

MEXICO

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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

- \$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.



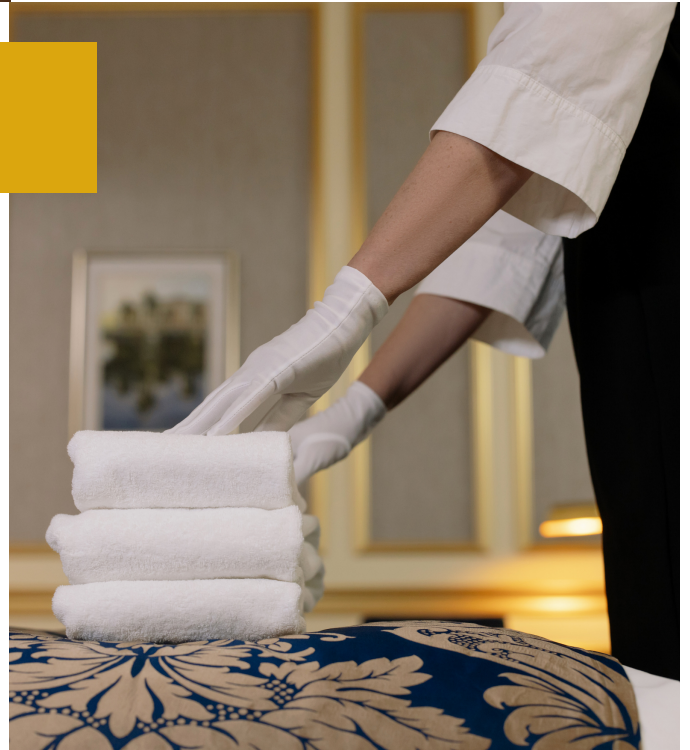


ROOM SERVICE

- 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

- I recommend tipping daily because maids rotate every few days. So if you tip at the end of your stay, you may only be tipping one person. I love a maid who decorates my bed and sets up the tub in the bathroom. \$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

- \$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.

