# VTC Top 13



## **Marketing & Consumer Services**

#### Digital Marketing

- List your lodging, dining, retail, attractions, deals, packages, events, tours & itineraries on the <u>User Extranet</u>
- Sign up for the <u>Travel Post</u> for important industry updates
- Share your blogs and content through Matcha Media

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#### Communications & Social Media

- Share your stories & new destination experiences
- Reach in-state & national media + travelers on social media
- Be included in our Virginia is for Lovers **Travel Bloq**

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#### Brand

- Leverage your dollars with Advertising Co-op Plan
- Participate in the **LOVEworks Program**
- Share images and photography from your destination

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## Groups & Sports

- Increase your tour and travel business + visitor spending
- Partner with VTC at conferences and client events
- Market your business on (3) trade websites and blogs

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#### International Marketing

- Reach VA's largest international market Canada
- Engage in marketing & media relations in UK, France, Germany, China, Japan, India & Australia
- Participate in Capital Region USA (CRUSA) Co-Op pgrm.
- Connect directly with travelers on social media

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#### 6 Local Visitor Centers + Statewide Welcome Centers

- Showcase your product in a VA Welcome Center BLITZ
- Co-brand your merchandise with Virginia is for Lovers
- Advertise statewide in Welcome Centers & Safety Rest Areas

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## Research, Education & Development

#### Research

- Receive **Economic Impact** of Tourism in your area
- Review Visitor travel behavior & characteristics
- Access new and powerful Visitor Travel Trends

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#### VTC Orientation

- Learn first-hand VTC's resources, marketing and development efforts + partnership opportunities
- Most beneficial for local tourism directors and managers/owners of Virginia tourism businesses
- Review calendar & sign up for Orientation, held quarterly

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#### Grant and Funding Sources

- Utilize VTC's <u>Marketing Leverage Program</u> and/or <u>Virginia Regional Tourism Marketing Funds</u>
- 3 financial partners min. + performance measures

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#### Community & Business Assistance

- Find business development workshops & assistance
- Request product development facilitation
- Request community planning & program assistance

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#### State Tourism Plan: DRIVE 2.0 + DRIVE Outdoors

- Strategic blueprint for tourism development
- Grow Virginia's outdoor economy
- Spur job creation and private investment

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## Tourism Development Financing Program + Tourism Zones and Improvement Districts

- Explore tourism deficiencies for development Gap Financing
- Utilize the funding benefits of <u>Tourism Zones</u> and <u>Tourism Development Districts (TID)</u>

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#### <u>Virginia Film Office</u>

- Learn about filming in Virginia FilmVirginia.org
- Submit film location photography for your community
- Contact the Film Office to learn how to get connected

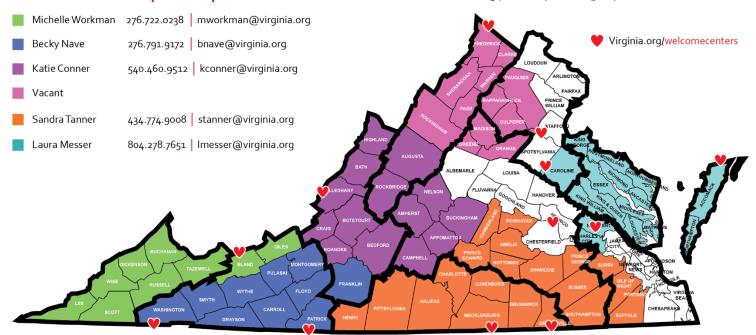
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# **VTC** Partnership Marketing

#### Destination Development Team

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#### **Destination Development Specialists**



**Funding Program Team** 

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# **SPOKE** lodging + resorts **SPOKE SPOKE** outdoors + dining + recreation spirits HUB primary lure **SPOKE SPOKE** music + arts retail + shopping + events **SPOKE** history + culture

# VIRGINIA IS FOR LOVERS

#### Virginia Tourism Corporation

Contact VTC's Destination Development Specialists in your area for strategic planning, marketing leveraging and other community development assistance and resources

Website VATC.org/partnershipmarketing/tdspecialists

Website VATC.org/grants

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# Maximize Your Tourism Potential

- Work with VTC to have clear *Hub & Spoke Itineraries* ready to go!
- I.D. the main reason a visitor would visit your area (Hub) and match it with the other experiences visitors will want and need - to stay, eat, shop and play (Spoke)
- Review VTC Statewide and Regional Strategic Tourism Plans and implement strategies using the How-To Guides. www.vatc.org/drive2
- Make sure you post your individual business and itineraries on Virginia.org by visiting our <u>User Extranet</u>