

TIPPING

The following are suggested amounts for tipping in various situations. For any tipping scenario you are always welcome to tip more. If you're unsure whether someone accepts tips, ask: "Do you accept tips?"

EVERYDAY TIPPING

WHO/ WHERE	TIP	NOTES
Barista	Discretionary; change for the tip jar or \$1 or \$2 is fine.	This is an up-to-you tip, not a mandatory tip. But remember, all tipping helps those who are working.
Bartender	\$1 to \$2 per drink or 10 to 20% of your tab	The bare minimum is \$1 per drink. Anything more is up to you, and is always appreciated, especially for someone who is making complex drinks. If you didn't like the service, leave a \$1 tip and speak to the manager.
Caterer	15 to 20%	Be sure to check your contract, as the gratuity may already be included. If the caterer has a waitstaff, tip the caterer the entire amount. If you hire separate waitstaff, tip them on top of the agreed-upon service (usually 15 to 20% is tipped to the whole group).
Coat check	\$1 to \$5 per item	Tip is given when you retrieve your items.
Counter service	Discretionary (usually change from the transaction or \$1 or \$2).	While you may sit and dine in the establishment, if they aren't serving you at the table, the tip is discretionary. You can always tip more for larger or complicated orders.
Rideshares/ Uber/Lyft	10 to 20%	Tipping is no longer optional; it's standard. Not tipping could impact your rideshare rating.
Server	15 to 20% or more	The minimum is 15%. If you didn't like the service, tip 15% and speak to the manager. A tip of 20% is common, as it's easy to calculate, and more than 20% says you were very impressed or extra grateful for the service.
Taxi	10 to 20%	The point-of-sale screens in taxis often pre-suggest higher amounts like 25 or 30%. It's okay to tip the standard 10 to 20% even if you see this.
Valet	\$5 to \$20	Tip is given when you pick up your car.

SALONS, BARBER SHOPS, AND SPAS

WHERE	TIP	NOTES
Barbershop	20%	Give the tip when you pay for the service, or after it has been performed.
Hair removal services	15 to 20%	Give the tip when you pay for the service, or after it has been performed.
Hair stylist	20%	If multiple people work on you, ask at the desk if you need to divide and tip individually or if the salon takes care of it.
Nail technician	15 to 20%	For elaborate or longer services, tip closer to 20 percent. Give the tip before your nails are painted.
Spa massage therapist	20%	Not all massage therapists accept tips; ask when you pay, or after your appointment. If tipping, give the tip when you pay for the service, or after it has been performed.
Spa treatments	20%	Check to see if gratuity is built into the cost already. If it is but you still want to offer a gratuity, ask if it's allowed and then leave what you wish. At this point it's discretionary.

DELIVERY OR SERVICE

SERVICE	TIP	NOTES
Appliance or furniture delivery	Not usually tipped; situational	If they deliver to a fourth-floor walk-up, unpack and set up the new furniture, and take away the old, then you might tip \$10 to \$20 per person.
Bike messenger service	Not usually tipped	Since the service charges what it needs to, this group more often sees holiday tips from a regular client than a per-run tip.
Cannabis delivery service	Up to 15% of your order	Depending on the service and the order, a tip may or may not be needed. If someone just drops off your order, no tip is necessary unless you'd like to. If they help with any instruction, then offer a tip.
Food delivery	10% or \$5 or more	<i>Always tip the person who hands you the food.</i> Food delivery fees are not the same as tips, and often don't go to the delivery person.
Grocery delivery	\$5 or more, or 10% of the bill	You can always tip more for large orders or if someone has to carry a large order up many flights of stairs.
Movers	\$10 to \$20 per mover for small jobs; \$30 to \$60 for the head mover on a larger job; \$25 to \$50 for each crew member on a larger job	Give it to the head mover to disperse among the crew. A small job is around ten lighter boxes and few if any furniture items. A large job would be furniture and heavy boxes in and/or maneuvering through tight spaces, several flights of stairs, or a small elevator.
Pool cleaner	\$10 to \$20 for a single service	For more regular service, tip the amount of one full service at the end of the year.

HOLIDAY TIPPING

Holiday tipping is about saying thank you at the end of the year to the service providers we work with regularly throughout the year. A card is usually given with each tip or gift.

WHO	TIP OR GIFT	NOTES
Building doorman	\$20 to \$100 per door person	Amounts will vary based on the city, building, and your budget.
Building elevator operator	\$20 to \$50 per operator	Amounts will vary based on the city, building, and your budget.
Building superintendent	\$20 to \$100	Amounts will vary based on the city, building, and your budget.
Cannabis delivery service	\$10 to \$30 or a gift to share	Consider giving your regular delivery person a tip or gift.
Country club staff	\$20 per staff member	Not always given, but kind to do so. You might not tip every single member of the staff, or you might tip per group (bartenders, locker attendants, backroom/bag/equipment staff). <i>Check the tipping policy at the club. Some clubs have a no-tipping policy.</i> Attempting to give a tip at one of these clubs can be a serious breach of the rules, with consequences for members and staff. Many clubs have a holiday fund that is split among the employees.
Dog walker	A week's worth of pay	A gift or card from the dog is kind, too.
Gardener	Up to a week's worth of service	Good to tip each individual \$20 to \$50 or the group a week's worth of service.
Hair stylist	The cost of one visit or a gift	If you tip well throughout the year, a gift is more common.
Home nurse or caregiver	A week's worth of pay and a card from the person they care for	Ask the organization they work for first if they can accept tips. If more than one person visits, a gift to the organization might be best.
Mail carrier	Gifts under \$20 value	The USPS is quite clear that carriers may not accept gifts of cash or gifts worth more than \$20. Sending a gift (usually a consumable, such as cookies) to your local branch is also an option.

