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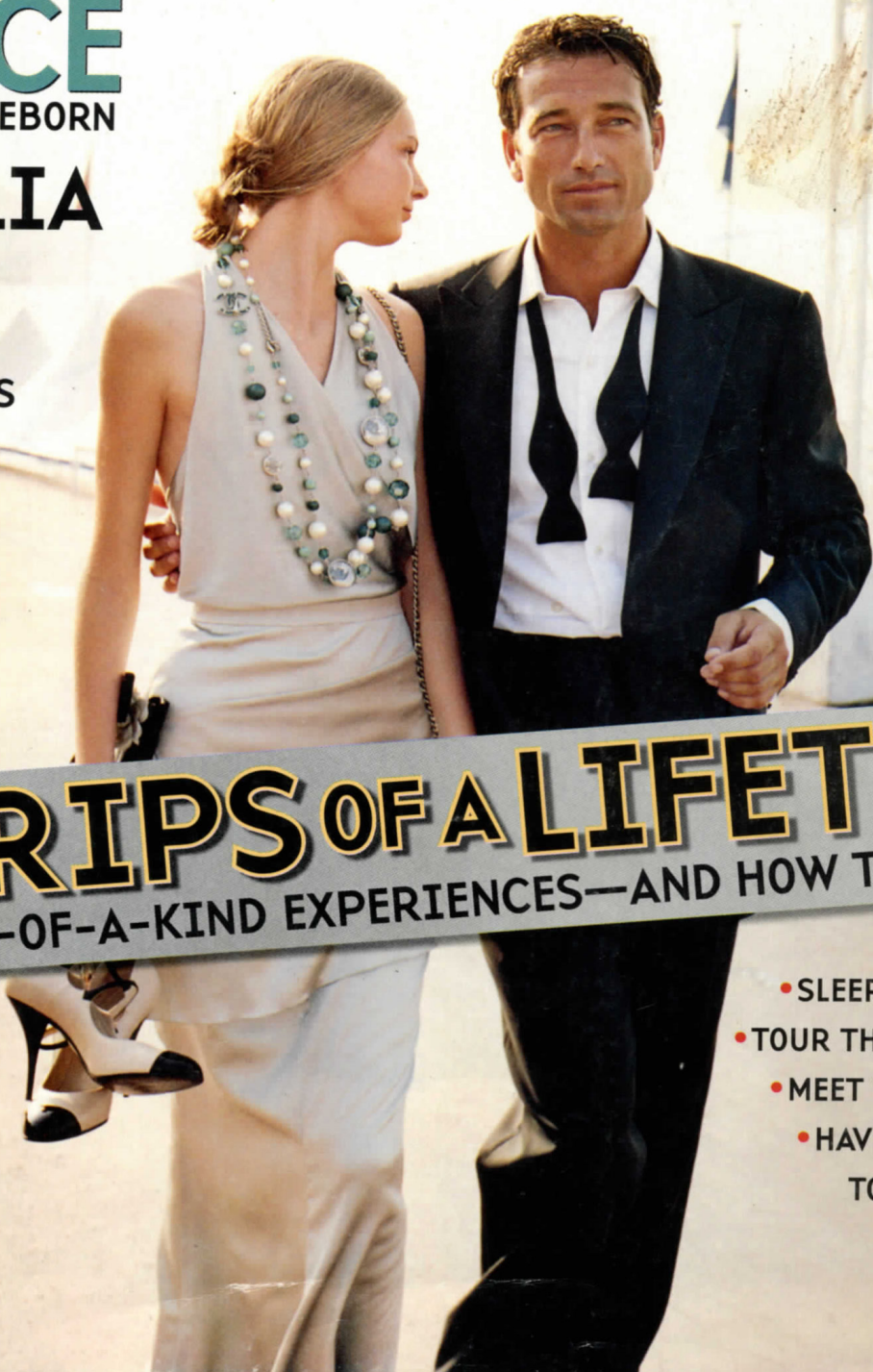
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**FRANCE**  
A RIVIERA CITY REBORN

**AUSTRALIA**  
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**BRITAIN**  
EDGY NEW GARDENS

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RESORTS**  
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## 50 TRIPS OF A LIFETIME

