

VACATION 2025: TOP DESTINATIONS INCREASE THE TOURIST TAX



In many countries, tourists are required to pay a tourist tax. This tax is typically charged per person and night, though in some cases, it may be assessed per bed or calculated as a percentage of the accommodation costs. As a result, the tax amount varies from one-holiday destination to another.

In the years following the COVID-19 pandemic, tourism has surged, leading many cities and holiday resorts to experience the challenges of mass tourism. **Consequently, numerous countries have raised their tourist taxes.** As a result, the cost of next year's planned vacation may be more expensive than initially expected.

Greece Implements a Tough Fee for 2025

How much will the new tourist tax be, and which holiday resorts will it affect? Starting in 2024, Greece has implemented a new climate tax that increases the cost of holidays by up to ten euros per day during the high season, which runs from March to October. This tourist tax varies based on the hotel category and travel time.

- One- to two-star hotels: 1.50 euros per night
- Three-star hotels: 3 euros per night
- Four-star hotels: 7 euros per night
- Five-star hotels: 10 euros per night
- Apartments: 1.50 euros per night
- Detached houses and more luxurious buildings: 10 euros per night

During the low season, from November to February, the levy increases from 0.50 euros to a maximum of four euros. The proceeds will benefit disaster relief efforts.

Entry Fee in the UK in 2025

Great Britain is taking steps to address mass tourism. As a result, starting in spring 2025, many travelers will face higher entry costs. According to the UK Home Office, a new entry visa, the Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA), will be required from April 2025.

The ETA will cost £10 and permit multiple visits to the UK for stays of up to six months each within two years. Since the ETA is linked to the passport, travelers must obtain a new visa if it expires.

Record Tax for Tourists in Amsterdam

Starting in 2024, a new and higher tourist tax was introduced for Amsterdam visitors. Previously, travelers only had to pay a seven percent tax on their hotel price per night, but this rate has increased to 12.5 percent.

Those arriving by ship, such as on cruise liners, will face even higher charges. This change is part of the city government's budget plan, and the additional revenue is intended to benefit the city and help manage the effects of mass tourism.

Venice Doubles the Fee in 2025

Visiting the popular city of Venice is becoming increasingly costly for tourists. **Since April 2024, day visitors must pay an admission fee of five euros to enter the city.** This fee is set to double in 2025, applying on 54 days between April 18 and July.

Additionally, there are new regulations for tourist groups visiting Venice. Groups with guides must now be limited to a maximum of 25 people. Those who do not adhere to this rule may face fines of several hundred euros.

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