

## Tipping Advice Abroad

Most Americans have gotten used to leaving the customary 10-20% tip for most all services they receive. Sadly, the service you get quite often doesn't warrant a tip at all! Once you leave the United States, however, tipping can be somewhat confusing. Most countries have their own tipping guides, and there are many websites that can help you with this. In general, Europeans do not leave large tips. Quite often, your restaurant bill will include a service charge...make sure you check! If it does, you really only need to leave small change, if anything.

Here are a few tips that we'd like to pass along:

### **Tour guides and drivers**

\$6 to \$7 a day for the tour driver, per person

### **Restaurants**

Service charge is 10-15% in Greece and is usually part of your bill. If you would like to leave a little extra for the waiter, you might round up to the nearest 5 or 10 euro, leaving 1-2 euros on the table for the busboy.

5-10% if a service charge is added to your bill.

10% if there is no service charge on the bill.

### **Hotel porters**

\$2 per bag for porters

\$4 for doormen and concierges

### **Taxi drivers**

You are generally expected to tip a taxi driver rounding up the amount to the next round euro figure, or 10 % of the total fare; occasionally 15 %.

## Miscellaneous

Others should be tipped in proportion to the level of services rendered. There is one little service charge in Greece which may cause you a bit of surprise. When you enter a restroom in a public place you will sometimes be greeted by an attendant who is invariably an older woman dressed in black. She maintains the facilities and bestows toilet paper and should accordingly be rewarded with a small tip of few cents.