



JAPAN, CHINA & SOUTH KOREA

TIPPING GUIDE

JAPAN

Tipping is not compulsory, and often not expected, in Japan. Tipping should only be considered when the staff have gone above and beyond for you. Please consider the following as a rough guide, per person per day. **Restaurants:** Some restaurants automatically add a 10% service charge to your bill. **Taxis:** Taxi drivers do not expect to be tipped but they appreciate the fare being rounded up.

Type of Service	Number of Guests					
	1	2	3	4	5-9	10+
Guide (USD)	35	30	25	20	18	15
Driver (USD)	18	15	12.5	10	9	7.5

MAINLAND CHINA

TOURS

One time it's usually safe to give a tip without also giving offense is after an **escorted tour**. Guides should get an extra **¥70–130 (USD \$10–20)** per day, and the driver should get about half that much. Please use an envelope and be discreet when passing out these gifts.

TAXIS, CAFES, SMALL INNS, FOOD STALLS, BARS

In taxis, small inns, hostels, cafes, food stalls, and bars, your tipping generosity is unnecessary—gratuities are likely to be refused in these scenarios. In fact, many businesses have official no-tipping policies.

UPSCALE RESTAURANTS

At some upscale urban restaurants, a service charge of 10%–15% may appear on your bill that goes toward workers' salaries. You can tip servers an additional **¥5–15 (USD \$1–2)** if you're happy with their work, but it's not required.

EXPENSIVE HOTELS

At expensive hotels, give the same amount (**¥5–15**) to room attendants and bellhops who help with your luggage. The hotel may charge a 10%–15% service fee, too.

SOUTH KOREA

Most etiquette experts suggest a tip of 10-20% of the cost of a full-day tour.

Note: When utilizing the hotel concierge through you or your travel advisor, we recommend tipping \$50-100 based on the services rendered.