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To the guests of the city of Goslar staying overnight

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Information on Tourist Tax

Dear guests of the city,

from 01 July 2019, a tourist tax was introduced in the entire area of city of Goslar. Before, it had been only existing in the town quarter of Hahnenklee as a health resort. Perhaps, you know such visitor taxes from other places, e.g. the North or Baltic Sea.

Within the scope of a change of law in Lower Saxony in 2017, also other so-called tourism communities were given the opportunity to levy such a tourist tax – the city of Goslar has now taken this opportunity. Please have a look at the website of the City of Goslar at www.gaestebeitrag.goslar.de to find the exact wording.

For many years, the introduction of such a tourist tax has been discussed in Goslar. Despite of information via the press and various informative events, it cannot be avoided that you may have booked your accommodation before the City of Goslar had taken the corresponding resolutions. We kindly ask for your comprehension that your hosts were not able to inform you about these additional costs before your booking – however, we would like to inform you about the new service advantages in relation with this guest card.

Here some detailed information:

Who may collect the tourist tax?

The City of Goslar may collect the tourist tax on the basis of a legally valid statutes. The council of the city voted for it as late as 21 May 2019. If you have questions on the procedure or handling of the tourist tax, please contact GOSLAR marketing Gmbh. It is located in the Tourist-Information at the market place of Goslar. Our employees are available for questions anytime during our opening hours.

What is the amount of the tourist tax?

In Goslar, the tax for an adult/night adds up to EUR 2.30. Children and young people are free. A reduced tax of EUR 1.15 is applied for participants in seminars, conferences or comparable events, if there has not been a general exemption from the tourist tax. In these cases, we recommend to arrange a prior agreement with GOSLAR marketing gmbh.





What is the tourist tax used for?

Visitors of Goslar may enjoy a large number of sights, as e.g. the World Heritage Mining Museum Rammelsberg, the Kaiserpfalz (Imperial Palace) and the Goslar Museum taking part in large number of great events. These produce costs which will be partly financed by the tourist tax. Those who pay the tax get a guest card with a ticket booklet which entitles to reductions in Goslar and the entire Harz mountains.

Who pays the tourist tax?

Der Tourist tax is paid by overnight guests who are no inhabitants of the city of Goslar. In Goslar, all adults are principally obliged to pay the tourist tax. However, the statutes include exemptions from this obligation, e.g. for persons staying overnight in Goslar for professional purpose. They are exempted. Further reasons for exemption can be found in § 3 of the statutes. People with severe disabilities and their accompanying persons are not exempted.

Please ask your host with regard to individual cases, and GOSLAR marketing gmbh is also available anytime to answer your questions. Persons who do not have to pay the tourist tax, do not receive a guest card entitling to benefits.

Where is the tourist tax paid?

After payment of the tourist tax directly to your host, he/she will pass the contributions directly to the City of Goslar.

Is there an obligation to pay the tourist tax and what will happen with the data?

Based on the tourist card statutes decided by the council, there is a legal obligation to pay the tourist tax. Furthermore, the payment of the fee is laid down in the Lower Saxon Law on Communal Taxes.

Data which are collected within the scope of issuing the guest card will be automatically deleted after 4 years according to the data protection guidelines.

What happens if no tourist tax is paid?

Those who are obliged to pay and stay overnight at a place submitted to the payment of tourist tax, but refuses to pay it, commits an administrative offense and has to expect to pay a fine. In general, this will be higher than the tourist tax and has to be paid in addition.

What advantage does the guest card include?

The host will hand out the guest card to persons submitted to pay the tourist tax. This guest card is at the same time a Harz- Guest Card and includes a large number of various benefits in Goslar and the entire Harz region. Some examples are listed in the guest card or the ticket booklet. Further benefits can be found online or in a separate flyer to the Harz-guest card.

Please contact in case of loss or damage of the valid guest card to GOSLAR marketing gmbh. The same applies, if you need an additional guest card.

We do hope, you will have used of the numerous benefits of your guest card at the end of your trip and wish you a pleasant stay in our World heritage City of Goslar!

With kind regards

Stadt Goslar and GOSLAR marketing gmbh