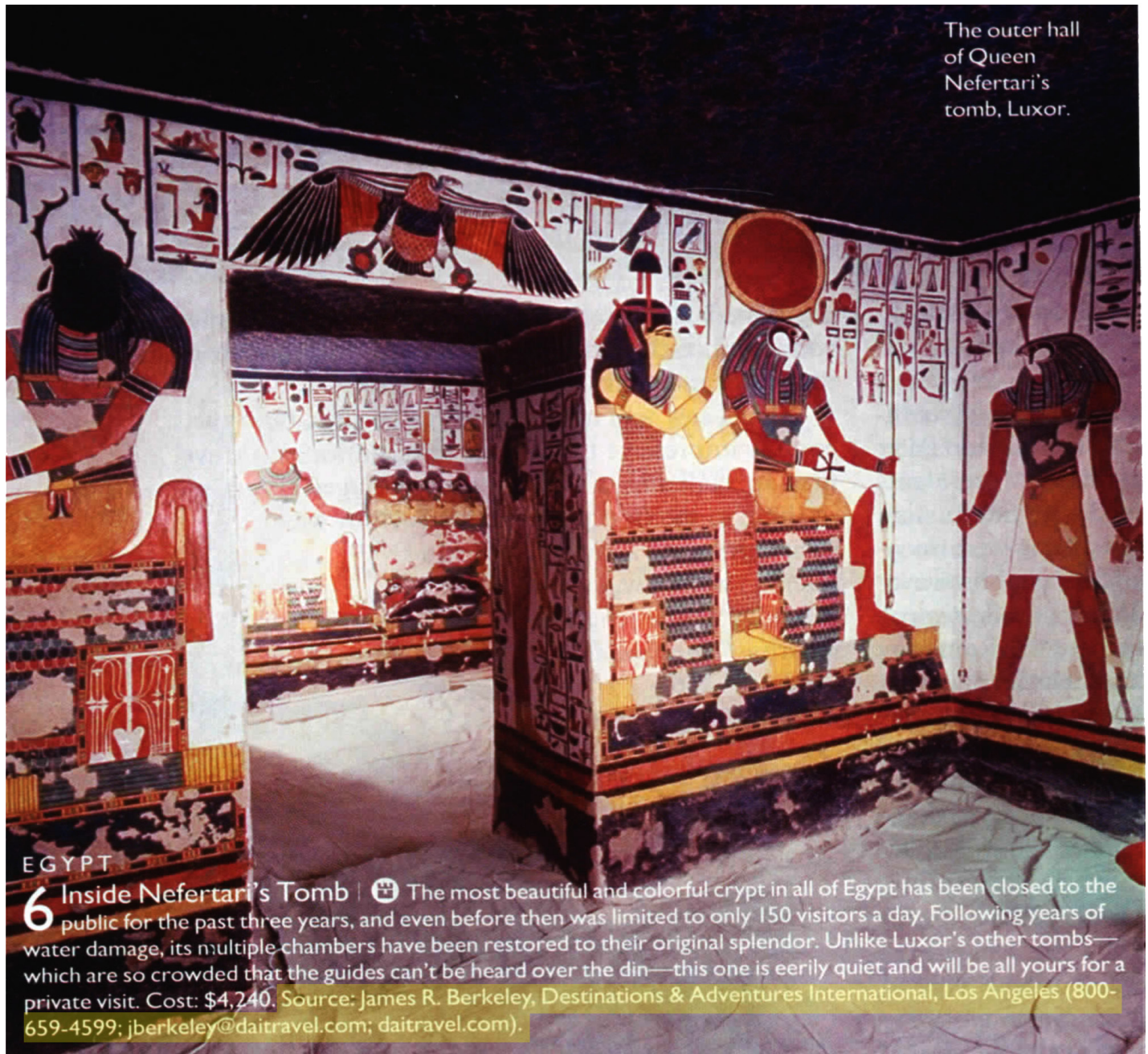
ONE-OF-A-KIND EXPERIENCES—AND HOW TO GET THEM

- SLEEP IN A PYRAMID
- TOUR THE SECRET KREMLIN
- MEET THE DALAI LAMA
- HAVE THE VATICAN TO YOURSELF

# 50 EXPERIENCES THAT ONLY INSIDERS CAN DELIVER

You can delve deeper into an unfamiliar culture when you are able to gain access to places, events, and people that are normally off-limits. Below are 50 examples of such extraordinary opportunities worldwide, ranging in price from \$80 to \$30,000. This list is not exhaustive: The very act of publicizing some rare opportunities offered by the most well-connected travel firms would burn the bridges that make them possible. Furthermore, many of the options described on these pages include special features that we are forbidden to divulge but that will surely enrich your trip. Because of the nature of such experiences, they are of course subject to change and even cancellation. Most cannot be booked à la carte but only as part of a larger itinerary. (Note that prices quoted are estimates for two people.)

Reported by Brook Wilkinson



The outer hall of Queen Nefertari's tomb, Luxor.

## EGYPT

**6** Inside Nefertari's Tomb | 🏛️ The most beautiful and colorful crypt in all of Egypt has been closed to the public for the past three years, and even before then was limited to only 150 visitors a day. Following years of water damage, its multiple chambers have been restored to their original splendor. Unlike Luxor's other tombs—which are so crowded that the guides can't be heard over the din—this one is eerily quiet and will be all yours for a private visit. Cost: \$4,240. Source: James R. Berkeley, Destinations & Adventures International, Los Angeles (800-659-4599; [jberkeley@daitravel.com](mailto:jberkeley@daitravel.com); [daitravel.com](http://daitravel.com)).