

Seen It All? These Tours Are for You

MANY native New Yorkers would be uncomfortable going on a tour of their city. After all, the very word “tour” shares etymological roots with the much-maligned “tourist,” and many natives insist that, as far as the five boroughs go, they’ve seen it all anyway. It doesn’t help the standing of tours that the City Council was so miffed about their blaring loudspeakers that on Thursday it voted to require them to use headphones.

But city natives should know that not all tours feature noisy buses, and not all focus on the Empire State Building or other obvious sights. The menu of tours in this city, in fact, is as diverse as its population. There are jogging tours, tours conducted by retired city police officers, and tours just for you and your MP3 player. And there are tours of special niches of the city — like the offerings below — that would interest even the most highly informed born-and-bred.

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THE WALL STREET EXPERIENCE The day after leaving Deutsche Bank in 2009 as a trader in collateralized debt obligations, Andrew Luan, 38, began giving friends tours of the Wall Street area, explaining the crisis from an insider’s perspective.

“I was the center of the crisis, trading the assets that people blame for this disaster,” Mr. Luan said.

The tour lasts two hours and “combines the history of Wall Street, as well as what’s recently transpired,” Mr. Luan said. Stops can include the res-

taurant Trinity Place, where an old vault has been transformed into a dining room; Trinity Church, where the original stock market began in 1792; and newer landmarks, like the headquarters of A.I.G. and the late Lehman Brothers.

PRICE \$50 for the two-hour Financial Crisis Tour, \$35 for the briefer Wall Street Insider Tour.

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HIGHLIGHT Customers asking Mr. Luan, “Do you feel responsible for what happened? Do you feel guilty?”



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