



INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY TAX FEE IN VILNIUS

We would like to inform you about a decision of majority vote by the Vilnius City Council approved the introduction of a tourist tax. The one-euro tax is slated to come into effect on 1 July 2018. The funds collected through the tourist tax will serve to increase Vilnius' international competitiveness and improve its tourism infrastructure to attract more people to the city.

Through the approval process the Council set forth specific directions for the use of the tax: to raise the visibility of the city, improve its international accessibility (e.g. flight development programmes), promote conference and business tourism, and increase the number of tourist attractions in Vilnius.

The Municipality Council agreed that the tax would be calculated from the number of overnight stays in the city. The amount of the charge per person per one-night stay proposed from July 2018 is €1.

This fee will be not applied to:

- patients for whom the medical rehabilitation services are paid from the budget of the National Health Insurance Fund;
- persons under 18 or older school pupils who have produced a pupil's certificate;
- disabled persons for whom a 0-40% working capacity has been established;
- long-term lease (1 month or longer); • those who intend to stay in Vilnius for a month or longer;

Also tourist groups booking at least 10 rooms will be exempt from the tax till 31st of December 2018. We would like to notice that the City tax fee is not included in to the room rate. The City Tax will be collected by the Vilnius City Council via accommodation providers and added to the bill. The accommodation providers have to transfer the tax and are authorised to claim the same amount of money from their guests in turn. Accommodation providers are defined as businesses that provide short-term overnight accommodation, such as hotels, guesthouses, private landlords, independent hostels, youth hostels and campsites.