

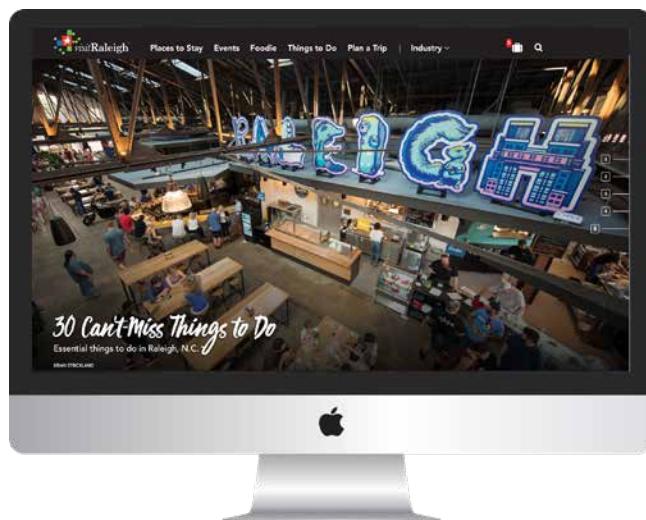
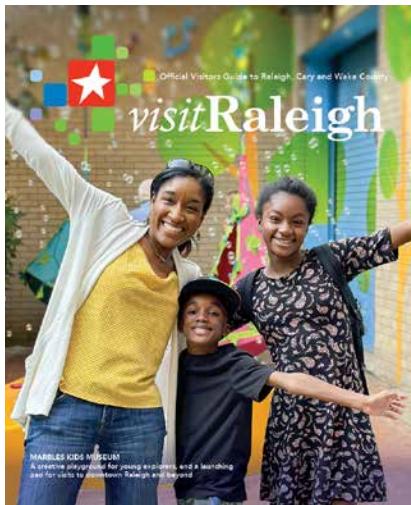


Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau

# Official Media Kit

Advertising opportunities for hospitality industry partners,  
other service providers and event planners

In fiscal year 2025–2026



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**Official Visitors Guide**  
to Raleigh, Cary and Wake County

[visitRaleigh.com](http://visitRaleigh.com)

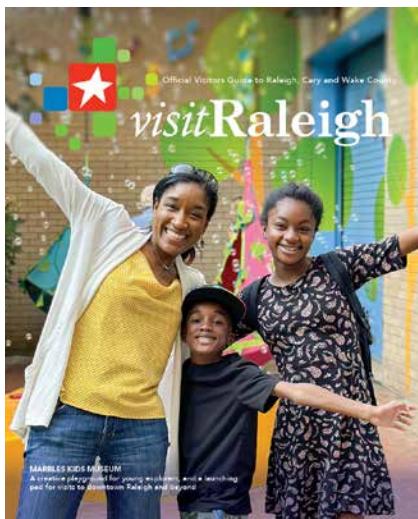


Advertising opportunities sanctioned by the GRCVB and managed by:

Website advertising: Destination Travel Network

Visitors Guide advertising: Compass Media

## Advertising opportunities in the **Official Visitors Guide** to Raleigh, Cary and Wake County



Advertising for the Official Visitors Guide is being managed by **Compass Media**, which specializes in custom publishing for destination marketing organizations.



Compass Media has 35+ years of experience in tourism and travel marketing.

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If you have any questions about Compass Media and its relationship with the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau, please contact Michael Robson at 919.645.2683 or [mrobson@visitRaleigh.com](mailto:mrobson@visitRaleigh.com).

Take advantage of one of the most targeted, highly-used advertising opportunities in our area by displaying your business in GRCVB's Official Visitors Guide. When you advertise in the Visitors Guide, you know you are marketing to individuals who are interested in coming to our area or who are already here!

### Impressive 70,000 print circulation

- Distributed (mailed and emailed) to pre-qualified and motivated individuals, groups, tour operators and meeting planners who have expressed interest in visiting and requested additional information.
- Additionally, the guide is continually distributed at N.C.'s official Welcome Centers, the official Raleigh, N.C., Visitor Information Center in downtown Raleigh and at other visitor centers statewide, at Wake County accommodations, attractions, shopping centers, Chambers of Commerce, RDU International Airport, travel/trade shows and much more—not to mention the fully indexed and linked digital version, prominently featured and accessed via [visitRaleigh.com](http://visitRaleigh.com).
- Online distribution—prominently linked and accessed via [visitRaleigh.com](http://visitRaleigh.com); over 45,000 copies of the digital version of the guide will be emailed upon publication.
- Your ad is linked to your website, allowing readers to reach you in one step.

