



SOJOURN TAX INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

The Sojourn Tax, recently adopted by Ferrara Municipal Council (Council deliberation n° 17/87270 on 10/12/2012), comes into force on 1st June 2013.

PURPOSE OF THE SOJOURN TAX

As laid out in the Ferrara Municipal Council budget, the Sojourn Tax is collected to finance tourism and the maintenance, fruition and restoration of heritage and environmental assets, as well as local public services.

WHO PAYS THE SOJOURN TAX?

Guests over 18 years of age who are not legally resident in the Municipality of Ferrara and stay for at least one night in any receptive facility (hotels, B&Bs etc.) within the boundaries of the Municipality. The owners/managers of the receptive facility are charged with collecting the tax and providing the paying customer with a legal receipt. Failure to pay the Sojourn Tax will result in the sanctions provided for by law.

HOW MUCH DO I PAY?

The tax is calculated per person, per night, up to a maximum of five consecutive nights, in accommodation bands as follows:

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	TAX (€)	ACCOMMODATION TYPE	TAX (€)
1-star hotel	1.00	2-sun self-catering house/flat	1.00
2-star hotel	1.50	3-sun self-catering house/flat	1.50
3-star hotel	2.00	4-sun self-catering house/flat	2.00
4-star hotel	2.50	Campsite	Exempt
5-star hotel	3.00	Hostel	0.50
2-star tourist residence	1.50	Holiday home	0.50
3-star tourist residence	2.00	1-daisy farmstay	0.50
4-star tourist residence	2.50	2-daisy farmstay	0.50
Rented room	1.50	3-daisy farmstay	1.00
Self-catering apartment	1.50	4-daisy farmstay	1.50
Bed and Breakfast	1.50	5-daisy farmstay	2.00

WHO IS EXEMPT?

- Legal residents of Ferrara Municipality
- Minors up to the day of their 18th birthday
- Patients admitted to or hospitalized in local healthcare facilities for the purposes of care, treatment and/or surgery, including one night prior to the date of hospitalization and one night after discharge thereof
- The designated carers (maximum number 2) of patients admitted to or hospitalized in local healthcare facilities
- Persons being housed by the local health and welfare services in possession of the relevant certificates, including those in temporary accommodation following the 20th–29th May 2012 earthquake
- Coach drivers and tour guides who are legally assisting and accompanying tour groups organized by travel and tourism agencies. The exemption extends to all accompanying coach drivers and up to one guide per 18 registered visitors.
- Members of the national and local police forces (Military, Financial, State, Forestry, Penitentiary, Municipal, etc.) or fire services who are staying in the area in the course of their work
- Employees working in the receptive facility
- Volunteers offering their services in times of natural disaster or similar events



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