

		Canada	Mexico	United States
1	Basic Courtesies and Dinning Etiquette	1. It is polite to maintain good eye contact. Men rise when women enter the room. It is considered bad manners to eat while on the street.	1. National drink in Mexico is tequila.	1. Direct eye contact in social and business settings is very important. Gaps in conversation are uncomfortable. While dining, left hand is placed in lap, and right hand is used to eat with. Wrists are permitted on the table (while at a meal), but elbows are not.
2	Simple hand gesture	2. No Excessive gesturing.		2. By either raising the index finger or the hand (facing palm up) and wagging the finger(s) back toward the body means to beckon for someone.
3	Spacing	3. People stand about a half-meter apart when conversing.		
4	Rude or hostile signs		4. Hands on hips is a sign of hostility.	4. Insulting gestures are the middle finger trust and forearm jerk.
5	Waiting in line		5. Patience is important.	5. Lines are treated with respect.
6	Shaking Head			
7	Nodding Head	7. Women greet with a slight nod.		
8	Waving			8. Extending the arm, palm facing down and waving the hand up a down at the wrist joint. A variation is to raise the arm, palm outward, and move the whole arm and hand back and forth.
9	Handshake	9. Men greet with a firm handshake.	9. Women (initiate the handshake) and men greeting with a warm and soft handshake.	9. It is proper to use a firm handshake with direct eye contact.

10	Hellos and Good-byes		10. With friends, men greet with the abrazo, a slight hug with a few pats on the back; women lightly hug and pretend to kiss the cheek.	10. Women may briefly hug other women, and men may quickly kiss the cheek of a woman.
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Argentina	Brazil	Chile	Columbia
1. To make a toast, raise your glass (of red wine) and say "Salud". When finished eating, cross fork and knife in the middle of the plate.	1. Use good eye contact when conversing. Business cards are often exchanged, and business meetings usually serve strong black coffee.	1. Men rise when women enter the room. Yawns should be stifled or covered. Wine must be poured with the right hand.	1. To suggest that someone is stingy, tap the underside of the elbow with the fingers of the other hand. Place the knife and fork horizontally across the plate when you are finished eating.
2. To raise a fist in the air with knuckles pointed outwards is an expression of victory.	2. To say, There arent any more, vendors will place their fingers extended and flip the thumb back and forth. Snapping fingers and whipping the hand down and out emphasize statements. Brazilians will pinch the earlobe between thumb and forefinger to express appreciation.	2. Holding the palm upward and then spreading the fingers signals that someone is stupid.	
3. Stand closer than North Americans or Europeans do when conversing.	3. People stand relatively close when conversing or waiting in line.		
4. It is rude to yawn in public. Always pour with the right hand, never the left. Never pour wine by grasping the neck of the bottle with the hand and rotating the hand backwards so that the palm turns upward. Hands on hips translate to hostility or challenge. An obscene male gesture is to slap the inside of the thigh near the groin.			
9. A warm handshake, and with friends, a light touch on the forearm or elbow.	9. Handshakes are warm; people tend to be affectionate.		9. Women hold forearms instead of shaking hands.

10. Good friends will greet with an "abrazo".

10. Greetings are carried out with handshakes accompanied with touching of the forearm, elbows, and pats on the back.



Costa Rica	Iran	Israel	Lebanon	Saudi Arabia
1. Local people bathe many times a day and guests are also expected to.	1. Remove shoes when entering a home or mosque.			1. Women are not allowed to drive. Avoid showing the sole of the shoe; it is considered the lowest and dirtiest part of the body. IT is not p[roper to expose bare shoulders, stomach, or legs.
	2. To signal to someone, put your hand out with your palm down, and curl your fingers in a scratching motion.		2. To signal that someone is a homosexual, lick the little finger and brush it across the eyebrow.	2. Holding hands or taking someones elbow is a sign of respect and friendship.
		3. People stand close, and friends will touch while conversing.	3. People of the same gender stand closer together.	4. It is disrespectful to cross legs. To place the palm down, fingers spread, with your index finger bent down and pointing outward is to insult someone.
4. A rude gesture is to form a fist with the thumb protruding out between the index and middle finger. Fidgeting hands and feet are impolite.	4. The thumbs up sign is vulgar.	4. Point down at the upturned palm of one hand with the forefinger of the other hand; this means that "grass will grow on my hand" before what has been said will happen.	4. Raising a closed fist into the air is making a rude gesture.	
	6. To signal yes, dip your head down with a slight turn.			6. Shaking the head from side to side means yes.
	7. To signal no, move your head up and back sharply.		7. To nod your head means yes. To signal no, point your head sharply upward and raise your eyebrows.	7. By tipping the head backward and clicking the tongue, people signal no.
	9. Shaking hands with a child shows respect toward the parents.	9. There are warm handshakes.		

