



HOW TO MAKE TRAVEL RALLY DAY A LOCAL SUCCESS

Travel Rally Day | Tuesday, May 8, 2018

What is Travel Rally Day?

First staged in 2009, Travel Rally Day is more than just an annual celebration—it's a spotlight on what travel means to local communities. Each year, Travel Rally Day takes place on the Tuesday of National Travel and Tourism Week, unifying millions of travel workers and showcasing the importance of our industry. Since the first Travel Rally Day, cities nationwide have participated—providing a true coast-to-coast, rural and urban impact.

Travel Then and Now

This year's theme gives U.S. destinations, businesses and organizations a chance to shine a spotlight on the positive impact travel has had on communities nationwide over the last several decades.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAUS/DMOS:

- **Take the lead** and rally your local hospitality workforce, along with elected officials and business leaders, and host a 30- or 45-minute event on Tuesday, May 8.
- **Secure a rally location** of adequate size, like local landmarks, attractions, hotels or convention centers, and follow necessary permit-requirements and protocols.
- **Activate your community** and invite travel supporters and identify relevant speakers, from elected officials, board chairs or travel workers.
- **Set the stage** with proper lighting and a podium for speakers and pass out banners, signs and other merchandise for rally-goers to keep them engaged.
- **Sell the story** using [resources](#) from U.S. Travel to form your remarks, localizing them with data on jobs, spending and tax revenue that are specific to your area.

TRAVEL ATTRACTIONS:

- **Join in** with your local travel and tourism organizations to amplify your areas messaging.
- **Get involved** with your destinations rally, and show off what makes your attraction standout.
- **Promote the event** in your communications, newsletters and on social media.

TRAVEL BUSINESSES:

- **Join an organizing committee** at your local convention and visitor's bureau.
- **Authorize employees to participate** and ask them to wear their uniforms at the rally.
- **Provide transportation** for your employees to the event site.
- **Serve as a spokesperson** to local media and share how travel affects your bottom line.

TRAVEL-RELATED ASSOCIATIONS:

- **Encourage employee participation** in local city rallies.
- **Promote the event** in your communications, newsletters and on social media.

Let us know how you're celebrating NTTW by emailing event details and contact information to bkemp@ustravel.org or add your rally to the [event map](#).

Note: While many destinations choose to host events in a coordinated effort on Travel Rally Day on Tuesday, May 8, we encourage you to rally and celebrate throughout the entire week, based on what works best for your community.