

THE GLOBAL TIPPING GUIDE: NAVIGATING GRATUITY ACROSS 30 COUNTRIES

THE AMERICAS: HIGH STAKES & MANDATORY NORMS



18 – 25% FOR US DINING

In the U.S., tipping is effectively mandatory as servers earn sub-minimum wages; anything under 15% signals major dissatisfaction.



CANADA'S AUTO-GRATUITY RULE

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CASH IS ESSENTIAL IN ARGENTINA

While a 10% tip is customary, most card machines do not support gratuity, making local currency cash a requirement.

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EUROPE: SERVICE INCLUDED



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Most European bills include service; a 5–10% additional tip or "rounding up" is polite but rarely expected.



GERMANY'S VERBAL TIPPING

Rather than leaving cash on the table, tell the server the total amount you wish to pay including the tip.



THE UK EXCEPTION

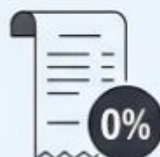
While Europe is generally relaxed, higher-end UK restaurants are increasingly adopting American-style 10–15% tipping expectations.

ASIA: EXCELLENCE IS THE DEFAULT



TIPPING CAN BE OFFENSIVE

In Japan and South Korea, leaving a tip is often viewed as rude or confusing, as high-quality service is the cultural standard.



SINGAPORE'S ZERO-TIP POLICY

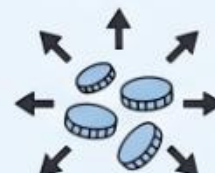
A 10% service charge is automatically added to bills, making additional tipping unnecessary and uncommon.



SOUTHEAST ASIA'S TOURISM SHIFT

Unlike East Asia, Thailand and Vietnam have adopted a 10% tipping norm in tourist areas and upscale venues.

MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA & OCEANIA



THE BAKSHEESH CULTURE

In Egypt and Morocco, small tips (baksheesh) are expected for everything from bathroom attendants to parking helpers.



SOUTH AFRICA'S 10–15% STANDARD

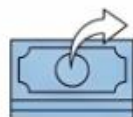
Waitstaff rely on tips similarly to the US; it is also customary to tip car guards ZAR 5–10.



OCEANIA'S OPTIONAL APPROACH

Hospitality workers in Australia and New Zealand earn fair wages; tipping is purely for exceptional service and never required.

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CASH REMAINS KING

In most countries, cash tips ensure the money goes directly to the worker without processing fees or tax delays.



AVOID "HOME CURRENCY" TIPS

Always tip in the local currency to avoid creating an exchange hassle for the service provider.



SCAN FOR SERVICE KEYWORDS

Look for "Servis Ücreti" (Turkey) or "Taxa de Serviço" (Brazil) on the bill to see if you have already paid for service.