

Different greetings across the world

India

“Namaste” – hold your hand in a praying position and slightly bend forward.

U.S.A.

Firmly shake hands while keeping eye contact.

Middle East

With your right hand, first touch the area of your heart, then your forehead and then point it up, while saying “Salam alekum” (trans. “May peace be with you”)

Malaysia

Touch the fingertips of your hand with the ones of the other person. Then touch the area of your heart (meaning “I greet you from all my heart”). Men can do this just with other men and women with other women (you cannot greet someone of opposite gender).

Polinezia

Hug and rub eachother’s back.

Eskimo

Rub you nose to the nose of the other.

Some African tribes

Symbolically spit at eachother’s feet.

Japan

Bow at a 15⁰ angle.

Russia

Firmly shake hands, then hug and kiss eachother’s cheeks 3 times, alternating from right to left cheek.

Latin america

Embrace and gently tap eachother's backs

Turkyie

Hold hands and kiss eachother's cheeks.

Belgium

Kiss three times on cheeks, alternatively left and righ.

Israel

Hold hands or embrace, saying "Shalom"
