

# When Should I Tip?

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Never tip in these countries:

- Japan
- Korea
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- Thailand
- United Arab Emirates
- Vietnam



## It's the question every traveler asks.

In some countries around the world, you never have to tip. But in most countries—at least 180 of them—tipping is customary, and the rules can be quite complicated.

### Restaurants

In the U.S., restaurant servers expect a tip of 15 to 20% of the check—depending on how satisfied you are with the service. In most other countries, however, it's about 10%. In the U.S., you leave your tip on the table. But in Austria and Germany, it's considered rude if you don't hand the tip directly to the server.

In Europe, restaurants almost always add a service charge to the check, so you don't need to leave a separate tip. But in the U.S., a service charge is only added for groups of six or more people. So it's a good idea to look carefully at your check!

### Taxis

In the U.S. and Canada, taxi drivers expect a tip of 15% of the taxi fare. However, in South America and many European countries, you don't usually tip taxi drivers. Instead, you can round off the fare and say, "Keep the change." (For example, if the fare is 3.80 euros, you just round it off to 4 euros.)

### Hotels

What about the porter who carries your luggage? In Australia, you tip about AUS \$3 (US \$2) per bag. But in most countries, a tip of about US \$1 is fine. You can also leave about US \$1 to \$2 a day for the housekeeper who cleans your hotel room.

So check the Internet for information on tipping customs before you travel. And remember: You *never* have to tip if the service is terrible.



1. Is tipping customary in America and France?
2. Should we tip in Korea and Malaysia?
3. Can you leave the tip on the table in the US?
4. In which countries should you never leave a tip on the table?
5. In which countries do they almost always add a service charge to restaurant bills?
6. How much do you have to tip taxi drivers in the US and Canada?
7. Do you tip taxi drivers in Europe and South America?
8. Who expects a U.S. \$1 or \$2 tip in most countries where tipping is customary?

