Italy at its peak Inspiring traveler confidence in Courmayeur

How Courmayeur inspired visitors through the power of video advertising

Blanc, Courmayeur is one of the most beloved and coveted holiday resorts in the Italian Alps. Boasting breathtaking views and scenic ski slopes, it attracts visitors all-year-round, ranging from mountaineers to wellbeing lovers.

Located in the scenic upper Aosta Valley at 1224m,

Courmayeur is a secretive gateway guarded by Mont

With its unique position at the foot of the Mont

adrenaline seekers globally.

Blanc, the highest mountain of the Alps. Its iconic snow dome and glacier descent shared with France, render it an irresistible hub for skiers, hikers, and

pirational allure. Centered on a charming old village, its streets are lined with culinary hotspots, bars, and luxury boutiques that attract leisurely visitors and wellbeing lovers alike. Tourism peaks from December to April. Under a mantle of snow, its picturesque appeal soars to new heights in winter. It continues to attract sports fans well into the new season, as spring is ideal for both hiking and skiing.

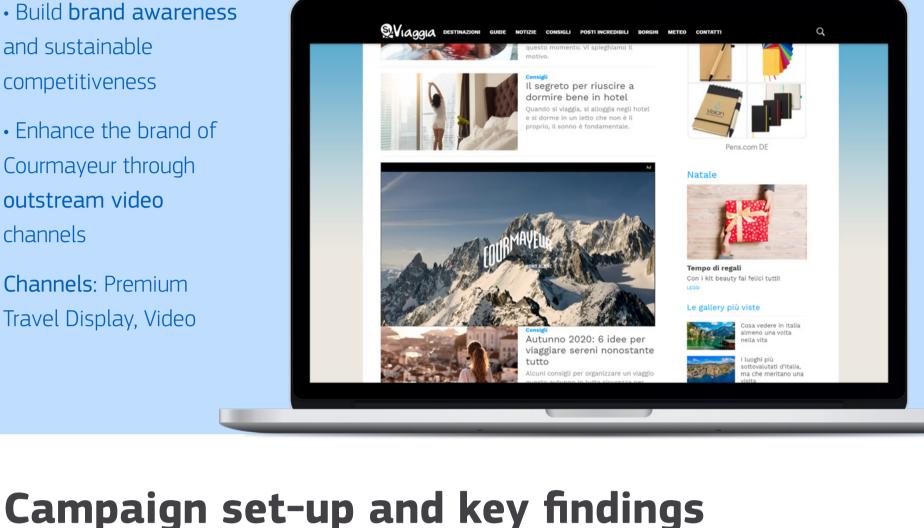
Honoring a rich tradition of gastronomy and well-

ness (spas are plenty), Courmayeur exudes an as-

Courmayeur awareness campaign 20/21 Between 1 December 2020 to 10 January 2021, Amadeus and Courmayeur teamed up to launch an awareness

campaign aimed at attracting new visitors, both locally and internationally. Following an imposed Covid-19 travel ban in the region, the focus of the campaign shifted toward keeping travelers' interest high and inspiring them, until it is safe for them to travel again. Main objectives for the campaign:

- and sustainable competitiveness Enhance the brand of
- Courmayeur through outstream video channels **Channels**: Premium
- Travel Display, Video



Amadeus also was able to identify audiences

The campaign was divided into two parts: display and video. By clicking on the ads, visitors would be directed to the official website of the destination Courmayeur.

Before launching the campaign, Amadeus analyzed online search behavior of travelers across Amadeus

Search Data and Online Travel Agency (OTA) partners. Our findings showed that there was still a strong desire to travel. However, due to pandemic travel restrictions

in 2020, the competition among destinations for attracting visitors has further increased during the season.

As a result, there was a stronger need for destinations to prepare into 2021.



vacationers, and those with travel intent to Courmayeur = Le Monde or neighboring region. Campaign type: Awareness campaign to inspire travelers to visit

the destination, once travel becomes possible and safe again. Channels: Premium Travel Video

Markets: Italy, France, UK, Scandinavia (Denmark,

Targeting: Sport lovers, adventure lovers, ski lovers,

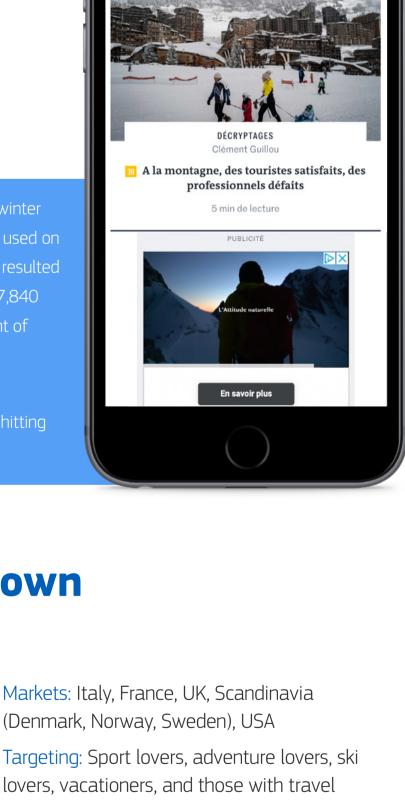
Norway, Sweden)