10. Like other Latin countries, men greet with the abrazo and women will kiss the cheek.

10. Greetings made be exchanged with the nod of a head; men will also tip their hats at women.

10. Elders tend to greet by saying, Salaam; men greet with a hug and a cheek kiss. Veiled women are not introduced.

Egypt	Nigeria	South Africa	Zimbabwe
<p>1. Right hand is designated for eating and the left for bodily hygiene. Half closed eyes do not express boredom. Often women will walk slightly behind the men. People smoke and public; it is polite to offer cigarettes to those near by. Do not eat everything on your plate when dining. Also, only eat finger food with the right hand.</p>	<p>1. Respect punctuality. Sometimes important guests are greeted with applause. Wink at children to signify them to leave the room.</p>	<p>1. Cover mouth when yawning.</p>	<p>1. Applauding denotes appreciation and politeness.</p>
<p>2. To ask, Would you sleep with me? tap two index fingers together, side-by-side.</p>		<p>2. Holding hands out in a cupped manner means that, "The gift you may give me (for carrying your bags) will mean so much that I must hold it in two hands"; this action is often done by porters.</p>	
<p>3. Men and women stand relatively further apart, but men will stand closer together.</p>			
<p>4. It is rude to show the sole of your shoe.</p>	<p>4. A vulgar sign is to hold the hand forward at shoulder or head level, with the fingers spread.</p>		<p>4. It is rude to maintain eye contact.</p>
<p>9. Handshakes are followed by a touch on the elbow.</p>		<p>9. Handshake is the most common form of greeting.</p>	

			10. Women and girls may often curtsy in greeting.
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Australia	China	India
1. Men do not express emotions. Cover your mouth when yawning, and then say, Excuse me. Good sportsmanship is highly respected.		1. Staring at the impoverished population is considered a way to humiliate. Before entering any sacred area, remove footwear. Address elders with the proper title.
2. By turning the glass upside down and placing the glass squarely on the bar, you are saying that you can win a fight against anyone at the bar.		2. People grasp their earlobes to express remorse or honesty. Signal to something with either the chin or whole hand. To apologize, tap on someones shoulder and then tap your own forehead.
	3. People stand extremely close when conversing. Surprise is expressed with a quick and loud inhalation of air. Silence is respected. Hosts will often refuse a gift many times before acceptance; this is proper. The main guest always sits at the head of a table, with their back to the door, and the special guest always sits to the left of the host.	
		9. Women should never initiate the handshake; women will often shake hands with other women but not men.

10. Greeting is usually just a slight nod and bow. Sometimes people will applaud; this should be responded with applause.

10. When greeting someone, say, Namaste and press palms together with fingers pointing upward.

Japan	Philippines	Thailand	England
<p>1. Listening is a sign of politeness. When you receive the business card from the Japanese host, be sure to examine it carefully and avoid quickly putting it away. Place it on the table in front of you for further reference. Hold your business card with both hands, grasping it between the thumbs and forefingers. Present it with the printing pointing towards the person to which you are giving the card, and bow slightly. Your host will accept the card with both hands; bow slightly and then read the card carefully.</p>		<p>1. When entering a home, do not step on the doorsill. When passing in front of a person, especially an elder, lower the upperbody.</p>	<p>1. To signal a waiter for the bill, make a motion with both hands of signing your name on a paper. Privacy is very important; do not stare. Tipping at bars is rare.</p>
<p>2. The ok sign is a money sign in Japan. Waving a hand, palm outward, in front of your face conveys, I dont understand or I dont deserve this.</p>	<p>2. Point by shifting your eyes or by pursing your mouth in that direction. Do not finish the food on your plate.</p>		
		<p>4. It is rude to put your arm behind someones chair or to pat his or her back.</p>	<p>4. Loud behavior is considered rude. The victory sign with your palm facing in is considered vulgar.</p>
			<p>5. Never cut in line.</p>

