

When you're abroad, trying to find out who to tip is never straightforward and neither is trying to work out the exact amount. To make things even more complicated, the rules for tipping vary greatly from country to country. Even people from the same country can't agree on how much to tip. However, here are some general guidelines which might help the traveler.

You face your first **dilemma** as soon as you land at the airport - the taxi ride. Taxi drivers generally do expect tips, but rather than there being a precise amount, people round up the fare, or just tell the driver to keep the change.

Your next encounter is with the hotel porter and you know he's expecting a tip, but the problem is trying to figure out how much. It seems that in many European countries €3 - €5 would be an appropriate amount.

Then, of course, you have to eat. In some countries such as Ireland, Chile, Poland and Portugal, the customary tip in restaurants is 10 - 15% unless a service charge is included, so the first rule of thumb is always check the bill. In other countries such as France, Italy, Germany, Australia and Spain, where a **10-15%** service charge is either very common or compulsory, you may want to leave an additional tip if you think the service was particularly good, but **it** certainly isn't obligatory. However, in some countries it may seem strange if you do leave a tip. In Iceland, for example, the waitress might be **insulted** if you tipped her. In Japan, if you left a tip, the restaurant staff wouldn't be offended, but you would probably be pursued down the street by someone trying to return your money. And in New Zealand, although it's unlikely anyone would chase after you, you'd definitely get some odd looks if you left a tip.

And your problem with tipping isn't over when you leave the restaurant. Next you discover the tour guide, the hairdresser and the toilet attendant are all expecting a tip, but again, how much? Perhaps the best option in these cases is to ask the local people what is acceptable or observe what others do. Of course, you could simply play safe and tip everyone you meet!

Question 1: What can be the best title for the passage?

- A. The Culture of Tipping in Europe
- B. International Tipping Etiquette
- C. Unusual Tipping Habits
- D. Rules for Tipping in Restaurants

Question 2: The word **dilemma** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. problem
- B. fortune
- C. advantage
- D. risk

Question 3: Which of the following is mentioned as a problem with tipping for travelers?

- A. The amount is included in the bill.
- B. Tipping is obligatory in many countries.
- C. They need to tip everyone they meet.
- D. They don't know how much is appropriate.

Question 4: The word **it** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. service
- B. tip
- C. charge
- D. bill

Question 5: The word **insulted** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to.....

- A. alienated
- B. amused
- C. delighted
- D. offended

Question 6: According to paragraph 4, people in which country would return the money if given a tip?

- A. Iceland
- B. Japan
- C. New Zealand
- D. France

Question 7: When they have problems with tipping, travelers are advised to.....

- A. observe other people
- B. tip local people
- C. ask their tour guide
- D. check the bill

Question 8: It can be inferred from the passage that.....

- A. tipping customs round the world are quite different.
- B. it's customary to leave a tip in restaurants in Iceland.
- C. most hotel porters in Europe don't receive a tip.
- D. people in many countries have similar tipping habits.

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