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I've only ever hired guides twice. Both not in the U.S.A. So not only do I lack the experience, but it gets trickier as expectations are different in different places.

For instance, in Switzerland, there is not much of a tipping culture, apparantly. Wait staff and so forth are paid hourly, and unlike here, not expected to earn much of their money via tips. Prices are thus considerably higher, but tipping is truly optional, and when people do tip it's far less than here (rounding up is common, adding extra is not). Works out the same in the end, just a different way of doing things.

That left me not sure how to handle my guided fishing experience there. And there wasn't much research that could be done, as there aren't many guides! Also, I put a hole in his waders on some barbed wire. Patchable (and it wouldn't have been the 1st patch), but still. And he did do a great job. I threw him an extra \$50 francs (which is a little more than 50 dollars), and that was about 10%. He implied it was more than generous, but I'm still uneasy about it.