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Massage therapist	The cost of one visit or, if you go multiple times per week, a week's worth of pay, or a gift	A card with your tip is thoughtful.
Nanny or au pair	A tip from you and a gift from your child	Usually a full week's (or even month's) worth of pay
Package delivery person	Not usually tipped	If you decide to, check the company policy first and give \$10 to \$30 or a gift.
Personal shopper	A week's or instance's worth of service	Given with a thank-you note.
Personal trainer	The cost of one visit, or a gift	
Regular babysitter	A tip or gift from you, or a gift or card from your child	Usually a night's or weeks' worth of service or more
Residence staff or caregivers	Often a consumable gift for the staff as a group is best. For a cash tip, give a week's worth of service or whatever you can do	Ask the organization they work for first if they can accept cash tips or gifts. If more than one person visits, a gift to the organization might be best. Or something that can be shared by staff.
Teacher	Gift only (for ethical reasons, no cash, and no elaborate or extravagant gifts)	Keep it moderate. Classroom items are often helpful, since many teachers pay for them out of pocket. Avoid mugs!

TRAVEL TIPPING

WHERE	TIP	NOTES
Airport/hotel shuttle	\$1 to \$2 per bag	Tip if they help you; if they don't, it's discretionary.
Bellhop	\$1 to \$2 per bag, or \$2 to \$5 for bag storage	
Bus driver	Not usually tipped	If a bus driver helps you with luggage, \$1 to \$2 per bag
Cruise ships	Many types of crew members are tipped on cruises. On average, it ranges from \$10 to \$15 per day for room and restaurant staff combined	Often the ship's informational packet lists whom to tip and standard amounts. This should be taken into account when budgeting the trip.
Hotel concierge	\$5 to \$20 for services or assistance	You don't have to tip for every conversation or question easily answered. But if a concierge gets tickets or reservations for you, or assists in similar ways, tip them for the help per instance.
Hotel doorperson	\$1 to \$2 per bag or per taxi hailed	Door people can help in many ways. If they answer a question, don't worry about a tip, but if they help you with bags or hail you a taxi, offer a small tip.
Hotel housekeeping	Roughly \$2 to \$3 per person staying in the room and per day of stay	Leave the tip each day and make sure it's clear that it is for the staff. A note on the pad of paper in the room might say, <i>Housekeeping—Thank you!</i> A couple of crumpled bills on the dresser might get left untouched.
Mobility assistance	\$5 to \$20 per assistant	
Room service	15 to 20% of the bill before room-service fees and taxes	Be aware: Room service often has a room-service fee and taxes. You add a gratuity separate from that.
Skycap	\$1 to \$2 per bag	
Tour guide	\$5 to \$50 or possibly \$50 to \$500 for multi-city or country tour guides	For a short tour you just picked up, \$5 to \$50 is great—more if you're a group or they did a great job. For a tour guide who accompanies you through multiple cities or countries, \$50 to \$500. Given at the end of the tour or trip with a thank-you.
Train attendant	\$1 to \$2 per bag	

HIGH-LIFE TIPPING

Highly luxurious experiences are a treat indeed. Whether it's your everyday lifestyle or a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, here are some considerations when tipping in luxury scenarios.

EXPERIENCE	TIP	NOTES
Driver/guide	20% of the cost of the trip, or \$50 to \$500 per day with the option of a small gift	Given at the end of the trip. No tip is needed if the driver or guide was provided by your host, or a company.
Private jet crew	\$50 or more per pilot (if you choose to tip your pilot); \$50 or more per crew member (who should always be tipped), per person traveling with you.	Given at the end of the flight, possibly in an envelope on your way out with a proper in-person thank you.
Town car/limousine	20% of the cost of the car for the trip	This is always taken care of by a host. If someone has said, "My driver will take you to the airport," they are paying. If you hire the car yourself, you are paying.
Yacht or boat with private crew	\$100 to \$1,000 for the captain, \$50 to \$500 per crew member. For charters, tip 10 to 15% of your weekly fee to the captain and the crew.	Given at the end of the stay, often in an envelope, and always with an in-person thank you. If you're being hosted, you may not have to offer a tip, but it's kind to do so. If you have chartered the boat or a host has offered the use of their yacht but cannot be on board with you, you should offer a tip at the end of your trip.