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Food walking tours



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I've been reading *Time Out New York* very carefully looking for a food tour that my wife and I can go on when we visit NYC. Any that you know of?

David Merves, Miami

Astoria, Queens, Walkabout

Although the tour is billed as "Around the World in 80 Minutes," its creator, Susan Birnbaum, doesn't like to be a stickler for the clock when visiting Greek, Italian, Colombian, Egyptian, and Lebanese restaurants and shops along 30th Avenue. "I just couldn't resist the pun!" she says. The eight-stop trip is popular with adventurous tourists and locals who don't know that Astoria offers more than Greek treats. *SusanSez NYC Walkabouts, meet at 30th Ave at 31st St, Astoria, Queens (917-509-3111, dbsystemsgroup.com/susansez). Apr 24 at 11am, \$40.*

Bowery Lane Chocolate Tour

The sugar high that comes from visiting five haute chocolate spots along the Bowery is significant, but this two-hour walking tour is meant to work it off along the way. Taste confections flavored with chili, paprika, ginger, wasabi, tequila, Cuban rum and even absinthe. *New Chocolate Tours, meet at 63 E 4th St between Bowery and Second Ave (917-292-0680, sweetwalks.com). Thu-Sun 3:30pm, \$50 in advance.*

Chinatown, Brooklyn

Liz Young's four-hour marathon tour treks through Brooklyn to explore a lesser-known culinary enclave straddling Sunset Park and Bay Ridge. The Chinese food is mostly Cantonese, notable for what Young calls "refined, delicate flavors." The tour starts with Hong Kong-style dim sum, with curious eaters noshing on dumplings, Chinese tarts and stuffed buns, rice porridge, bubble tea, scallion pancakes and, for the truly adventurous, chicken feet or fin soup. *Liz Young Culinary Tours (646-286-8065, lizyoungtours.com). Mon-Fri 10am-2pm; Sat, Sun 9am-1pm, or by request. \$125.*

A Taste of Hell

On this seven-stop, three-hour tour through Hell's Kitchen, expect a midtown melting pot of eats, including empanadas, milk shakes, secret-spot chorizo tacos, pork buns, biscotti and apple pie. Bonus: On cold days, local tour guide Moira Campbell swings by the little-known 414 Hotel, a bed-and-breakfast where you can rest your legs by a cozy fireplace. *Rum & Blackbird Tasting Tours (212-209-3370, rumandblackbird.com). Sat, Sun 1:30am-2:30pm, 3-6pm; \$49.*

Taste of Harlem Tour

"I feel sometimes like I'm Mr. U.N.," says tour leader Neal Shoemaker, who guides school kids and tourists through Harlem. "I mean, Kentucky kids eating authentic African food? It's so cool! They're not going to get that in Louisville." The mix of African, African-American, Spanish and Jamaican edibles won't merely fill the stomach, he promises; they'll help illustrate Harlem's diverse culture as well. *Harlem Heritage Tours, meet at 104 Malcolm X Blvd (Lenox Ave) between 115th and 116th Sts (212-280-7888, harlemheritage.com). Sat 10, Apr 24 12-3pm, \$39.—Amy Zavatto*