When and Where and How Much

RESTAURANTS:

Wait service (sit down)

15-20%, pre-tax

Wait service (buffet)

10%, pre-tax

Host or Maitre d'

No obligation for greeting you and showing you to your table.
$10-$20 for going above and beyond to find you a table on a busy night or on occasion, if you are a reg

Take Out

No obligation
10% for extra service (curb delivery) or a large, complicated order

Home Delivery

10-15% of the bill, $2-5 for pizza delivery depending on the size of the order and difficulty of delivery

Bartender

$1-2 per drink or 15-20% of the tab

Tipping jars

No obligation
Tip occasionally if your server or barista provides a little something extra or if you are a regular custome

Restroom Attendant

$0.50-$3, depending on the level of service

Valet

$2-$5
Tip when the car is returned to you.

TRAVEL:

Skycap

$2 first bag, $1 per additional bag

Doorman

A smile and a "thanks" when he opens the door
$1-$4 for carrying luggage
$1-$2 for hailing cab (add an extra $1 if it's raining)
$1-$4 beyond the call of duty

Bellhop

$2 first bag, $1 per additional bag
$2-3 for each additional service, such as room delivery

Housekeeper

$2-$5 per day, left daily with a note marked "Housekeeping - Thank you"

Concierge

No obligation for answering questions
$5-10 for tickets or restaurant reservations
$15 for hard-to-get tickets or reservations, or 10-20% of the ticket price

Taxi driver

15-20% of the fare, but minimally $1
$2 for the first bag, $1 for the second

SALON/SPA:

Hair Salon

15-20%, ask to be split among those who served you

Manicurist

15-20%

Facial, waxing, massage

15-20%