### FULL COVERAGE

Whether it's regional beauty and attractions or topics of interest for our target audiences, the Official Visitors Guide to Raleigh, Cary and Wake County covers:

**Arts**  
**Local Shopping and Boutiques**  
**Scenic and Nature**

**Culinary**  
**Museums and History**  
**Sports and Recreation**

**Live Music**  
**People**

### DIGITAL VERSION

The digital edition of the magazine provides readers with an online view where they can "flip" the pages to read the magazine. All advertisers in the book will be in the digital edition. Please ensure your ad contains the correct URL so that our digital readers can link to your website.

### PUBLICATION TIMELINE

**Publication date:** Feb. 2026

**Advertising closing:** Sept. 30, 2025

**Ad materials due:** Oct. 10, 2025

## Advertising opportunities in the Official Visitors Guide to Raleigh, Cary and Wake County

### Sizes and pricing:

#### FULL PAGE

\$6,695

- 8.5" x 10.5"
- Plus .125" bleed



#### 2/3 PAGE

\$4,875

- 4.875" x 9.5"



#### HALF PAGE

\$3,825

- 7.5" x 4.625"



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#### 1/3 PAGE

\$2,500

- Vertical:  
2.375" x 9.5"
- Square:  
4.875" x 4.625"



#### 1/6 PAGE

\$1,625

- 2.375" x 4.625"



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**BACK COVER:** \$8,550

**INSIDE FRONT COVER:** \$7,625

**INSIDE BACK COVER:** \$7,325

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### For more information or to make a space reservation, please contact:

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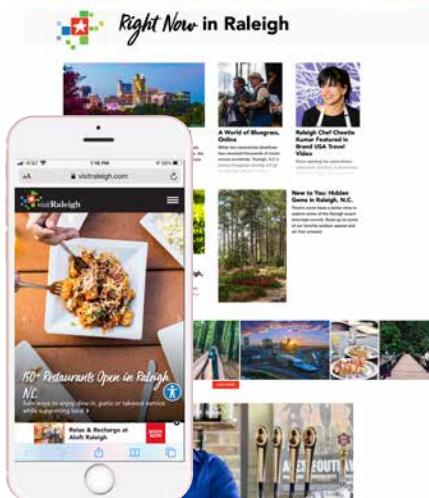
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## Advertising opportunities on [visitRaleigh.com](http://visitRaleigh.com)



The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau is making available official website advertising opportunities for its hospitality industry partners and other service providers. Our program provides partners with exposure beyond a simple listing. The program puts your product or service in front of "ready to spend" customers as they look to visitRaleigh.com to make decisions about where to stay, what to see and do and where to eat while visiting the capital city area.



**2.8 million**  
2024-2025 users of [visitRaleigh.com](http://visitRaleigh.com)

**visitRaleigh.com** draws nearly three million users annually from engaged leisure and business travelers. They are on our website really for one reason: they are planning to visit our area and spend money here.

### PROGRAMS FOR ANY BUDGET

Advertising programs can be tailored for any budget. Components include run-of-site banners, spotlight text links, featured listings and mobile banners.

### NEW CUSTOMERS

75 percent of online visitors are new to our sites, and this means they represent new business and influenceable customers.

### BETTER PERFORMANCE

Advertising on visitRaleigh.com puts your organization directly in front of your "perfect, qualified customer." That's why our advertising click-through rate (CTR) for hospitality industry partners is typically three to six times the national average, when compared with Google or Facebook advertising, for example.

### TOP REFERRING WEBSITE

Other online advertising programs on destination marketing websites such as visitRaleigh.com have resulted in sites like ours eventually becoming the top referring website to the advertiser's websites, whether they are for a hotel, attraction or restaurant. That's powerful advertising.

### WHY ADVERTISE ON VISITRALEIGH.COM?

- Sites attract 2.8 million users annually
- Qualified audience of identified prospective visitors
- Users come to visitRaleigh.com to look for attractions, hotels, restaurants and more in the Raleigh area
- Great way to advertise deals, discounts and timely/seasonal offers
- Effective opportunity to get out in front of meeting, convention and sporting event attendees, as well as leisure visitors

Advertising on visitRaleigh.com is being managed by **Destination Travel Network (DTN)**, which specializes in online ad sales for destination marketing organizations.

