



## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

(Translation from French\*)

In accordance with the Cantonal law on Tourism and in an effort to create a more competitive tourist destination for the Val d'Illeiez, the municipalities of Troistorrents-Morgins, Val-d'Illeiez-Champoussin-Les Crosets and Champéry have decided to unify their different tourist tax systems and to form one cohesive plan for regional tourism. This plan established, the villages must now harmonize the financial structure of this redefined offer (events, information, infrastructures). To this effect, a new set of tourist tax regulations was recently validated by the three municipal councils and their assemblies. These regulations will enter into effect as of January 1st, 2018, once the Valaisan Council of State gives the project its final stamp of approval.

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### **1. Principle**

A tourist tax is collected from any guest who spends the night in the Municipality of Troistorrents, regardless of the type of accommodation used. This tax is payable in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Regulations on Tourist Taxes.

The revenue from the Tourist Tax is used exclusively in the interest of the taxable persons and, in particular, contributes to the financing of :

- a) the operation of tourist reception and information services (tourist offices and/or information points) as well as the sales and booking platform managed by REGION DENTS DU MIDI SA
- b) local events and activities (from local events organized weekly to major, annual events)
- c) the creation and operation of tourist, cultural or sporting infrastructures (e.g. snowshoe trails, mountain bike trails, public transport, hiking trails etc.).

Some of the services provided by the tourist offices are free, others are paid ; however, the products of the present tourist tax do not cover the full costs of the services provided.

### **2. Tourist Tax for accommodations professionals**

Accommodations professionals (hotels, B & B's, rental agencies, etc.), with the exception of rental agencies managing second homes, collect a tourist tax in the amount of :

CHF 3.00 / per adult per night and CHF 1.50 / per child per night
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Guests of mountain huts and refuges pay CHF 2.00 / per adult per night and CHF 1.00 / per child per night.

The taxes collected shall be paid by the landlord or owner for the financing and continuous improvement of the abovementioned services.

### **3. Tourist Tax for second residence owners**

Owners of second residences situated within any one of the Val d'Illeiez municipalities shall pay the Tourist Tax in the form of a fixed-rate annual fee, which replaces the nightly Tourist Tax. This annual payment is intended to reduce administrative tasks and to eliminate the verification process. It includes all tourist overnights for the property, including occasional rentals or use by third parties. The annual fee is calculated based on the property's square metres as listed in the Land Registry

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## **Regional Regulations on Tourist Taxes (TS)**

office, taking into account the capacity for accommodation and an average occupancy rate of 50 days per year.

The amount per m<sup>2</sup> is set at CHF 8.50 down to CHF 6.50 depending on the size of the accommodations.

A degressive formula:  $y=8.50 - (x-20)/100$ , is used to account for extreme cases. Here, 'y' is equal to the cost per m<sup>2</sup> in francs and 'x' is equal to the size of the housing in m<sup>2</sup>.

A second residence owner who rents or lends his accommodations to guests may charge the guests the nightly Tourist Tax. The landlord or owner is entitled to keep the proceeds of this taxation.

### **4. Exemptions / Exceptions**

The following persons are exempted from payment of the Tourist Tax:

- a) Persons having legal primary residence in a territory in which the Tourist Tax is levied;
- b) Immediate family members staying in a relative's primary residence. 'Immediate family' includes the resident's parents, children, siblings and their spouses;
- c) Children under 6 years of age (children from 6 to 17 years of age pay a half-price tax);
- d) Students and apprentices attending educational establishments recognized and subsidized by the State of Valais during the school period;
- e) Other specific cases (pensioners, civil protection service, youth 'J&S' sports camps)

### **5. MULTIPASS – PORTES DU SOLEIL**

The Multipass, a commercial offer available throughout the Portes du Soleil in summer, is available to all guests of the destination.

- The payment of the Tourist Tax to a professional host entitles the guest to purchase a daily Multi Pass for the duration of his or her visit.

- The annual payment of the flat-rate Tourist Tax entitles property owners to a certain number of reduced-price Portes du Soleil Season Multi Passes, depending on the accommodation capacity of the property.

(Details concerning this offer will be communicated later)

### **6. Miscellaneous**

By paying the tourist tax, the host not only conforms with Swiss Tourist Tax laws, he or she also benefits from free tourist services and actively contributes to the development of the local tourist industry, both within the village in which his or her property is situated and also in the REGION DENTS DU MIDI.

### **7. Contact**

Commission intercommunale sur les taxes touristiques à adresser aux administrations communales de Troistorrents, Val-d'Illeiez ou Champéry.