

TIPPING IN PERU

- Only tip because you want to and not because you feel obliged to!
- Don't compare the tipping amount with what you are used to in your home country, as salary levels in Peru are quite different.
- When you tip, do so in local currency (soles) so the recipient will not have to worry about exchanging it. Peruvian 1 sol, 2 soles, and 5 soles coins are helpful to have on hand for smaller tip amounts.

Restaurants & Bars

- Gratuity is not usually included in a restaurant bill. But if the tip is included, it will be listed at the bottom of the bill as a 10% service charge (or servicio in Spanish).
- When you pay for a meal with a credit card, not every restaurant will let you add the tip to the total. For this reason it's helpful to have extra soles in your wallet.
- Tipping 1 sol per drink is usual at a bar or lounge.

Tipping **10-15%** of the bill total at a nice sit-down restaurant is customary.

Airports, Hotels & Spas

- It's nice to tip porters and bell hops about 2 soles per piece of luggage they carry for you.
- If you stay in a hotel that is part of a large chain, you can tip the housekeeping 1 to 3 soles per day and the porters about 3 soles per bag.

Tipping **2 soles** per bag is customary in Peru.

Guided Tours & Trekking Staff

Our Guides:

- ▶ **Private Tour, Full Day:** 50 – 60 soles (US\$ 17 – 20) per person.
Private Tour, Half Day: 30 – 35 soles (US\$ 10 – 12) per person.
- ▶ **Shared Tour, Full Day:** 20 – 25 soles (US\$ 7 – 8) per person.
Shared Tour, Half Day: 15 -17 soles (US\$ 5 – 6) per person.
- ▶ For bus drivers, tipping about 10 soles (about \$3.50) per day of travel is customary.

Trekking Staff:

- ▶ When doing a trek in Peru (like the Inca Trail), be sure to tip your porters, cooks, and guides. They work hard to arrange your equipment and keep you safe and well fed along the trail.
- ▶ It's tradition on the last night of a multi-day trek for everyone in your group to contribute to the tipping pot for the trek guide, cook, and porters. Here are suggested tipping ranges for your trekking team.

Guide: 160-200 Soles (a combined tip from everyone in the group)

Each Porter: 60-80 Soles (a combined tip from everyone in the group)

Cook: 80 -120 Soles (a combined tip from everyone in the group)

Taxi Drivers & Ubers

- ▶ It is not customary to tip a taxi driver in addition to the ride fare.

Note: We do not recommend hailing a taxi from the street. Instead, ask a hotel representative to arrange a safe taxi for you or use a taxi application (like Uber) to avoid running into unpleasant or potentially dangerous situations.