Learn more here:  
[www.destinationtravelnetwork.com](http://www.destinationtravelnetwork.com)

If you have questions about DTN and its relationship with the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau, contact Vimal Vyas at 919.645.2658 or [vvyas@visitRaleigh.com](mailto:vvyas@visitRaleigh.com).



## Advertising opportunities on [visitRaleigh.com](http://visitRaleigh.com) (continued)

**Responsive website design allows advertisements to display on all devices.**



### Homepage Sponsor

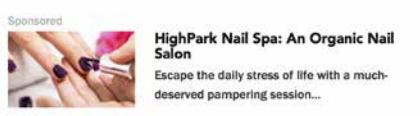
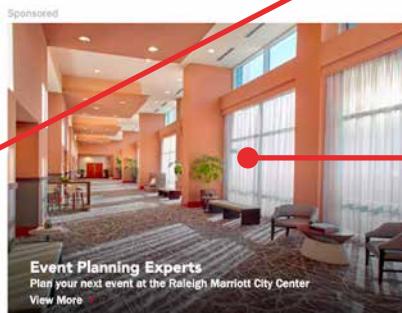
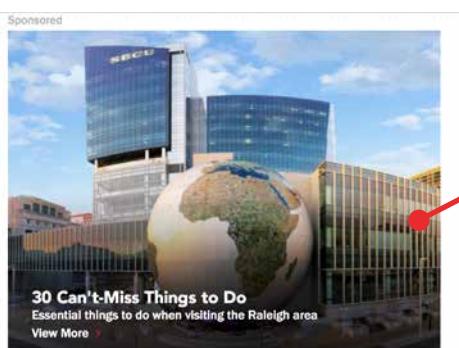
- Showcase your business to visitors on the homepage
- Photo=571 x 427 pixels
- Title=25 characters
- Copy=65 characters

### Run-of-Site Banner

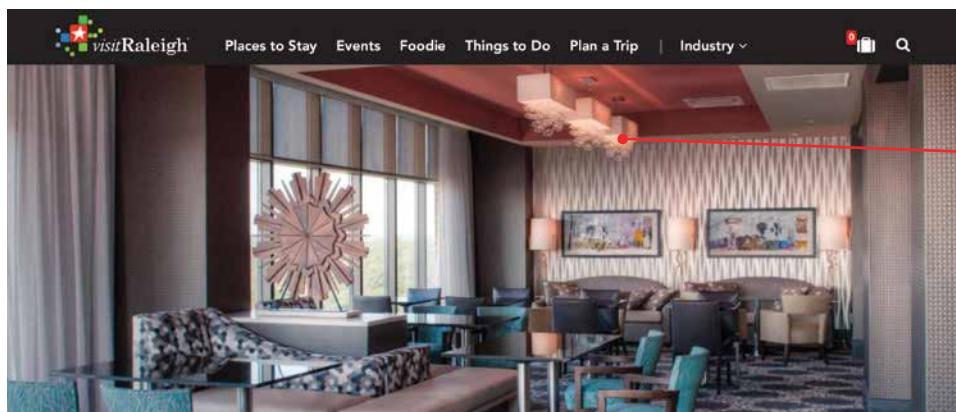
- Showcase your business to visitors on nearly every page
- Photo=571 x 427 pixels
- Title=25 characters
- Copy=65 characters

### Spotlight Text Link

- Highlight unique offers with "run-of-site visibility" that is easily updated seasonally
- Photo=150 x 90 pixels
- Title=70 characters
- Copy=80 characters



## Advertising opportunities on [visitRaleigh.com](http://visitRaleigh.com) (continued)



**Responsive website design allows advertisements to display on all devices.**

### HEADER IMAGE SPONSOR

- Premier subcategory page placement
- Photo should be landscape with a center focused subject]
- Photo=1403 x 500 pixels
- Title=60 characters

**Places to Stay in Raleigh, N.C.**  
With 150+ options, area hotels and accommodations are designed to help you rest easy. From luxurious, full-service hotels to romantic bed-and-breakfast inns, you can relax in the certainty that your preference, budget and expectations will be met.

