

In mainland China, it is not customary to leave tips. While in Hong Kong and Macau, it is becoming a norm to tip tour guides.

Usually address a person by Mr., Mrs., or Miss. plus the family name, or by their government or professional titles. Note: married women in mainland China always retain their maiden name.

Handshake is the most common form of greeting.

When making a toast, if you are too far away from some guests to clink glasses you may simply raise your glass and motion it towards them. In formal situations you should stand up to make a toast.

At a banquet or on formal occasions, it's polite to sample all the dishes, and at the end of the meal you may leave a little on the plate to demonstrate the generosity of the host. However, this practice is becoming less popular as people in modern society become more conscious of food wastage.

Under no circumstances should chopsticks be placed upright in your bowl, as this symbolizes sacrifices to the deceased nor should you tap your bowl with chopsticks.

Do not drink wine or alcohol until you toast others at the table. Drinking alone is usually considered rude.

Nowadays, it is not necessary to always drain your glass after a "ganbei", which means bottoms-up.

Present and receive gifts with both hands. It is appropriate to give gifts as either a single item or in pairs.

It is inappropriate to give a clock or things to do with the number four as gifts, because they are associated with funerals and death.

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Scissors or sharp objects are not proper either, since they symbolize severing relations.

Chinese people do not want to give others the impression that they are greedy; therefore some may not accept a gift until you offer it to them more than once.

At your friend's house you will be given tea automatically to show hospitality.

When you leave your friend's house, they will "see you off," meaning that they will accompany you to the elevator or your car.

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