

## Tipping

Your courier and long-distance bus driver depend upon their tips in much the same way as waitstaff do in the U.S. Although couriers receive a salary from **passports**, tipping is a means of recompense for often (very) long workdays, the fact that they may be at the group's beck and call 24/7, must routinely work weekends, holidays and nights, and that they are often placed under great stress. Tips are also a means of encouragement to "go the extra mile."

### Tipping Recommendations

<b>passports Courier</b>	\$4 per day (per person)
Euro Zone	€3 per day (per person)
United Kingdom	£2 per day (per person)
<b>Long-Distance Driver</b>	\$3 per day (per person)
Euro Zone	€2 per day (per person)
United Kingdom	£1 per day (per person)
<b>Local Bus Drivers</b>	included in program cost
<b>Costa Rica courier and bus driver split</b>	\$15 per week (per person)
<b>Local Guide in Costa Rica and Greece*</b>	\$2 per day (per person)
<b>Other Local Guides**</b>	tipping optional
<b>Restaurant Gratuities</b>	included in program cost
<b>Lavatory Attendants</b>	25¢ or €0.20

\*In Costa Rica and Greece, local guides supplement the services of your courier by traveling with you on excursions and providing services above and beyond the duties of other local guides.

\*\*For full-day excursions and touring days, it's nice to recognize an exceptional local guide with a little tip (€1-2 or \$2-3 per person, per day) at your own discretion.

■ **passports strongly suggests that tip money be collected before your departure from the United States**, typically at your final group meeting. Your group leader will organize a greeting card for your courier and have everyone sign it. The envelope can be left open so participant have an opportunity to write personalized messages and contribute more money at the end of the tour.

*Of course, tipping is always at your group's discretion.* If you choose not to tip, or to tip less than the above guidelines, please let your courier or coach driver know why. It is your right to tip less, or not at all, if you feel that a complete tip was not deserved.