**PREMIUM PAGE SPONSOR**

• Secure targeted placement on category-specific pages for premium visibility

• Photo=571 x 427 pixels

• Hyperlinked partner name

• Title=20 characters

### FEATURED LISTING

- Stand out from the crowd
- Put your company listing at the top of your industry category or subcategory
- Featured label

**PAGE SPONSOR**

• Very targeted page-specific placement

• Photo=571 x 427 pixels

• Title=25 characters

• Copy=65 characters

**RUN-OF-SITE BANNER**

• Showcase your business to visitors on nearly every page

• Photo=571 x 427 pixels

• Title=25 characters

• Copy=65 characters

**SPOTLIGHT TEXT LINK**

• Highlight unique offers with "run-of-site visibility" that is easily updated seasonally

• Photo=150 x 90 pixels

• Title=70 characters

• Copy=80 characters

## Advertising opportunities on [visitRaleigh.com](http://visitRaleigh.com) (continued)



**Responsive website design allows advertisements to display on all devices.**

### HEADER IMAGE SPONSOR

- Places to Stay sub-pages—\$350/month
- Things to Do sub-pages—\$250/month
- Foodie sub-pages—\$200/month

The screenshot shows a search interface with dropdowns for 'Cuisine Type', 'Area', 'Dining Style', 'Dining Price for Two', and 'Amenities and Attribs'. Below the search bar, there are buttons for 'SORT BY TRIPADVISOR RATING' and a rating scale. The main content area displays four restaurant listings, each with a 'FEATURED' badge, a thumbnail image, the restaurant name, address, area, cuisine, and a brief description. Each listing also includes a 'VIEW ON MAP', 'ADD TO TRIP', and 'DETAILS >' button.

### PREMIUM PAGE SPONSOR

- Places to Stay sub-pages—\$275/month
- Things to Do sub-pages—\$300/month
- Shopping sub-page—\$200/month
- Foodie sub-pages—\$300/month

### FEATURED LISTING

- Places to Stay featured listing—\$375/month
  - Places to Stay subcategory featured listing—\$200/month
- Restaurants featured listing—\$250/month
  - Restaurants subcategory featured listing—\$175/month
- Things to Do subcategory/Shopping page featured listing—\$200/month
  - Shopping subcategory featured listing—\$100/month

The screenshot shows a mobile phone displaying the visitRaleigh.com website. It features several sponsored ads, each with a 'Sponsored' badge. One ad for 'Stay In Midtown' shows an exterior view of a hotel. Another ad for 'B.GOOD: Locally Sourced, Seasonally Inspired' shows a salad. A third ad for 'Kings Dining & Entertainment, North Hills' shows a group of people. A fourth ad for 'HighPark Nail Spa: An Organic Nail Salon' shows a nail technician. The phone's home screen is visible at the bottom, showing the visitRaleigh.com icon and other app icons.

### RUN-OF-SITE BANNER

- 15k monthly impressions—\$300/month

### BASIC PAGE SPONSOR

- Places to Stay page—\$275/month
- Things to Do page—\$200/month
- Shopping sub-page—\$150/month
- Foodie page—\$175/month

### SPOTLIGHT TEXT LINK

- 20k monthly impressions—\$200/month

### MOBILE BANNER

- \$275/month

The screenshot shows the footer of the visitRaleigh.com website. It features a large 'Raleigh' logo on a brick background. Below it are two calls to action: 'Get our free Visitors Guide' with a 'REQUEST A COPY' button, and 'Subscribe to our newsletter' with a 'SIGN UP' button. The footer also includes social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

## Advertising opportunities on [visitRaleigh.com](http://visitRaleigh.com) (continued)



### MOBILE BANNER

- Give "ready-to-spend" visitors one-click mobile access to your business NOW
- Photo=75 x 50 pixels
- Copy=45 characters
- If the name of your business or organization is mentioned in text, it must match to the name on your current visitRaleigh.com listing or be an abbreviation thereof.
- Names of destinations/locations/places outside of Wake County cannot be mentioned on visitRaleigh.com.



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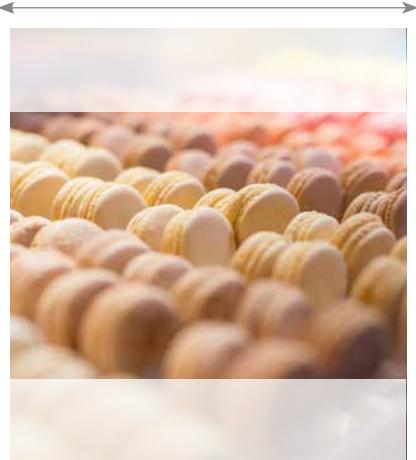
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## Guidelines for ad materials on [visitRaleigh.com](http://visitRaleigh.com)

### FEATURED LISTING

- If you are buying the featured listing option, GRCVB strongly recommends that you upload a photo for your listing through PIXL ([pixl.visitRaleigh.com](http://pixl.visitRaleigh.com)) or work with your DTN sales representative to thoroughly update all listing content including photo. (Submitted content is subject to longstanding GRCVB protocols and practices of editing and conforming listings.)
- You must be responsible to secure necessary model releases as well as rights usage for photos submitted, from the photographer or copyright holder. By submitting, you are assuring GRCVB has rights to display your photo on visitRaleigh.com for advertising purposes.



