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### **Hotel Monaco Alexandria Décor**

**Alexandria, VA** — With the city's rich and storied history as a springboard, **Hotel Monaco Alexandria** pays homage to the past, but does so with a playful wink and a decidedly 21<sup>st</sup> century vibe. The look and feel of the luxury boutique hotel is lively and unexpected—just like today's Alexandria—a thriving community with hip new restaurants, inviting boutiques, arts and artists of all stripes. When it comes to style, the Monaco sets a new standard. Picture modern guestrooms subtly inspired by the crimson red and matte silver palette of a Civil War soldier's uniform. Then envision a warm and inviting fireplace painted in a chic leopard pattern in shades of ocher and black. Defined by exquisite details, vibrant colors, and plush textures throughout, Hotel Monaco Alexandria's décor offers guests a finely tuned blend of then and now, sophistication and comfort.

Located in the heart of historic Alexandria's Old Town neighborhood on King Street, the six-story red brick building now home to the Hotel Monaco underwent an extensive transformation in 2007. The hotel's interior makes its first distinct impression in the sumptuous lobby/living room, featuring interior design by the multi-award-winning Cheryl Rowley of Beverly Hills. Under the lobby's partially domed ceiling with decorative moldings, wood paneled walls are lacquered a bright Adriatic blue. Guests arriving at the registration desk—fashioned after a writer's desk and wrapped in sexy cardinal red leather—realize right away that this is no ordinary hotel.

Hardwood floors are stained deep ebony and partially covered with hand-tufted wool rugs in graphic patterns of ebony, taupe, golds, reds, and blues. Soft chairs and sofas—some exaggerated in scale—sport patterns from paisley to stripes. Set in conversational groupings, they invite guests to linger with a book or socialize, along with their very welcome pets, especially around the leopard painted façade of the fireplace. As guests mingle in the lobby, the King Street scene is visible through windows adorned with sheer linen stagecoach style Roman shades. And above it all, a stunning custom-made chandelier glows with multicolored silk pods and blown glass clusters of amber and olive green.

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Guestrooms and suites at the Hotel Monaco Alexandria play up juxtapositions of colors, details, and patterns subtly inspired by Union soldiers' uniforms with a palette of dark charcoal and cream, rich reds, vibrant orange and a touch of blue. Plush beds swathed in Kimpton's signature animal print Frette linens and soft throw blankets are framed with a swag of fabric draped over finials above the headboard. The 21<sup>st</sup> century amenities, including 37-inch flat screen LCD televisions and ergonomic work areas, are set against a backdrop of warm textured walls and plush charcoal and cream carpeting. On the walls, a whimsical mix of small portraits of Civil War soldiers and contemporary art evokes a sense of place, along with a comfortable side chair upholstered with patterns of a George Washington survey map. To top it all off, drapery valences echo the cuff of a tailored Union uniform jacket.

Four unique, two-level loft suites on the Monaco's fifth and sixth floors offer a taste of modern urban living, with natural light spilling in from tall windows that span both levels. Twenty-eight Monte Carlo rooms include outdoor balconies furnished with patio settees and tables overlooking the hotel's expansive outdoor courtyard. In keeping with the Monaco's signature attention to detail throughout every square inch of the hotel, elegant bathrooms in all guestrooms are appointed with callacatta marble vanities and decked out in palettes of warm white, charcoal and dark umber. For more information or to make reservations, please visit [www.monaco-alexandria.com](http://www.monaco-alexandria.com) or call 800-368-5047.

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