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THE TOURIST TAX
ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW.



CONCEPT

A tourist tax is payable by guests who spend the night on the territory of the commune of Chalais (villages of Vercorin, Chalais, Réchy and hamlet Briey), whatever the type of accommodation used. This tax is due in accordance with the municipal regulations on tourist taxes.

The receipts from the tourist tax are used in the interests of the taxable persons and help to finance tourism expenditure, in particular:

- the provision of information services (a tourist office and various information media);
- local activities (from weekly activities to special events);
- the creation and provision of tourist, cultural or sports facilities (pedestrian/didactic paths, cycling trails, winter hiking, mini golf, Creux du Lavioz, ...)

TOURIST TAX PER NIGHT FOR PROFESSIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels and all other forms of structured accommodation (residences, hostels, B&Bs, campsites, ...) collect a tourist tax amounting* to :

*CHF 3.- / adult per night
CHF 1.50 / child (6-16 years old) per night*

*mountain huts and refuges (incl. civil protection shelter)

*CHF 2.50 / adult per night
CHF 1.25 / child (6-16 years old) per night*

TOURIST TAX FOR SECOND HOMES

Every owner of a second home, non-domiciled in the commune of Chalais, pays an annual fee, which replaces the tourist tax per overnight stay.

All overnight stays are included in the annual fee, including those of occasional rentals. The annual fee is calculated on the basis of an average occupancy of 50 nights at CHF 2.50, i.e. CHF 125.- = 1 annual fee or one unit per household (UPH).

1 annual fee = CHF 125.-

The annual fee is due per property object, depending on the number of rooms converted into UPH, i.e.:

1 room, studio = 2 UPH = CHF 250
2 rooms = 2.5 UPH = CHF 312.50
3 rooms = 3.5 UPH = CHF 437.50
4 rooms = 4.5 UPH = CHF 562.50
5 rooms = 5.5 UPH = CHF 687.50
6 rooms and more = 6.5 UPH = CHF 812.50

Every owner of a second home, domiciled or non-domiciled in the commune of Chalais, who occasionally rents his accommodation to third parties is responsible for collecting the tourist taxes from the third parties (CHF 2.50/night adult, CHF 1.25/night child) and must forward the overstay night count to the tourist office for seasonal statistics.

The owner non-domiciled in the commune is authorised to keep the revenue from the tourist taxes collected from third parties for his own account.

However, the owner domiciled in the commune (not subject to the annual fee) must transfer the revenue from the tourist tax to the tourist office.

Seasonal rentals (more than 4 months), are assimilated to the situation of owners of second homes, who are taxed at an annual fee.

TAX EXEMPTION / SPECIAL CASES

The following persons are exempted from paying the tourist tax per night:

- children under the age of 6
- persons domiciled in the territory of the municipality of Chalais
- persons visiting a family member not subject to the payment of the tax. A member of the family is understood to be anyone that is related to the grandparents or primary grandparents, along with the partner
- schoolchildren, students and apprentices attending teaching establishments recognised and sponsored by the State of Valais during the school term

Are also exempted from the payment of tourist tax:

- accommodations rented to domiciled persons or seasonal staff subject to withholding tax if the rental exceeds 4 months
- up to 50% for housing located outside the building area more than 300 metres from a road open all year round to traffic



TOURIST TAX, WHAT FOR?

A service and collaborators at the disposal of guests:

- a reception and information desk
- brochures, maps and flyers
- a website
- a social media presence

Events and activities to be supported and/or organised (thanks to the work of the ad hoc committees), for example:

- weekly program of activities, the welcome drink
- Christmas, New year, Epiphany, Easter
- Carnival at Lavioz
- the tasting of local products, visits to the cowshed, visits to the apiary, the Brâme du Cerf
- Saveurs du Vallon
- the National Day at Lavioz
- The Vercorin stage of the Tour des Stations
- the Vercorin stage of the Grand Raid e-bike
- the Inalpe and Desalpe
- etc.

Infrastructures, currently financed entirely by the municipality, to be maintained/developed, in particular:

- 86.5 km of marked hiking trails
- 5 trail routes (TrailHotspot.ch)
- 59.1 km of bike trails
- 71.7 km of winter hiking trail (walking and snowshoe)
- 13.9 km of Rando Parc trail
- picnic areas
- the «Creux du Lavioz» leisure centre
- shuttle buses in the village in winter
- the tourist shuttle linking Vercorin to the Val d'Anniviers
- the Big Air Bag
- the mini golf



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