Tips, Hints & Tricks

Tipping:
• At a restaurant, first check to see if there is a service charge included (this will often be displayed on the bill)
• If service is not included, it is increasingly accepted that 10-15% is added to the bill as a tip ONLY if you’ve had good service (this is different to the USA, when it is often expected regardless of the level of service)
• At a café it is not common to tip, but if you want to throw in a few coins into the tip jar this will always be welcome
• No need to tip at a pub

Out at a Pub
• It’s common for British people to engage in rounds (where one person will buy everyone a drink) if you don’t think you will be sticking around to reciprocate, politely decline and get your own drink later
• You can always order your food/drinks and pay (in advance of receiving) at the bar in a pub. *If there is table service, the pub will tell you
• Never wave or yell at a pub. Make eye contact with the bar tender to indicate your place in the ‘queue’ (there is not a physical queue in this instance, but people will know when they arrived at the bar)
• If you arrive late to a pub and want food, check to see if the kitchen is still open – many kitchens close at 2100, but the pub will continue to sell drinks until later
• If you hear a bell ring – this means that it’s closing time!
• Never ever feel pressured to order alcohol if you don’t want to. There are many non-alcohol options like Appletizer, J2O, or Soda & Lime, etc.

Grocery Shopping
• Shopping bags are offered at a charge of at least 5p, so always ensure you have your own bags with you in which to put your shopping
• You will be packing your own bags, so when you place them on the conveyor belt keep in mind what you will be packing in your bag at the other end.
• Check the price! It could be either per kg, g, or per unit
• No need to pre-bag your fruits or vegetables. The cashier will weigh and bag your produce
• Alcohol shelves have time restrictions* Check with the local store for their times
• If you are with a friend who is buying alcohol, you could also be asked for ID

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