



ETIQUETTE 101

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Some Latin Americans live off tips; others proudly refuse them in favor of service charges, European-style. Up and down these continents, you'll find a high degree of variety, not just in cultures but also in tipping mores, with rapid currency fluctuations adding to the muddle

Argentina

At Restaurants: Ten percent to the waiter.

At Hotels: At least 10 pesos for a porter, and up to 20 for a particularly helpful one.

Guides and Drivers: Round up for taxi drivers; 10 percent for "remisses" (common local car services); 10 percent for a full-day driver, more for a really good one; 30–60 pesos for a full-day guide, a bit more for a great one.

Dollars Accepted?: Not recommended.

Note: "Tipping is more expensive now than it used to be," says travel agent (and native Argentine) Vanessa Heitner of Limitless Argentina. "There were times when a 20-peso tip at the higher end meant a lot, but nowadays it isn't enough." Because of inflation, she notes, the proper amount is a moving target. Also, be sure to have plenty of change in your pocket for tipping—there's a serious shortage of it, and many shops and restaurants will refuse to break bills.

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