

SMARTERTRAVEL TIPPING GUIDE

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A NOTE ABOUT GRATUITIES



Gratuities are typically a percentage of the total amount of the service added onto the bill at restaurants, spas, and salons.

Generally, the amount of the gratuity is left up to the customer to decide based on the quality of the service received, though there are standard guidelines.

While travelers may choose to penalize very poor service with no tip, most experts agree that at least the minimum gratuity should be included with payment, and management notified of the errors. Occasionally, a gratuity will already be included on the final bill.

Usually, large parties at restaurants incur an automatic gratuity, and some spa and cruise services add a standard tip to the total before the bill is presented to the customer. If this is the case, it is not necessary to add any extra gratuity, although patrons wishing to reward exceptional service may certainly do so.

QUICK REFERENCE

10%	\$1	\$1.50	\$2	\$50	\$100
15%	\$3	\$4.50	\$6	\$60	\$120
20%	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$80	\$150
25%	\$5	\$7.50	\$10	\$100	\$200
	\$2	\$3	\$4	\$40	\$80
	\$1	\$1.50	\$2	\$20	\$40
	\$1.50	\$2.25	\$3	\$30	\$60
	\$2	\$3	\$4	\$40	\$80
	\$2.50	\$3.75	\$5	\$50	\$100
	\$3	\$4.50	\$6	\$60	\$120
	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$80	\$160
	\$5	\$7.50	\$10	\$100	\$200
	\$6	\$9	\$12	\$120	\$240
	\$7	\$10.50	\$14	\$140	\$280
	\$8	\$12	\$16	\$160	\$320
	\$9	\$13.50	\$18	\$180	\$360
	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$200	\$400
	\$11	\$16.50	\$22	\$220	\$440
	\$12	\$18	\$24	\$240	\$480
	\$13	\$19.50	\$26	\$260	\$520
	\$14	\$21	\$28	\$280	\$560
	\$15	\$22.50	\$30	\$300	\$600
	\$16	\$24	\$32	\$320	\$640
	\$17	\$25.50	\$34	\$340	\$680
	\$18	\$27	\$36	\$360	\$720
	\$19	\$28.50	\$38	\$380	\$760
	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$400	\$800
	\$21	\$31.50	\$42	\$420	\$840
	\$22	\$33	\$44	\$440	\$880
	\$23	\$34.50	\$46	\$460	\$920
	\$24	\$36	\$48	\$480	\$960
	\$25	\$37.50	\$50	\$500	\$1000

CRUISES



Many cruise lines will cover the topic of tipping in their FAQ section of their website. This is where you can learn if gratuities are included in the cost of your cruise.

Most cruise lines automatically add about \$15-\$20 per person, per day, to your onboard bill at the end of the trip to cover tips. These gratuities go into a pool that's split between the people you'd typically tip (like waiters and housekeeping staff.)

If an employee went above and beyond for you on a cruise, you can tip them a bit extra at the end of your voyage to show your appreciation.

TOURS



WHO?	HOW MUCH?	WHEN?
Tour Guide	10%-20% total cost of tour	At the end of the tour
Tour Bus Driver	\$5-\$10 per person	At the end of the tour

TRANSPORTATION



Curbside Luggage Check	\$1-\$2 per bag	When handing over your bags
Wheelchair Attendant	\$3-\$5	When attendant is leaving
Airport Shuttle Driver	\$2-\$5	At the end of ride
Taxi Driver	15%-20%	At the end of ride

RESTAURANTS



WHO?	HOW MUCH?	WHEN?
Waiter/Waitress	20%	End of the meal
Bartender	\$1 per beer \$2 per cocktail	When attendant is leaving

HOTELS



Housekeeping	\$2-\$5 per night	Daily
Bellhop	\$2-\$5 per bag	When your bag is dropped off in your room
Valet	\$2-\$5	When dropping off/picking up car
Concierge	\$10-\$50 depending on service provided	After concierge helps you or at end of stay
Doorman	\$1-\$2 for hailing a cab	Immediately
Front Desk Clerk	\$10-\$20 tip could score you an upgrade	When checking in
Room Service	15%-20%	When food is delivered
Butler	5% of nightly room rate	At end of your stay