



Do I Need to Tip Everyone!?

Today it seems like everywhere we turn there is a jar with a tip sign or a hand out looking for a tip. According to Judith Martin, aka Miss Manners, tipping really did not become a custom in the USA until the twentieth century. In some countries, it is considered demeaning if you give a tip, so when traveling outside of the USA, be sure to check first. Tipping is a way to reward for a job that has been done well. In some cases, it is a very necessary part of a person's pay, such as for servers in a restaurant. But in general, it is up to each individual to decide when a tip is warranted. Here are some general guidelines.

Restaurant

- ✓ Tip the server 15-20% of the bill. If you have a bottle of wine and the waiter handles the bottle, include the cost of the wine in the tip. If there is a wine steward, you should tip 8% of the cost of the wine to the wine steward.
- ✓ Tip \$1 per coat to the coat check attendant.
- ✓ Tip the maitre d' if you were given choice seating or had other special attention
- ✓ Tip \$2-\$3 to the valet parker

Taxi

- ✓ Tip 15-20% of the cost of the ride. If you have luggage which the driver loads into the car, add \$1-\$2 per bag.
- ✓ If you are in an area where drivers are paid by zone, simply round up to the nearest dollar. If you are caught in a traffic jam, add an extra tip on top of the rounding up.

Hotel

- ✓ Tip \$3-\$5 to a bellhop for bringing a suitcase to your room.
- ✓ Tip 20% of the room service bill.
- ✓ Leave \$1-\$2 per day on the dresser for the housekeeper. If you wait until the end of the stay to do this, it may not go to the person who cleaned most of the days.
- ✓ Tip \$1-\$2 to the doorman who gets a cab for you. Increase the amount if the doorman had to stand in the rain or snow, for example, to find a cab for you.
- ✓ Tip \$1-\$2 to the person who brings your car out of the garage.

Hair Salon

- ✓ Tip 20% to your hairdresser/cutter at a higher end salon and 10% at a more modest place.
- ✓ Tip \$1-\$2 to the shampoo person.
- ✓ Tip 15% to a manicurist, massage therapist and other salon employees.
- ✓ If your hairdresser, manicurist, massage therapist, etc. owns the salon, ask when you make your appointment if it is appropriate to tip the person.

Service Technicians/Delivery People

- ✓ Companies such as Comcast and Verizon have policies that forbid their technicians from accepting tips for the work they do.





The International School of Protocol

Business and Social Etiquette Courses

- ✓ Tipping furniture/appliance delivery people, movers and other workers is acceptable and kind. the amount of the tip will vary depending on how long it takes to complete the job, but the range should typically be \$10-\$50.

If you receive service that is not very good, it is generally better to tip less than not at all. Remember, that the person may just be having a bad day. It is fine to let the person know why the tip is lower. If you can afford to, increase the tips you give. It may mean only an extra \$1 or \$2 for you, but it might really make a difference for the recipient.

