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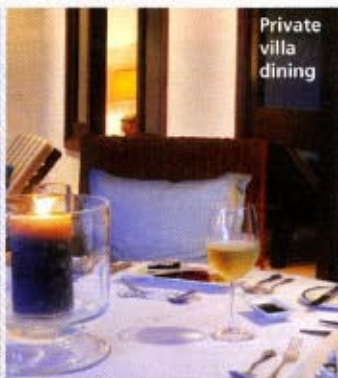


**LUXE** LIFE

## Fly Fishing in the Seychelles



Fishing in the flats



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A fishing trip might not seem like the world's most posh journey, at least until you hear about the all-inclusive, seven-day Desroches Island Fly Fishing Adventure. First, let's talk about the setting. Desroches is located in the Seychelles, the exotic group of islands in the crystal blue waters north of Madagascar. It is there that you will find your own private villa complete with swimming pool and a fully equipped kitchen. Here's where the magic happens: Your private chef will prepare your meals (including your freshly caught fish) ranging from seafood barbecues to Creole cuisine, complemented by a long international wine list strong in South African selections. The actual fishing happens on the Poivre and St. Joseph's atolls, where a guide will point you to the bonefish, trevally, milkfish and triggerfish cruising in the flats and the sailfish and tuna swimming beyond. After a hard day of reeling in your catch, relaxing should be easy: the resort offers spa services, bike tours, guided snorkeling and more. It's not exactly roughing it, but you don't have to tell that to your fishing buddies back home. The adventure starts at \$7,600. [frontierstravel.com](http://frontierstravel.com) —KEITH WAGSTAFF

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**Running of the Bulls, Pamplona**

Forget Red Bull and vodka...if you want to add a little adrenaline to your glass, head to Pamplona, Spain for the annual Running of the Bulls. The festival honoring San Fermín has been held for almost 800 years, but only since being immortalized by Ernest Hemingway has it drawn revelers from around the globe.

Actually running through the twisted streets of Pamplona is best reserved for the fittest and bravest among us, but our favorite way to enjoy the action is on a balcony overlooking the 900-yard course with a *copa de vino* from the Kingdom of Navarra in hand. Pamplona's history of wine-making dates back to Roman times.

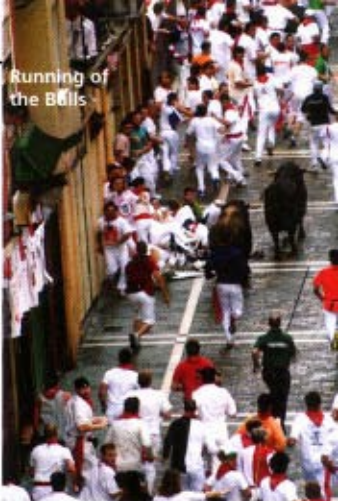
The weeklong celebration begins on July 6, with the first *encierro* occurring on July 7 at 8 am followed by one every morning after through the duration of the festival. To fit in with the locals, wear your whites with a red bandana.

Although the runners are not permitted to be under the influence of alcohol, ward off the heat with a refreshing unoaked Chardonnay from nearby Bodegas Castillo de Monjardin, or enjoy a plate of tapas in the slightly cooler evening with a Bodegas Chivite Gran Feudo Crianza, a local Tempranillo-based blend. The other draw in Pamplona is a wide array of rosé wines made from Garnacha, which is Navarra's shining star.

Whether in a tiny tapas bar in a hidden alleyway or on an iron-railed terrace above the thronged cobblestone streets, when we see each other, be sure to raise your glass and say, "Salud,"—to your health, our health and that of the slightly mad runners who are braving the bulls.

—MIKE DESIMONE & JEFF JENSSEN

Running of the Bulls

**WHERE IS WINE ENTHUSIAST?**

Can you guess which *Wine Enthusiast*-preferred restaurant is pictured here? Give us your best guess on [facebook.com/WineEnthusiast](https://www.facebook.com/WineEnthusiast), and scoop up the August issue of *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*, where our editors and tasters reveal the most innovative wine restaurants across the nation. Will your favorite eatery make the cut?

