalty program plays a part in where they choose to book a room. This percentage is higher than the average American traveler (44%)¹².

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The Importance of Enterprise Branded Calling



By restoring consumer trust in voice calling and increasing answer rates, hotels can reach more guests and prospects, messaging can become more efficient, and the customer experience can be elevated. This can help to secure repeat bookings.

A recent survey of US adults¹³ revealed that —



Seventy percent never answer a phone call from an unknown number.

Sixty-one percent of consumers would answer a call from a hospitality/travel provider if the brand logo/name were displayed on the incoming call screen.

Fifty-six percent of consumers prefer to engage with a phone call from a hospitality brand regarding transportation and travel versus any other communication method.



Fifty-six percent of consumers are more willing to share personal information regarding hospitality stays and travel with a branded call.

TNS' trusted and proven track record developing and delivering branded calling solutions to market means it is best positioned to help hotel businesses improve their bottom line by facilitating an expedited lead-generation process and enhancing organizations' call agent productivity.

The Benefits of TNS Enterprise Branded Calling

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Helps Increase Answer Rates

Guests and prospects are much more likely to pick up a branded call.

Restores Trust

A branded experience lets the consumer know the call is legitimate, enhancing the customer relationship, building trust and encouraging loyalty.

Enhance Agency Productivity

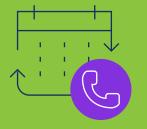
By reaching more guests, you can help improve the productivity and efficiency of your agents.

Helps Increase Revenue

With branded calling, customers are more engaged and ready to listen about potential add-ons to their stay.

Protects Your Brand

With a branded call, you maintain complete control over how your brand is presented.



In the last 10 years, TNS has delivered more than one billion branded calls across US wireless carrier networks.

To learn more about how TNS Enterprise Branded Calling can help your company significantly improve call answer rates, visit our website.

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