Hi Daniil,

In Russia, it is not common to leave tips, but some people leave between 10% and 20% of the total order cost. Waiters strive to provide high-quality service in the hope that the customer will leave a tip. Even though tipping is not common, people always strive to be polite to each other.

Words like 'thank you,' 'sorry,' and 'please' are always appropriate, especially when interacting with unfamiliar individuals. You might encounter this person again, and perhaps they will invite you to dinner, so rudeness during your first meeting is certainly not beneficial. If you've been invited to dinner, you can bring a dessert with you, as usually all the main dishes are prepared before your arrival.

In our country, everyone is very friendly and willing to help even a stranger in need, so don't stand aside if you see someone in trouble. Always respect others and avoid getting into arguments over trivial matters. Don't drink tea on Nevsky Prospect and don't agree to take photos with street performers.

Best wishes,  
Sergey