Variables:

var total = 0.0  
val minCost = 0.0

var cost = readln().toDouble()

var tax = .025

var tip = .175

var taxFormat = DecimalFormat("$###,###,###.00")  
var taxTotal = taxFormat.format(tax)

var formatTax = DecimalFormat("$###,###,###.00")  
var totalTax = formatTax.format(total)

var formatTip = DecimalFormat("$###,###,###.00")  
var tipTotal = formatTip.format(tip)

var totalFormat = DecimalFormat("$###,###,###.00")  
var totalTotal = totalFormat.format(total)

Process:

fun main(args: Array<String>) {  
 println("This program will ask you to enter the cost of your items, until you enter 0.")  
 println("Enter the cost of your items: ")  
 readln().toDouble()  
 var total = 0.0  
 val minCost = 0.0  
 do {  
 println("Enter the cost of your items: ")  
 var cost = readln().toDouble()  
 cost += cost  
 total += cost  
 } while (cost > minCost)  
 var tax = .025  
 tax \*= total  
 var taxFormat = DecimalFormat("$###,###,###.00")  
 var taxTotal = taxFormat.format(tax)  
 println("Total taxes: $taxTotal")  
 total += tax  
 var formatTax = DecimalFormat("$###,###,###.00")  
 var totalTax = formatTax.format(total)  
 println("Total + taxes: $totalTax")  
 var tip = .175  
 tip \*= total  
 total += tip  
 var formatTip = DecimalFormat("$###,###,###.00")  
 var tipTotal = formatTip.format(tip)  
 println("We recommend leaving a 17.5% tip which will leave a tip of: $tipTotal")  
 total += tip  
 var totalFormat = DecimalFormat("$###,###,###.00")  
 var totalTotal = totalFormat.format(total)  
 println("Your total cost will be: $totalTotal")  
}