

Important Information for our guests!

Concerning: City Art & Culture Tax

Dear Guest

Beginning from December 1st, 2014 the City of Cologne is collecting a new type of tax. The „City Art & Culture Tax“ amounting to 5% of the Accommodation-Rate. This concerns also reservations made before for the arrival date 01.12.2014.

This municipality tax is due for every paid overnight stay within the boundary of Cologne, irrespective of the accommodation being used or not. It is also applicable if no overnight stay occurs.

According to the municipality tax regulations it is the obligation of the hotels to collect the tax from its guests and pass it on to the City of Cologne.

Business overnight stays:

The City Cologne has suitable forms on the Internet under www.stadt-koeln.de, -> (Menüpunkt)"Kulturförderabgabe" to the download for – dependent employees (abhängig Beschäftigte), and – for businessmen and freelances (Gewerbetreibende und Freiberufler) provided.

If the guest did not like to pay the City art & Culture tax, he has to fill out the forms completely urgently. Besides, of the dependent employees are needing a signed certificate of his employer that he spends the night officially. On both forms the guest must declare his identity card or passport number, besides, the businessman or freelance must declare his tax identification number.

If the guest does not fill suitable forms, the city art & culture tax has to be added to the invoice by the hotel.

Concerning §11 of the statute the guest is able later, thus he was really on business in the town, this could not prove only at the time of the overnight stay which apply for request the payback of the city art and culture tax from the city of Cologne Latest with this application position the guest must give the completely satisfactory documents.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us should you have further questions.

Sincerely regards,

Your Hotel