

TIPPING ETIQUETTE AROUND THE WORLD



U.S.A.

In the U.S., tipping people in the service industry is a given. Restaurant servers, taxi drivers, hair stylists and hotel porters, all expect to receive a tip for a job well done.

TIP: 15 - 20%

MEXICO

TIP: 10 - 15%

Cash is preferred, and

dollars are accepted.

U.K.

In most parts of the country service charges are included, if not then a tip is excepted. Watch out for an "optional" charge, if you see this and accept it then a tip is not required. Additionally, tipping in a pub is not customary.

TIP: 10 - 15%

CANADA

Like the U.S., gratuity is not included unless you're with a large party. Therefore, tips are expected when eating out or being helped by someone in a service industry.

TIP: 15 - 20%

SWITZERLAND

Although most places include a 15% service charge, leaving an additional small tip in fancier places is also customary. It all depends on the service. If in doubt add a tip, or ask a friendly local.

TIP: 15%

GERMANY

Adding a tip onto the bill at any restaurant or bar is standard custom. Dollars are accepted, but euros are appreciated.

TIP: 10-15%

TURKEY

At restaurants a 10% or more is appreciated. However, they only accept cash. Dollars, euros, in addition to lira are all accepted.

TIP: 10%

ITALY

Leaving a tip as close to 10% is custom, but no more. Interestingly, when taking a ride on the canal, tipping gondoliers isn't customary. When tipping, euros are much appreciated.

TIP: 10%

CHINA

The rule in China is no tipping whatsoever. If you can't help it, tip when being given exceptional or luxurious service.

TIP: No tip

JAPAN

While 90% of the time Japan is a non-tipping society, certain services may appreciate a tip. Additionally, they prefer receiving yen.

TIP: No tip

AUSTRALIA

Tipping was not the norm twenty years ago, but now it is customary to leave a tip for good service.

TIP: 10% - 15%

FRANCE

The locals in France usually tip up to 10% when dining out. That is additional to the standard service charges you will typically see. Visitors, on the other hand, are not expected to tip, unless service is excellent.

TIP: 10%

BRAZIL

No additional tips are expected in most cases. At restaurants a 10% service charge is typically added to the bill.

TIP: No tip

EGYPT

In most places an additional 5-10% tip should be added on top of the tip that is already on the bill. Dollars are often preferred to local currency.

TIP: 5% - 10%

INDIA

At more modest establishments a few rupees will do. Double check that places don't include a 10% service charge before tipping. Dollars are not

SOUTH KOREA

Tips are never expected

of tourists, especially in

porters will accept the

restaurants. Hotel

usual \$1 per bag,

however.

TIP: No tip

preferred.

TIP: 15%

TIP: 10%

ARGENTINA

well appreciated.

recommended.

In restaurants that do

not tack on a service

charge, a rounding up

and adding a 10% tip is

Dollars, however, are not

Additionally, for a hotel porter 10 pesos will do.

TIPPING IN THE UNITED STATES

RESTAURANTS & BARS

WAITER / WAITRESS:

15% of bill for adequate; 20% for very good service; no less than 10% for poor service

SOMMELIER, OR WINE

STEWARD:

15% of cost of the bottle.

BARTENDER:

15-20% of the tab. with a minimum of 50 cents per soft drink, \$1 per alcoholic drink.

COATROOM ATTENDANT:

\$1 per coat.

PARKING VALET OR GARAGE ATTENDANT:

\$2 to bring your car to you.

DAILY LIFE

TAXI DRIVER:

Varies depending on locality. Assume 15% will be enough; an extra \$1 to \$2 for help with bags.

FOOD DELIVERY:

10% of the bill, at least \$1 for bills up to \$10. Should tip 15-20% for a difficult delivery.

BARBER:

15-20%, minimum \$1, for a haircut. For other services (shampoo, shave or manicure) tip \$1 to \$2 to service provider.

SPA SERVICE (E.G., MASSAGE):

15-20%. If service is provided by the owner, no tip is required.

STAFF AT COFFEE/FOOD RETAILERS WITH TIP JARS:

Tips are optional

TRAVEL

SKYCAP AT AIRPORT:

\$1 per bag if you check-in curbside. \$2 per bag if skycap takes bags to check-in counter.

HOTEL DOORMAN:

\$1 per bag for help with luggage, \$1 per person for halling a cab.

HOTEL BELLHOP:

\$1 per bag for bringing luggage.

HOTEL HOUSEKEEPER:

\$2 to \$5 per night.

HOTEL CONCIERGE:

\$5 for getting you tickets or reservations (\$10-plus if they're hard to get). No tip required when you ask for directions.



