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## Plot your own private tasting tour of Paris, Hong Kong or San Sebastián

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Meg Zimbeck, editor of **Paris by Mouth**, an online magazine that explores the Paris food scene, is well-connected, having tapped French-food journalism stars Patricia Wells and Dorie Greenspan to weigh in on the site's lists of where to find the best grub in the city. Last year, Ms. Zimbeck began offering small tours that connect clients with her favorite cheesemongers, wine merchants and pâtissiers. The concept has appealed to food luminaries such as Ruth Reichl and chef Nancy Silverton, who have attended her cheese tour, and private groups who tapped her to customize an "Amélie" tour (after the whimsical French film) and a sampling of Paris's pizza scene. The standard tour, which in-cludes lots of nibbles and wine, is limited to no more than seven people and costs approximately \$128 per person.



Daisann McLane is a well-known travel writer and editor-at-large for National Geographic Traveler. In her downtime, she runs Little Adventures in Hong Kong, a company that customizes tours of Hong Kong—a personal obsession that drove Ms. Mclane to move to the city and learn Cantonese. Her tours—guided either by her or an esteemed local food blogger—are totally customizable (\$100 an hour for groups up to 3 people). She made one recent client "Anthony Bourdain for the day," guiding him to the best snake soup and roast goose and helped a visiting bartender discover cocktailready herbs in local markets. littleadventuresinhongkong.com



On a Little Adventures in Hong Kong tour, a stop at a local market Daisann McLane

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