

Tipping at All Inclusive Resorts

The two most frequent questions we get on this topic are “*how much cash should I bring for tips?*” and “*do I need to bring USD or exchange for local currency?*”.

In general, for a typical week-long vacation, you should **budget roughly \$15 - \$20 daily** for tips, in small bills (*ones and fives, with an occasional ten or twenty for above-and-beyond service*).

And for *most* resorts USD is acceptable (*and even desired*) but a very few destinations won't accept USD so be sure to ask in advance for your specific destination.

GETTING THERE:

- **Transfer Driver:** \$3-\$5 for the trip, plus \$1 per piece of luggage for baggage assistance, more if your bags are very heavy or don't roll;
- **Bellman:** \$1 per piece of luggage for delivery, an extra \$2-\$3 if they store your luggage for any extended length of time;

SERVICES:

- **Housekeeping:** \$2 daily, leave it daily in an envelope clearly marked “for housekeeping”
- **Mini Bar:** Not necessary for normal restocking, but tip \$2-\$3 if you request items or need more than 1x daily restocking;
- **Concierge:** \$5 - \$10 depending on services, same goes for the **Butler** if you utilize one;

SPA, SALON, & SPECIAL EVENTS:

If your vacation includes getting pampered at the resort Spa, be sure to tip your service provider(s) 15% - 20% of the cost of the service, *even if you're using resort credits for the service itself*.

Need more tips and guidelines for Destination Weddings and Special Events? Please read our full article here:

>> <https://www.bestallinclusive.com/the-definitive-guide-to-tipping/>

WHEN DINING:

- **At the Buffet:** \$1-\$2 per meal, if you have something made-to-order at a station, an extra \$1 to tip the chef;
- **A la carte:** \$2-\$3 per meal;
- **Room service:** \$2-\$3 per order;
- **At the bars:** \$1 every few drinks per individual, or \$1-\$3 per round for group orders (the larger the group, the bigger the tip);

AT THE POOL AND BEACH:

- **Bartender:** if ordering right at the bar, \$1 every few drinks per individual or \$1-\$3 per round of group orders;
- **Beach/Pool Server:** same as above, add an extra \$1 or more if also delivering food, or if you have a large group, more if your group is obnoxious;

Remember, tipping is never required at any all-inclusive, and rarely expected. In fact, at some all inclusive resorts, tipping is not allowed, so know the policies before you go.