Unique reach (defined as number of unique users across devices who saw the ad during the campaign).

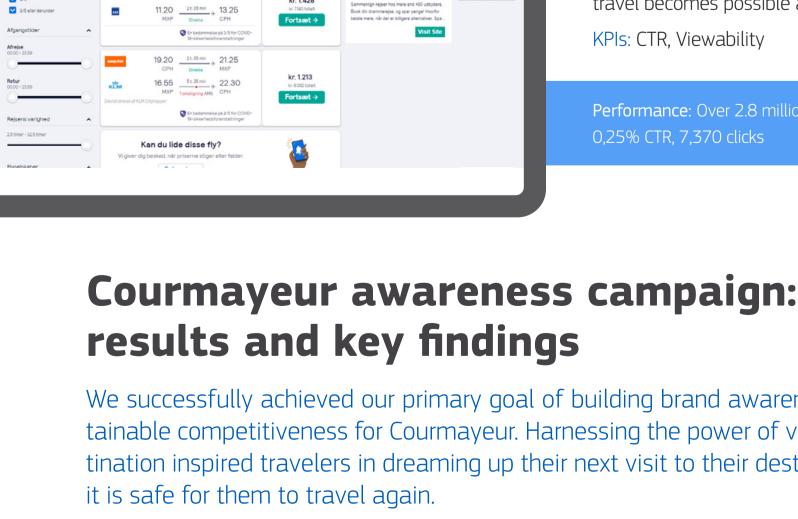
KPIs: CTR (click-through rate), Video Completion, Viewability and

impressions to Italy, later followed by France. The video attracted 21K clicks and hit a very good CTR of 1,55%. 60% across all markets.

Performance: Various customer segments of interests (e.g. travel, ski, winter sports) and visitors with travel intent to neighboring regions have been used on PUBLICITÉ \triangleright \times this campaign to attract the most suitable audience for the video. This resulted in the video receiving around 1.4 million impressions, among those 757,840 have been unique impressions, and we've allocated the highest amount of The viewability rate has been 89%, with video completion rate almost hitting Display Campaign Breakdown



Sikrere hoteller i Milano Campaign type: Awareness campaign to inspire travelers to visit the destination, once travel becomes possible and safe again. kr. 1.428



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Performance: Over 2.8 million impressions, 0,25% CTR, 7,370 clicks

intent to Courmayeur

or neighboring region.

KPIs: CTR, Viewability

We successfully achieved our primary goal of building brand awareness and sustainable competitiveness for Courmayeur. Harnessing the power of video, the destination inspired travelers in dreaming up their next visit to their destination, when

By applying agile campaign management and dynamic media planning, the Amadeus team regularly optimized toward best-performing KPIs. Early on in the campaign, they identified that video performed better than display in terms of CTR – thus, prompting the destination to shift their programmatic budget onto the video campaign. This resulted in video generating impressive results.

As part of Amadeus and through a broad network of partners, we access highly comprehensive privacy-compliant travel data. Through programmatic advertising and continuous optimization through proprietary algorithms, we were able to effectively identify, reach and target segments of travelers - from adventure travelers to ski lovers – as well as those searching for similar destinations, with high intent to travel.

By accessing these data sets, our findings also show that people are still searching for their next trip during lockdown. On this basis, by continuing to nurture traveler interest via compelling inspiration campaigns – powered by technology and based on insightful data – Courmayeur will be well positioned to

convert their ideal visitors, once travel becomes possible again. In fact, as of spring 2021, Courmayeur is already building on the success of the first campaign that ran in December 20 and January 21. By launching a second video campaign between March and April 21, not only do they aim to generate more brand awareness amongst target visitors, but also, to position Courmayeur as a leading destination for smart workers and digital nomads.

The case of Courmayeur indicates that DMOs who understand their potential visitors and run targeted campaigns to keep front-of-mind, can also continue to build on success during this recovery period. By reaching and inspiring potential visitors, destinations can continue to grow demand and successfully increase market share, while decreasing competition.