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Re: Guide Tipping

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Like it or not, tips provide an incentive for excellent service which is why they are expected but variable. A waiter that gets paid a flat rate is going to do the bare minimum for you, whereas one that believes in excellent service will make more. Do you want some bored, lazy, zombie of a guide just rowing down the river and telling you where to cast without any enthusiasm. Again, not everyone will be like this, but anyone could be on any given day, and there's nothing you can do about it.

Quote:

and again, if you charge me a lower rate i'll tip you more, but charge me \$400 a day, fuggeddabout it...

If you can't afford the tip on top of your guide's price, then get a cheaper guide. The guides with the highest demand have higher prices. That's a fact of life. I think it's extremely rude to book a day and not tip, especially when the guide would have likely gotten a nice tip from almost anyone else that could have booked it before you. Also, like others have said, if they work for a shop, then they're not getting as much money as you think they are.

Quote:

I understand that guides want to make a living, but on the other hand they get to live in a beautiful place, not commute, not be stuck 14 hours a day in a cube, get free fishing gear, AND they get to take people fishing six days a week for 7 months a year...

Ok, beautiful place, yes, but you can't say the beauty of someone's location should have anything to do with their pay, especially when a lot of beautiful places have higher costs of living. Not commute, haha, yeah, sure. They're driving all over the place every day to fish wherever their clients want to go. A Montana guide is probably driving 1-2 hours on average each way. I bet there are days where a guide wishes he could sit on his ass in air conditioning for a day instead of rowing his ass off every day in the sun. Plus, if you're working 14 hours a day at least you're getting paid overtime which a guide has no way of getting. "Get to" take people fishing 6 days a week for 7 months of the year, what a joke. You think that isn't working? Dealing with people that don't know how to cast or who blame you when the fishing is slow. Rowing 8 hours a day in the sun isn't

easy no matter how often you do it. And these guys who decided to make fishing their life only get to fish one day a week, which means that they have absolutely no break from what they do every other day. I'd imagine it can be frustrating.

Sorry to pick on you geebee, you're just the last comment and it reflects a lot of what I read in here. If you care about your guide as a person, then tip him. If you think his price is too high, get a cheaper guide and risk the guy not being as good. Of course I don't want to tip, but you know that it's expected, so add it to your price or you're an #censor#, plain and simple.