

# COUNTRY LIFE

## I'll drink to that



**N**ESTLED in the South Downs, Rathfinny Wine Estate is offering the public the opportunity to take part in its annual grape harvest throughout October. After a seven-hour day harvesting grapes, volunteers can retreat to the luxurious Flint Barns and enjoy locally sourced, homecooked food. Guests can stay for four nights, with the cost of accommodation offset by labour.

Visitors are also encouraged at the estate throughout the rest of the year. Tours take place between March and September and walkers can enjoy the Rathfinny Trail, a path along Cradle Valley and through the vineyard in conjunction with the National Trust and the South Downs National Park Authority. The estate, established in 2010, boasts a state-of-the-art winery, capable of producing more than one million bottles of wine every year. For more information and 2018 availability, visit [www.rathfinnyestate.com](http://www.rathfinnyestate.com)

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## Paradise found

Starting in March 2018, British Airways will operate twice-weekly, direct flights between London Heathrow and the Seychelles for the first time in 14 years.

### Where to stay

○ Denis Island (00 248 4288 963; [www.denisland.com](http://www.denisland.com))

Isolated and unspoilt, this family-friendly island is a cornucopia of wildlife and sandy white beaches

○ Six Senses Zil Pasyon Félicité (00 248 4289 900; [www.zilpasyon.com](http://www.zilpasyon.com))

A firm Seychellois favourite, known for its fantastic food, granite-boulder-studded beaches and fun-loving, sophisticated vibe

○ Maia Luxury Resort & Spa (00 248 4390 000; [www.tsogosun.com/maia](http://www.tsogosun.com/maia))

Boutique villa-style accommodation on your own private peninsula

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