



INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

Visitor's tax – What is it and why is it charged?

Starting 1 January 2019, the City of Leipzig will charge a visitor's tax, will be used to finance some of the touristic infrastructure. The proceeds from the visitor's tax can only be used for facilities, systems and events with a touristic character.

The visitor's tax is charged in return for offering guests to the city the opportunity to use facilities and systems that are designed for touristic purposes and to attend events that are organised for touristic purposes.

Unlike an accommodation tax, it is not important why the guest is visiting the city of Leipzig.

Who is required to pay the visitor's tax?

Persons who book paid accommodation in the city, but are not residents, are required to pay visitor's tax. This means that persons booking accommodation due to business travel are also required to pay visitor's tax.

In which types of accommodation must visitor's tax be paid?

The types of accommodation include hotels, hostels, boarding houses, youth hostels, rooming houses, holiday apartments and houses, guest rooms, camp sites, parking spaces for caravans, ship and boat jetties and similar facilities.

How much is the visitor's tax and when is it payable?

The visitor's tax is €3.00 per person and day; the date of departure and arrival are counted as one day.

The visitor's tax is payable in the accommodation on the last day of residence in the city, so usually before departure.

Are there any reductions on visitor's tax?

The visitor's tax is reduced to €1.00 per person and night if the price for the accommodation does not exceed €30.00, including value-added tax.

Are there exemptions from the visitor's tax?

The following persons are exempted from visitor's tax:

- Children and adolescents up to the age of 18;
- Schoolchildren, students and apprentices aged between 18 and 25;
- Severely disabled persons with a degree of disability exceeding 50 percent, which must be confirmed by official documentation (disabled person's pass);
- Caregivers of severely disabled persons, provided that the necessity of accompaniment is confirmed by a certificate from a public health official, the disabled person's pass or notification from the pensions authorities;
- Persons suffering from an illness that prevents them leaving the accommodation, provided the person in question has presented a medical certificate confirming that they must remain in the accommodation.

How can an exemption from the visitor's tax be proven?

Children and adolescents up to the age of 18

Here it is sufficient for the parents or guardians to fill out the registration form and then confirm the details. It is important that when asked, an adult contact person (parent) can be named who can confirm that the guest who is exempted from the tax was a minor at the time of their stay.

Schoolchildren, students and apprentices aged 18 to 25

Here it is sufficient that they present their school, student or apprenticeship ID.

Severely disabled persons/caregivers

Here it is sufficient to present a disabled person's pass.

Important:

Please understand that the operator of your hotel is obliged to collect the visitor's tax from you and that you must fill out and sign the official registration form for the City of Leipzig. You will also be required to present proof if you wish to claim an exemption.

Where can you get more information about the visitor's tax in the City of Leipzig?

www.leipzig.de/gaestetaxe