

Introduction of a guest contribution (visitoir tax) in the municipality of Traben-Trarbach and in the local communities of Enkirch, Kröv and Reil as well as in the town of Traben-Trarbach from 1 March 2024

What is the regulation for bookings that are already scheduled for 2024 but do not yet include any additional costs for the guest contribution? Is an additional charge possible under current law?

The Traben-Trarbach municipal council and town council as well as the local municipal councils of Enkirch, Kröv and Reil have decided to introduce a guest contribution by means of statutes that came into force on 1 March 2024. The taxpayer is the overnight guest over the age of 16 staying for recreational purposes. The guest contribution is intended to maintain and further expand the existing tourist infrastructure and facilities that benefit local guests.

In return, the guest paying the contribution is issued with a guest card, which entitles them to various benefits (such as reduced admission prices or free visits to various facilities and offers).

You can find the individual benefits at

www.moselregion.com/service/mollie-guestcard.

Even if your host has not yet informed you of the future municipal guest contribution - possibly due to the relatively recent introduction of the guest contribution - this does not constitute a legal basis for cancelling your booking or asserting other claims against them.

The guest contribution is a municipal tax imposed by statute, which the host must collect and pass on to the guests on behalf of the municipality. In this respect, it is not a price component of the accommodation price (which would have to be included in accordance with the Price Indication Ordinance), but a tax that is completely independent of the accommodation price and the accommodation service, which the guest owes to the municipality and in respect of which the host has no legal obligation to inform the guest of this.

Thank you for your understanding and I wish you a pleasant stay in the municipality of Traben-Trarbach

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