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## Comings and Goings

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If watching the Tour de France in the comfort of your living room makes you want to hop onto two wheels and race through the streets of Manhattan until you find a decent baguette, then the Tour de France Culinary [Bike](#) Tour might be for you. The tour stops at five French restaurants representing different regions of [France](#), like [Marseille](#) in Midtown, which specializes in Provençal dishes, and Cafe d'Alsace, below, on the Upper East Side, which serves Alsatian dishes. The fee for the seven-hour, 18-mile tour is \$95. It includes bike and helmet, guide and food samples — like croissants in the morning and bouillabaisse for lunch — at each restaurant (it costs \$85 for those with their own equipment). Tours take place today, next Sunday and on July 29, and meet at Second Avenue and 69th Street at 9:30 a.m. Reservations: [www.bikethebigapple.com](http://www.bikethebigapple.com). ...You know Brooklyn is a tourist destination when a Comfort Inn opens there. The hotel — at 279 Butler Street, near Third Avenue and between the Cobble Hill and Park Slope neighborhoods — is near the site of the proposed Atlantic Yards complex. Rates start at \$179 ([www.comfortinnbrooklyn.com](http://www.comfortinnbrooklyn.com)). ... The Austrian Airlines Vacation Center ([www.austrianair-vacations.com](http://www.austrianair-vacations.com)) is offering seven air and rail packages now through Oct. 31. The packages, which range from \$939 to \$1,999 a person, include the Central Europe Rail Steal, which offers airfare from New York, [Chicago](#) or [Washington](#) to cities like [Krakow](#), [Poland](#); [Prague](#); or [Budapest](#), and a second-class rail pass with five days of unlimited travel within Poland, the [Czech Republic](#), [Hungary](#), [Austria](#) and [Slovakia](#). Another package is the Balkan Rail Steal, which flies from the same cities in the [United States](#) to cities like [Sofia](#), [Bulgaria](#); [Bucharest](#), [Romania](#); or [Istanbul](#), [Turkey](#), and offers a first-class rail pass with five days of unlimited travel in those

countries, as well as [Greece](#) and Macedonia. For all packages, participants may fly home from a different city and must complete rail travel within one month.