	10. Greet with a quick flash of the eyebrows.	10. The traditional greeting is to place hands in a prayer position with your head slightly bowed; this is called the Wai. The higher your hands, the more respect shown.	
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France	Germany	Greece	Ireland
1. Business cards are often exchanged. Signal a waiter by tipping your head back and saying Monsieur. Catch a taxi by snapping your fingers. Eat sandwiches and fruit with a knife and fork.	1. Always knock before opening a closed door. Do not chew gum while speaking. Men walk either to the left of or on the side closer to the street traffic of women.	1. Make a puffing noise though pursed lips to accept a compliment. People smile when they are happy or sad. When men think women are pretty, they will stroke their chins with a finger.	1. Women sit first. It is proper to sit with legs crossed at the ankles or at the knees; it is informal to cross your ankle over your knee.
2. The ok sign means, zero. To indicate someone is drunk, form a circle with your thumb and forefinger and place it over your nose. Playing a pretend flute says that another is being loud and annoying.	2. Clasp your hands together and raise them above your head to show appreciation. The thumbs up sign means one.		
4. Chewing gum, yawning, scratching, having loud conversations, and resting feet on furniture are all considered rude. To express disapproval of anothers driving, raise your hand in the air, fingers up, and rotate your hand back and forth. To make a vulgar gesture, snap the fingers of both hands, or slap an open palm over a closed fist.		4. The thumbs down sign is an expression of distaste with someones driving. The ok sign is vulgar.	4. To refuse to buy a round of drinks when it is your turn is considered rude.
		5. There is often pushing and shoving in lines.	5. Dont shove in line.
		6. Tilt your head to your left and right sides to say yes.	
		7. Either by slightly nodding your head upward or lifting your eyebrows upward, signals no.	
	8. Moving your hand back and forth means no.		
9. Light and quick handshake; women offer hand first.	9. It is improper to shake someones hand with their other hand in their pocket.		9. Use a firm handshake.

	10. Lightly tap knuckles on table to greet a large number of people at a table. To say goodbye, raise your hand upward, with your palm out and wave your fingers up and down.		
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Italy	Poland	Spain	Sweden
<p>1. In churches, women should cover their heads; do not wear short sleeves or sleeveless shirts. When dining, only men pour the wine.</p>	<p>1. Do not chew gum while speaking, and speak with a soft voice.</p>	<p>1. It is proper for men to cross their legs; it is considered unfeminine for women to. Eye contact may denote romantic interest.</p>	<p>1. Eye contact is important. When men converse with women, they remove their hat. The male guest of honor sits to the left of the hostess, and the female guest of honor sits to the right of the host. To make a toast, lift your glass and say, Skoal; the host always makes the first toast. When leaving a home, wait to put on our coat after your have stepped outside the door.</p>
	<p>2. To invite someone to drink, flick your neck.</p>	<p>2. Stretch your arm out, with your palm downward, and make a scratching motion toward your body with the fingers to beckon for someone.</p>	
		<p>4. The ok sign is obscene.</p>	
<p>9. Long handshakes.</p>		<p>9. Men and women always shake hands.</p>	<p>9. Firm handshake.</p>

<p>10. In greeting, warm hugs and kisses are common.</p>	<p>10. Men may greet women by kissing their hands; women greet other women with a slight embrace and kiss on the cheek.</p>	<p>10. Both men and women use the abrazo to greet; women may accompany that with a cheek kiss.</p>	<p>10. Men greet women by tipping their hat.</p>
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