

Resource Guide for the International Professional



Practical Advice for Your Success in the United States
Plus 12 Online Resources



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Practical Information for Life in the United States



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Tipping in the United States



1. When and where do I need to leave a tip?

- **Restaurants:** You should tip your server after the meal. The tip should be 15%-20% of your total bill and the amount is based on the quality of the service that you receive.
- **Taxi:** It is common to tip a taxi driver 10%-15% of the total cost of the ride. Again, the amount that you tip depends on the quality of the service. If the driver gets you to your destination quickly and safely with good customer service, you might leave a 15% tip.
- **Hair Salon:** When you get a haircut, you should tip 10%-20% of the total bill.

For more information visit <http://www.itipping.com/index.htm>

Transportation



2. Do I need to buy a car when I move to the United States?

- The answer to this question depends on where you plan to live. If you will be living in New York City or Boston, the subway provides affordable transportation to all major parts of both cities. In these cities, it doesn't make sense to have a car. On the other hand, if you are going to be living in a suburban or rural area where there is no train or bus transportation available, you will need to have a car.

For more information and practical advice written by professionals and expatriates, visit <http://www.expatarrivals.com>

Nightlife and Entertainment



3. What are some popular activities and events on the weekend?

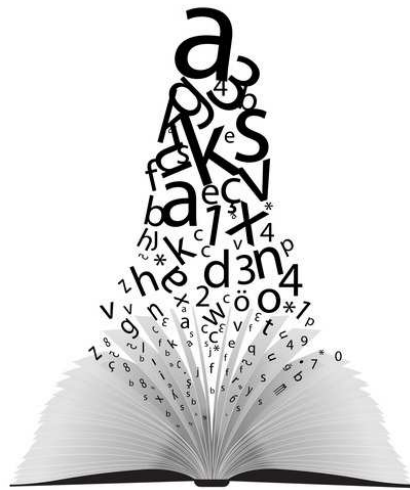
- **New York:** In New York, you have access to some of the most famous museums in the world! Friday evenings at the MOMA (Museum of Modern Art) are free and Saturday evenings at the Guggenheim are free. If you choose to visit at these times, it's a good idea to go early to avoid the crowds. If you want to visit the MET (Metropolitan Museum of Art), the admission fee is a suggested donation at all times and you can choose the amount that you want to pay. For more information on events and activities in New York, please visit <http://newyork.timeout.com/>
- **Boston:** Boston is a great place to get active! You can take a bike ride along the Charles River or on the Boston Harbor Walk. You can also visit Harvard University in Cambridge and take a tour of the Harvard Yard. For more information about events in Boston, visit <http://timeoutboston.com>

Connecting with the International Community



1. **Newcomers Club:** A worldwide directory for families who are relocating to a new country. Find a club or group to connect with other newcomers. <http://www.newcomersclub.com/>
2. **The Expat Exchange:** This site contains expatriate resources for living abroad, forums about specific topics and information about life in the United States. <http://www.expatsexchange.com/>
3. **Meetup:** At this site, you can find a group or club in any US city, including Boston and New York. Groups are organized based on common interests. <http://www.meetup.com/>
4. **Expat Women:** This site has a specific section for expatriate women who are living in the United States plus additional web resources. <http://www.expatwomen.com/>

English Language Learning Resources



1. **English and Culture Tutoring Services:** Visit this English learning blog for free quizzes, vocabulary workshops, video lessons and information about cultural competence.
<http://www.englishandculture.com>
2. **BBC Learning English:** This site provides English lessons, activities and quizzes for various levels. You can find business English, general vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation as well as listening practice.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/>
3. **Breaking News English:** This is an excellent resource for intermediate level English learners. You can read about new and interesting current events, practice new vocabulary words and practice English listening skills. <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/>
4. **Dave's ESL Café:** This a great place to practice phrasal verbs, idioms and common English expressions. <http://www.eslcafe.com/>
5. **Activities for ESL Students:** Here is another resource for self-study quizzes on idioms and phrasal verbs. <http://a4esl.org/>

Contact Us

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