

# JAMAICA

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## WAITER/WAITRESS

*Go to a bank and request \$2 bills. People overseas absolutely love them, as they are considered to be good luck. The standard tip rate is \$1-2 per meal per person. If you are feeling generous and the service was fabulous, reward them with an extra \$5.*

## BARTENDER

- There are a few variables, so stick with me here. \$1-2 is appropriate for your quick cocktail at the lobby. However, if you've found that rock star bartender who is making you drinks all day long at the swim-up bar and hooking you up with rounds of shots, then by all means tip at least \$5.*



## AIRPORT OR EXCURSION DRIVERS

- \$2-3 is appropriate for a shorter ride. If you are staying at a resort that is over an hour away from the airport and the driver even helps with your luggage, then consider upping the tip proportionately.*





## ROOM SERVICE

- *At some resorts, room service is included, but it never hurts to show some extra love. The delivery guy will be happy with \$2-5 per room.*

## HOTEL HOUSEKEEPER

- *Something to keep in mind is that maids rotate every few days, so if you are only tipping at the end of your stay, you may only be tipping one person. This is why I recommend tipping daily. I love a maid who decorates my bed and sets up the tub in the bathroom. Bonus points if she restocks my mini-bar daily! \$2-5 per night is standard (add a few more for a high-end hotel, or if you've got more than two other people staying with you.)*



## BUTLER

- *This is a less common case, but how fancy are you?! \$20 per day is standard, depending on how much you use his/her services. This is an amazing way to go the extra mile for your honey if want to have a lavish vacation and be completely pampered. Hint Hint!*





## MASSEUSE

- *It's important to note that spa services are not included at most resorts and are regarded as a separate service. I would recommend to tip 15-20%.*

## EVENT PLANNER / WEDDING COORDINATOR

- *If you are having a destination celebration at the resort, then use your judgement for tipping based on the support and great service you receive from the onsite coordinator. There is not a set guide to tip these staff members, but I know quite a few coordinators at various resorts and I am certain they would appreciate \$100 at a minimum. That might sound like a lot – but think back to the few hundred emails you have exchanged with them over the past 6-12 months of planning. They are giving their all to a very special day in your life.*



## IF YOU'RE FEELING EXTRA PRO

- *Bring your tips already separated and addressed in a sealed envelope for each person/vendor (always carry the cash with you). That way you don't forget anyone.*

