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Turist VAT indføres i Tanzania

Med meget kort varsel har den Tanzanianske regering per 1. juli indført en 18% merværdiskat på aktiviteter i turist industrien som tidligere har været undtaget for afgift.

Dette har medført stor forvirring blandt de mange operatører i landet da mange endog ikke er VAT registreret og derfor har vanskeligt ved at ligge merværdiafgiften. Ligeledes har der været usikkerhed med ligningen bl.a de gæster som har betalt deres besøg måneder i forvejen.

Her er uddrag af anbefalinger for gæster i Tanzania:

- if you have already paid for a safari in Tanzania, it is likely that your tour operator will ask for an additional payment, due to recently introduced changes to Tanzania's VAT laws. This isn't the fault of your tour operator – these changes were imposed by the Tanzanian government.
- the 18% VAT is now added to ground transportation, guiding fees, park fees, and camping fees (if applicable). Besides road transfers, water-based safaris and hot-air balloon landing fees also fall under 'ground transportation'. Birdwatching falls under 'guiding fees', and 'camping fees' include both the normal camping fees and special camping fees that apply to tented camps. VAT also now applies to wildlife viewing packages offered by accommodations.
- VAT is already charged on accommodation (hotels/lodges/camps), which normally make up a big part of your trip (meaning that it should have already been included in your original payment for your safari).
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- if you are asked to pay extra be sure and request a full breakdown on where and what you are paying. The additional cost may include the 18% VAT on park fees, transportations, guiding service and camping fees. It should not include other safari services.
- please note that simultaneous to the introduction of new VAT charges, the Ngorongoro park fee was also increased \$10 per person and an additional \$50 per vehicle. Government imposed park fee increases are generally not included in the price that you've paid for your safari.

Vi arbejder på at få afklaret problemstillingen inden for disse områder:

Safari:

For nærværende pålignes der ikke afgift for rejser bestilt før 1. juli.

Trekking:

Priserne forhøjes sandsynligvis med 4-18% på udvalgte elementer også for ordrer afgivet før 1. juli. Se også ovenstående.

Strand, Wellness, Dykning:

Så vidt vi er orienteret berører det ikke Zanzibar, og for Mafia afventer vi endelig priser men indikationen er en beskeden regulering.

Vi beklager selvfølgelig udviklingen og orienterer de berørte klienter direkte når vi har modtaget de endelige tal.

Man kan læse mere her:

<http://www.eturbonews.com/72452/tanzania-value-added-tax-spreads-national-parks>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/destinations/africa/tanzania/articles/tanzania-vat-hike-sends-safari-industry-into-pandamoneum/>

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