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Sidecar tours in Montmartre. SACREBLEU PARIS

I often try local travel companies when I'm in Paris who arrange guided tours of museums and other excursions, but on my most recent trip in the fall, I had the pleasure of using the best one yet: [Sacrebieu Paris](#).

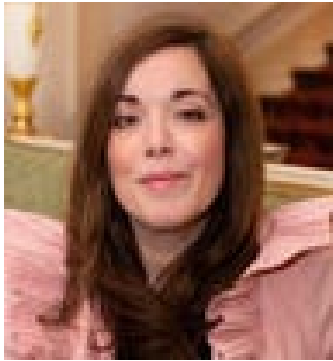
Owned and run by the effervescent and incredibly well-connected Stephanie Boutet-Fajol, it offers experiences in Paris that cater both to first-time visitors and die-hard return travelers like me.

It's no wonder why the city's top hotels—J.K. Place Paris and Plaza Athenee among the bunch—turn to her to book tours for their clients.

Boutet-Fajol's bestsellers include a bread and chocolate walking tour in Saint Germain des Pres with a renowned chef, a private cruise down the Seine complete with champagne and nibbles that the boat captain's wife personally makes and a cooking class at The Ritz. Then there are her legendary sidecar tours of Montmartre that are an absolute blast for anyone of any age and offer a unique perspective on the charming neighborhood and the Jay Z and Beyonce tour of The Louvre where you can see where the duo filmed their famous "Apes**t" music video. Get this: Boutet-Fajol can even get you into the world's largest museum after hours—for the right price, of course.

Just outside of the city, Boutet-Fajol can arrange a visit to Versailles to see the private apartment of the kings and a golf cart ride to Marie Antoinette's estate.

I'm a complete art lover and had the most insider art experiences on my visit thanks to her art historian guide Anne. Among them: a gallery tour of the Left Bank and Le Marais, meetings with local artists and even visits to their homes.



Stephanie Boutet-Fajol. SACREBLEU PARIS

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Diane Sherer, a travel advisor and founder of the company beyond, describes Sacrebieu Paris as a "gem." "What makes Stephanie unique is the fact that she was born and raised in Paris. She is a true Parisian and with that comes a ton of knowledge, insider advice, and connections," she says.

Another agent Cara Kobzeff, of TravelStore, who caters to the most discriminating clientele, also lavished on the praise. "Stephanie can quite literally make magic happen on a last-minute basis," she says. "An example would be privatizing the Louvre for a family. I contacted her late at night when my clients were departing the USA and by the time they landed we had the Louvre privatized that evening for them, it was absolutely incredible and opulent and made me look like a rock star!"

Kobzeff says that her favorite Sacrebleu Tours are the Louvre after-hours exclusively, accessing private areas within the Palace of Versailles and private cooking classes from gastronomic to pastry. On top of the tours themselves, the company has the memories captured by a professional photographer so that no one is worried about taking selfies and iPhone photos and can be fully present and enjoy the experience instead.

Let Sacrebleu take you away to Paris and show you the magical city at its very best. Like me, you'll be glad you did. Speaking for myself, I can tell you that I'll certainly be turning to Boutet-Fajol again and yet again.

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