

Tipping Standards

Tipping is very common in the U.S., more so than in many other countries. As a result, it is important to realize that because tipping is so common, the people who are tipped usually receive a smaller salary. They (and their employers) consider their tips to be part of their income. Not tipping can hurt the worker, not the employer.

If you think the service was poor, you do not have to tip. In restaurants, it is important to note that some restaurants will add the tip, or —“gratuity” to your bill you have over 6 people in your group. This will range from 15%-20%. It is usually indicated ahead of time in the menu and then stated again on the bill. If gratuity has already been added, you do not have to add any more, unless the service was outstanding.

A helpful reminder: TIPS stands for "**To Insure Proper Service**"

Typical tipping structures:

Taxis: 15% - 20% is typical; slightly more if you have luggage

Restaurants: 15%-20% is typical; 20% for excellent service

Bars: \$1 per drink, but if they ignore you or are very slow to provide service, then tip less.

Food delivery: \$3 - these people make much less than bartenders - be nice to them!

Haircuts/Beauty Salon/Spa: 10%-20%

Valets: (who park your car): \$2-3; if you go to a really fancy restaurant, tip \$5

Bell Hops: (at some hotels) who will help carry your bags to your room. Tip \$2 per bag

Coat Check: \$1 per coat