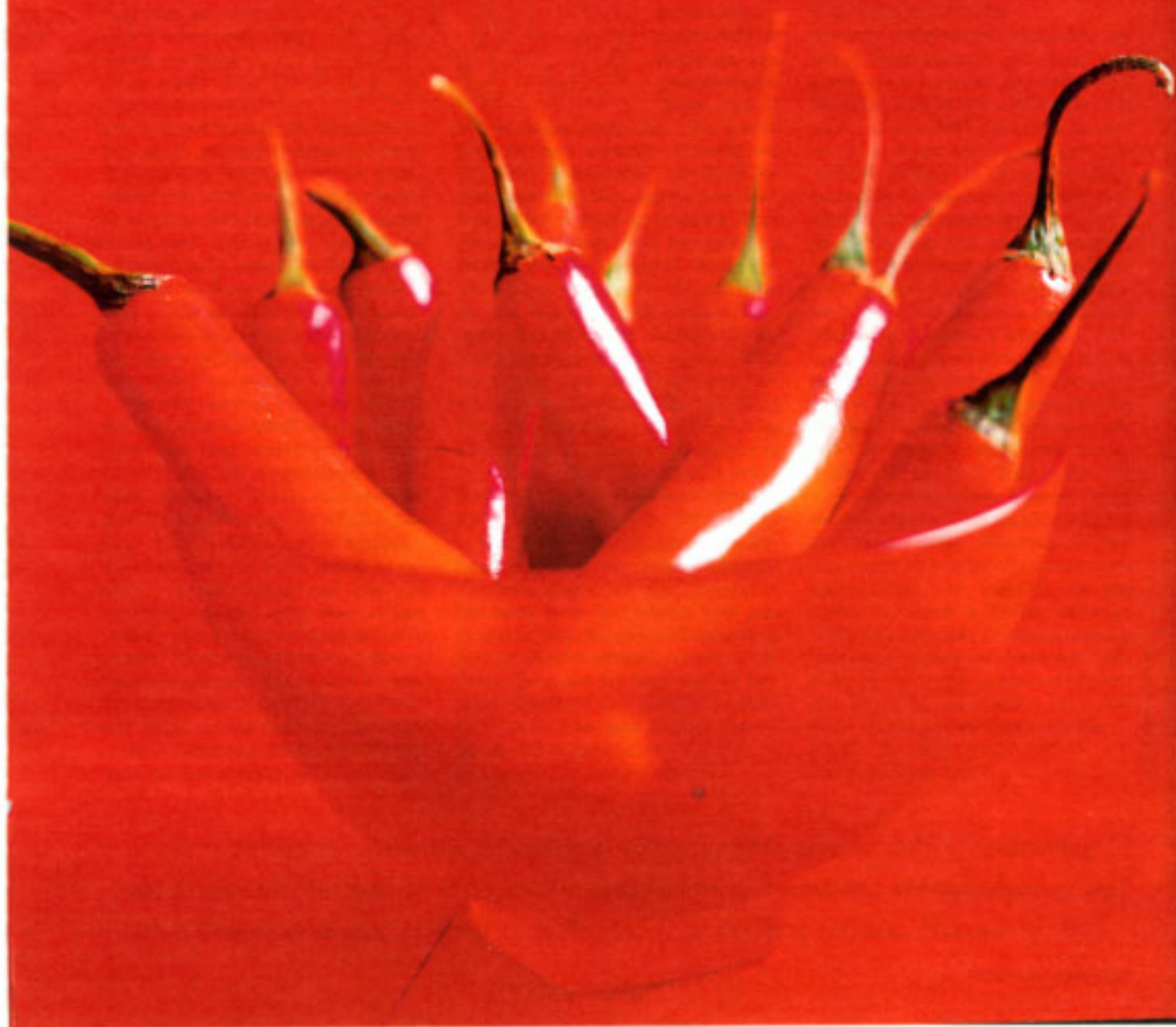


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PANTOFFEL TOURS IN BERLIN BY GISELE WILLIAMS

"New Yorkers are obsessed with real estate. So when I heard about the Pantoffel Tour, a three-hour mini-van exploration of five of Berlin's most extraordinary private flats, I signed up immediately.

Prone to peeking through windows of intriguing apartments, I was thrilled that the Pantoffel Tour would not only take me inside the properties, but would allow me to meet the owners.

Led by Kerstin Kliemt, the genius behind the Pantoffel Tour concept, our group of voyeurs visited everything from an expensive, cluttered antique collector's apartment to a tiny East German council flat.

Will the concept ever hit New York? If someone doesn't do it soon, I'll start up myself." Tours cost 650 euros per person including snacks. Call: 00 49 30 627 231 50; www.pantoffel-tour.de

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COOKERY COURSE IN ITALY BY SHARI MYCEK

"Mama Agata, the quintessential Italian grandmother, used to cook for Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Humphrey Bogart and Richard Burton and Liz Taylor when they visited Ravello, a breathtaking medieval village on Italy's Amalfi coast.

Now guests of Palazzo Sasso, Ravello's famous 12th-century palace-turned-hotel, can access Mama Agata's culinary secrets. Hotel staff will arrange a private, four-hour lesson with Mama – in her home overlooking the Amalfi coast.

Groups are small: three to four 'students', and there's always an interpreter on hand. Eat what you cook on Mama's terrace, which is set amid lemon and olive trees."

Lessons cost 250 euros for two people.

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