### Note regarding center of attention:

When uploading images to PIXL, please be mindful of where the center of attention is in your photograph. The system may crop your image for use in various spots online, though you have some control in PIXL of where the crop occurs.

### RUN-OF-SITE BANNER

- You must be responsible to secure necessary model releases as well as rights usage for photos submitted, from the photographer or copyright holder. By submitting, you are assuring GRCVB has rights to display your photo on visitRaleigh.com for advertising purposes.
- All title and body text will be edited using GRCVB's editorial style (modified Associated Press style). Consistent capitalization is a must.
- If the name of your business or organization is mentioned, it must match to the name on your current visitRaleigh.com listing or be an abbreviation thereof.
- Names of destinations/locations/places outside of Wake County cannot be mentioned on visitRaleigh.com.

### SPOTLIGHT TEXT LINK

- If the name of your business or organization is mentioned, it must match to the name on your current visitRaleigh.com listing or be an abbreviation thereof.
- Names of destinations/locations/places outside of Wake County cannot be mentioned on visitRaleigh.com.
- All text will be edited using GRCVB's editorial style (modified Associated Press style). Consistent capitalization is a must.

### HEADER IMAGE

- Must crop well for a horizontal profile, have a strong center of attention and be in focus. Please do not add filters (e.g., Instagram).
- Please do not add text to photos.
- Photographs must be authentic representations of your business and not be Photoshopped or manipulated to include unrealistic elements.
- Your business name (which will appear on the photograph) must match to the name on your current visitRaleigh.com listing.
- Type treatment will be according to visitRaleigh.com's style guidelines.
- You must be responsible to secure necessary model releases as well as rights usage for photos submitted, from the photographer or copyright holder. By submitting, you are assuring GRCVB has rights to display your photo on visitRaleigh.com for advertising purposes.

### ADDITIONAL HEADER AND PAGE SPONSOR IMAGE GUIDELINES

Because of placement on the site, the quality of these images is paramount.

- You may submit an image from your own library, provided the quality meets the standards of visitRaleigh.com.
- You are responsible for securing the rights from the photographer and/or model releases.
- If you do not have an image that meets these criteria and the GRCVB has photos of your business in its library, we will send you several options from which you may choose.



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## Advertising opportunities in Meetings Watch

visitRaleigh.com presents

**Meetings Watch**

Professionals • Summer 2025

**Welcomes New Tempo by Hilton**

recently added a new option for meeting professionals. The new Tempo by Hilton offers sleek rooms, spaces and a prime location, steps from major venues, things to do and dining. [READ MORE](#)

**1. Uniquely Raleigh: Gifts and Giveaways for Professional Clients**

Discover some of Visit Raleigh's favorite locally-sourced gifts and giveaways designed to delight meeting professionals while showcasing Raleigh's creative spirit. These unique touches have made our industry event activations feel even more special. [READ MORE](#)

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### RDU International Airport Summer 2025 Update



**Meetings Watch** is the Greater Raleigh CVB's quarterly curated email highlighting the latest industry developments and meetings news from throughout the capital city area. It's sent to 4,000+ meeting planners and clients of the Bureau's Sales and Destination Services departments.

**Meetings Watch** is the best way to reach a qualified, targeted meeting planner audience that represents potential business for the destination. Subscribers consist of planners who have hosted a meeting in the Raleigh area, have a future meeting planned for the destination or are considering the destination.

### MEETINGS WATCH SUBSCRIBERS

- North Carolina 30%
- Other U.S. 69%
- International 1%

### ADVERTISING RATES AND SPECIFICATIONS

- Style: Banner ad
- Character limit: 200
- Size: 570 x 80 pixels
- Image format: PNG, JPG
- Image size: 20k maximum
- Price: \$99

### SPACE RESERVATION DEADLINE

- 1st of month preceding publication date

### MATERIALS DEADLINE

- 5th of month of publication

### PUBLICATION DATE

- On or about the 20th, quarterly

For more information and to reserve space, contact Carly Delengowski, CGSP®, content marketing manager, at [cdelengowski@visitRaleigh.com](mailto:cdelengowski@visitRaleigh.com) or 919.645.2686.

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