



Tipping Guidelines for Your Journey

Tipping is customary and appreciated across India's service industry. While not mandatory, a small gratuity goes a long way in recognizing good service. Below is a suggested guide to help you tip appropriately during your travels:

1. Transport & Transfers

- **Airport Representative:** ₹200 – ₹500 for assistance during arrivals/departures
- **Private Driver (Full Day):** ₹500 – ₹1,000 per day (higher end for long drives or exceptional service)*
- **Short Taxi or Tuk-Tuk Rides:** ₹50 – ₹100 or round up the fare generously
- **Luggage Porters at Airports/Railway Stations:** ₹50 – ₹100 per bag

**Tip drivers at the end of your journey or daily if using the same driver across multiple days.*

2. Hotels

- **Bellhop/Porter:** ₹50 – ₹100 per bag
- **Housekeeping:** ₹100 – ₹200 per night (can be left at checkout or on the bedside table)
- **Concierge Assistance:** ₹200 – ₹500 depending on the complexity of the request

For luxury properties, slightly higher tips are welcomed. Always hand tips directly to the staff when possible.

3. Restaurants

- **Wait Staff:** 5% – 10% of the bill if a service charge is not already included



- **Buffet Dining:** ₹100 – ₹200 at the table or in the common tip box
- **In-room Dining Service:** ₹50 – ₹100 per service (even if service charge is included, a small tip is appreciated)

Always check the bill for an added “service charge” before tipping. If included, additional tipping is optional.

4. Jungle Safaris (Jeep/Walking/Boating)

a) Tipping during safaris in INR (Indian Rupees – ₹)

Park/Particular	Naturalist	Forest Guide	Driver	Driver-cum Naturalist
Corbett	₹ 500 per safari	NA	₹ 500 per safari	NA
Ranthambore	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 300 per safari	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 600 per safari
Satpura	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 300 per safari	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 600 per safari
Pench	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 300 per safari	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 600 per safari
Tadoba	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 300 per safari	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 600 per safari
Kanha	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 300 per safari	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 600 per safari
Bandhavgarh	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 300 per safari	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 600 per safari
Panna	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 300 per safari	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 600 per safari
Kaziranga	₹ 500 per safari	NA	₹ 500 per safari	₹ 600 per safari
Ulley	Combined tipping at the lodge			

b) Tipping during safaris in USD (\$)

Park/Particular	Naturalist	Forest Guide	Driver	Driver-cum Naturalist
Corbett	\$ 5	NA	\$ 5	NA
Ranthambore	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$ 7



Satpura	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$ 7
Pench	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$ 7
Tadoba	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$ 7
Kanha	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$ 7
Bandhavgarh	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$ 7
Panna	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$ 7
Kaziranga	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$ 7
Ulley	Combined tipping at the lodge			



Shopping in India: A Few Things to Keep in Mind

India is truly a shopper's paradise, offering a dazzling array of handicrafts, textiles, jewelry, furnishings, art, spices, and more. Whether you're strolling through vibrant street markets or visiting curated boutiques, the variety and craftsmanship are sure to impress. However, here are a few important tips to ensure a smooth shopping experience:

1. **Bargaining is a cultural norm** in most local markets and smaller stores. Unless you're shopping at a government-run emporium (where prices are fixed), expect to be quoted a significantly higher price initially. Bargaining is expected and even encouraged. **Be cautious of touts who may attempt to steer you to specific shops in return for commissions—politely decline such offers.**
2. In some cultural destinations, tour guides may suggest visits to shopping streets or local emporiums as part of the sightseeing experience. While this is common practice, **please feel NO obligation to shop or visit these areas if you are not interested.** Simply let your guide know politely. If at any point you feel pressured or the guide insists despite your preference, **please contact our team immediately** so we can address the situation.
3. Always review the **credit card charge slips carefully before signing.** It's important to verify the amount, as errors or overcharges are not uncommon. Please note that **if a purchase is returned and was made by credit card, refund processes can take up to six months to complete,** especially with international cards.
4. For items you're carrying with you, retain **all original sales receipts,** as these may be requested by customs officials upon your return or at transit points. **Receipts should clearly list the item descriptions and prices.**
5. Despite claims by vendors, a certificate stating that an item is a "handicraft" does **not guarantee exemption from customs duty** in your home country. Please verify the



customs regulations applicable at your final destination before making high-value purchases.

6. **If you're shipping items overseas**, ask the store for tracking details and documentation, and be sure to clarify who will bear customs duties at the destination. **Reputable outlets will offer shipping insurance and documentation for valuation.**

7. **Avoid purchasing wildlife products or antiquities**, as the export of such items is strictly prohibited and could lead to confiscation or legal issues at customs.

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