

Dina Saleh on Mountain Chefs

1. What were you doing with your life at the point you decided to do a ski season?

I was having a second gap year, post university.

2. Did Mountain Chefs help you with your decision to do a Chalet Chef course?

Yes I had contact with Rachel who was very helpful and answered all of my questions before I decided to do the course.

3. Did you enjoy your Mountain Chefs Chalet Chef course? Why?

I had a fantastic week at Mountain Chefs. The course content was very thorough but there was also the opportunity to have a lot of fun with it. There was a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere and the week was varied with the chance to do some wine tasting, enjoy some DELICIOUS meals and get to know the rest of the group and staff who had lots of great advice to share.



4. How did the Mountain Chefs course help you in your ski season?

My cooking skills were pretty limited from my uni days but the course gave me so much confidence with my cooking and made the season run very smoothly. It was particularly helpful that the course was so specifically focused on chalet hosting and was run by a chef who had actually worked seasons in chalets. Everything I learnt was relevant to the upcoming season and made my life as a chalet host very enjoyable! I had been made aware of some of the problems I would be likely to encounter and how best to deal with them.

The first couple of weeks running a chalet are really daunting and having that bit of confidence in my ability meant I could enjoy myself from day one. The season goes SO quickly and doing the course meant I didn't have to waste any precious time stressing about the job!

5. What job did you take for the ski season? Which company? Where are you working? Have you enjoyed it?

I worked as a chalet host running a 6 person chalet by myself with SNOWLINE VIP in Val D'isere. I have never worked as hard but I have never had so much fun! I would recommend a ski season and particularly this company to anyone, seriously some of the best days of my life!

6. What will you do now that the ski season is done?

I am temping at the moment and going traveling for July and August before I start the Legal Practice Course in Leeds in September and then start working for a law firm in 2010. If I could do another season I DEFINITELY would!