

TIPPING

A tip, or gratuity, is defined as a gift of money given to someone for performing a service or menial task, over and above the payment due for the service. Tips, which are not required in all countries, are expected in some denomination for good service from those in the industries where tipping is expected.

Most workers in Cambodia earn not much and due to low incomes, workers for tourist industry always expected a tip to have more money for their daily expenses. So, tipping is encouraged, and how much depends on the service and the situation in Cambodia.

Restaurants

There is no standard amount of gratuity to leave at a Cambodian restaurant, but waiters and waitresses will always appreciate a tip. **10% of the total bill** is probably around average but feel free to leave more if you felt that the service was excellent. If you are not satisfied with your service, then don't feel obligated leave anything.

Tour guides

If you go on a tour in Cambodia, it's good tipping etiquette to leave around **10% for your tour guide**. They will accompany you throughout the entire tour, while giving you cultural and local knowledge and they will also serve as your translator if you need it. Your tour would not be as enjoyable without your tour guide, so make sure you show your gratitude. Also, leave a gratuity for the **driver** (if this person is separate from the tour guide) of **around \$1-2 per day**.

Hotels

If you are staying in an hotel in Cambodia, generally, give the **bellman** around **\$1** per bag that he carries to your room. Give the **maid** around **\$1** a day. You are not obligated to tip any of the other hotel staff unless you feel led to do so. Remember that Cambodian workers do not make much money and rely on gratuities. A one US dollar tip may not seem like much to you but it be more than half of a typical worker's daily income.

Spas

If you are happy with your spa services, then tip your therapists **as much or as little as you like**. Never feel obligated, but tipping is a great way to show your appreciation. You could leave a few dollars extra and it will be very much appreciated.

Taxis

Tipping your taxi driver is **up to you**. Do keep in mind that Cambodian taxi drivers will not necessarily expect tips, but because they do not make much money, they will appreciate them. If you feel as though your taxi driver went out of his way to help you or was extra friendly, consider leaving him **a few dollars**. Another option is to **let him keep the change** after rounding up to the nearest dollar.

Hairdresser

Tipping your hairdresser in Cambodia is entirely up to you. Don't feel obligated to do so, but if you are happy with your haircut or style, then feel free to tip your hairdresser **as much as you like**. Even \$1-2 goes a long way in Cambodia. Your tip will be greatly appreciated.