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What to tip in the United States

Sector	Service	% / \$ tip
Hotels		
	Porter	\$1 per piece of luggage.
	Valet	\$1 per piece of luggage - \$2 minimum.
	Reception	No tip.
	Concierge	No tip - unless you need something 'special'!
Bar & pubs		
	Bar tender	\$1-\$2 per drink – more if you want fast service. Alternatively try offering to buy them Fernet.
	Bar tab	10%
	Table service	10% on pre-tax amount at least. 15% is recommended.
Restaurants		
	Pre-meal bar	\$1-\$2 per drink – more if it's a busy restaurant.
	Meals	15% pre-tax amount is fine. 20% is a good tip.*
Fast food restaurants		
		No tip – which we found quite surprising.
Taxis		
		\$1-\$2 is fine – more if the driver's done a great job.**
Tour guides		
	Driver/guide	20% of tour price.
	Guide	15% - 20% of tour price.
Stores		
		No tip.
Supermarkets/grocery stores		
		No tip – though you can give the bagging staff a tip if you want to.

* NYC restaurants often expect more tip because... well, it's New York. Table service: 20% is the norm. 25% means you're really happy with the experience.

** You don't need to tip Uber drivers – but you can if you're really happy with their service. \$1-\$2 is fine.