Arlington County, Virginia

Situation

Arlington County, Virginia, adjacent to Washington, D.C., offers an abundance of attractions for leisure and business travelers, including Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Memorial, world-class shopping, fine dining and more. The Design Channel was tapped by Arlington County to support the Arlington Convention and Visitors Service in its efforts to expand tourism and economic development in the area.

Solution

In order to gain a deeper understanding of Arlington County's competitive landscape, The Design Channel researched the marketing efforts of organizations promoting tourism in Washington, D.C., Baltimore and the state of Virginia, as well as those of other "edge" cities across the country. This fieldwork, along with ACVS staff interviews, provided valuable perspectives that informed our brand positioning, which highlighted Arlington County's attractions as well as its proximity in location and spirit to the nation's capital. This positioning served as the launching point for a tagline ("National History. Local Flavor."), website, print advertising, visitors guide covers, direct mail, collateral, emails and exhibit banners.

Result

The Arlington Convention and Visitors Service continues to use our messaging platform, and brand look and feel, to promote the area's historical, cultural and entertainment treasures. Our ongoing collaboration with ACVS is leading to explorations of further evolving the Arlington County brand.

- o positioning
- o logo and tagline
- branding guidelines

Arlington, Virginia is a convenient, affordable and vibrant destination for leisure and business travelers. In addition to being home to numerous national monuments and historical attractions, Arlington offers first-class shopping, diverse dining and an eclectic local arts and entertainment scene. It's where visitors find a unique mix of national

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history and local flavor.

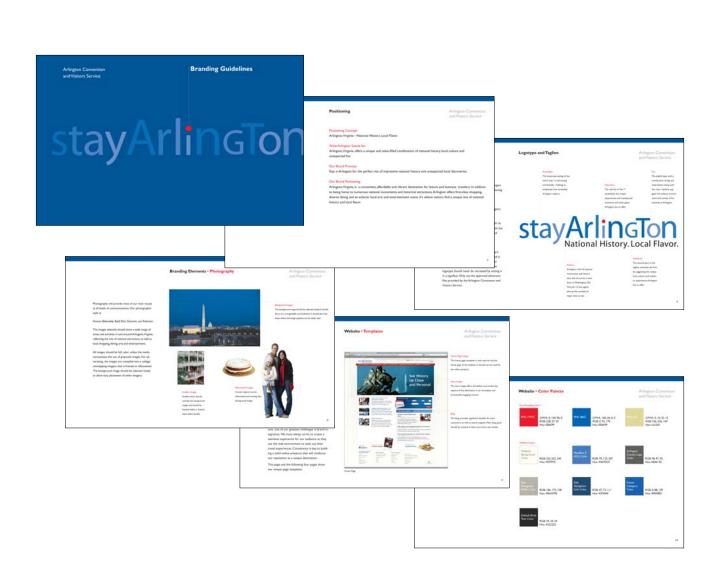
Research Modes Used:

One-on-one interviews

Competitive brand benchmarking

Desk research

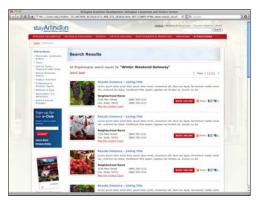
Review of primary research













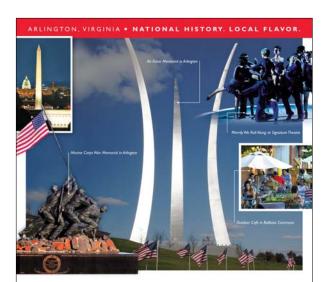
Check into an Arlington hotel. Check out history, culture, and fun.

When you stay in Arlington, you'll find world-class dining, shopping and nightlife around every corner. We're also home to national historic landmarks like the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima) and the U.S. Air Force Memorial. And of course, the best of D.C. is right next-door. Arlington — easy access to incredible experiences.

For more information, visit www.stayarlington.com.







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Arlington Winter Weekend Getaways—the perfect way to celebrate or chill.

Nothing cures cabin fever like a winter weekend getaway! In Arlington's urban villages, you'il enjoy local flavor that's unlike any other in the Washington, D.C., area. And with awesome Friday and Saturday hotel rates, you'il feel great about treating yourself to our edectic dining, first-class shopping, cutting-edge performances and super-indulgent spas. Special weekend packages include great rates and valuable dining and shopping discounts at Arlington's hottest restaurants and stores.

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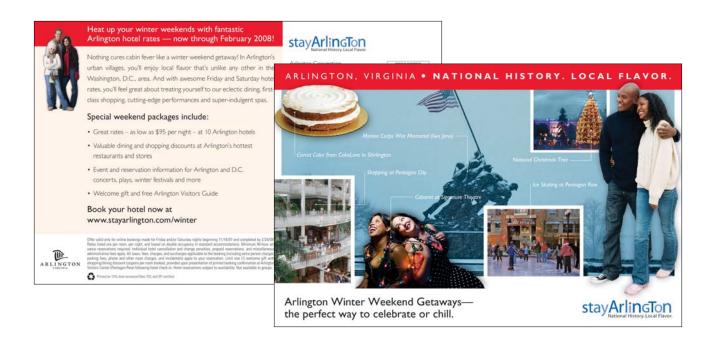
With renowned performances at Signature Theatre, Arena Stage, and the Rosslyn Spectrum, Arlington plays a starring role in the capital region arts scene.

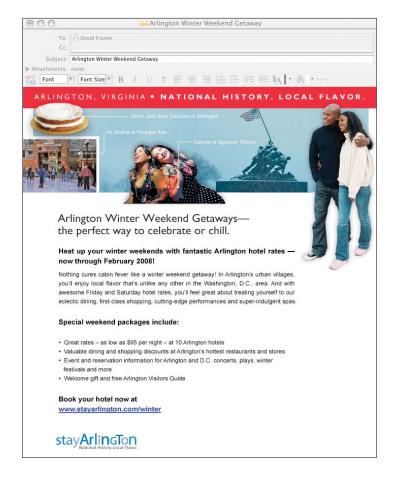
Choose from a wide range of exciting arts venues in Arlington! Enjoy your favorite musicals at Signature Theatre, a striking new theater in the heart of Shirlington's shopping and dining district. Take in the Tony Award®-winning productions of Arena Stage in the heart of Crystal Chy. Or, catch a performance at the Rosslin Spectrum Theatre, home to Synetic Theatre, Arlington's own outling-edge theater group that applies the "art of slence" and thrilling choreography to well-known productions. Hold your next meeting or event in Arlington, and get a standing ovation

For special event arrangements, or for information on venue rentals, contact the Arlington Convention and Visitors Service at 800-296-7996, or visit www.stayarlington.com.









- o visitors guide covers
- o collateral material
- o exhibit banner-up



