

Jon interviews: Mindy Kuhn who is moving back to the USA

Jon: Hi Mindy.

Mindy: Hi John. How are you?

Jon: I'm not so bad, just returned from England, and I understand you are out fairly soon to where is it you're going?

Mindy: I'm going to north of Los Angeles.

Jon: North of Los Angeles. Which place in particular?

Mindy: It's called Simi Valley.

Jon: Right. Is that where you're from or your family is based?

Mindy: Well we were born and raised in the San Fernando Valley which is just over, Simi is just over into another valley. It's kind of over there in Malibu mountains.

Jon: OK.

Mindy: So that's where I'm going, that's where I'm going to live with my sister for a while.

Jon: I can see that your house is undergoing some transformation at the moment. You have DVDs piled up practically to the ceiling

Mindy: Like a tornado came through here right.

Jon: You have how many DVDs?

Mindy: It must be 7 or 800 or something.

Jon: Is that something to do with your Hollywood connection perhaps?

Mindy: No, no.

Jon: Cos I understand you had some encounter with Jack Nicholson and famous people?

Mindy: Yes, I did, a little bit. I worked on Rodeo Drive and I also worked in Malibu so I did meet a lot of celebrities. It was interesting.



Jon: Ok. And you're off there again now. Is it a question of being attracted to go back to California or are there things about Brittany you're not so keen on?

Mindy: No I love it here and especially my friends. I'm gonna miss my friends really really bad.

Jon: I'm sure they'll miss you as well.

Mindy: My family is in there and they need me. They're elderly and they really need my help.

Jon: Aren't we all! OK, so if you had to pick a highlight of your time in, because before coming to Brittany you were in another part of France weren't you?

Mindy: I was in Alsace.

Jon: Which place in particular?

Mindy: I was in a town called Orbey near Colmar. It's on the east border near Germany and Switzerland, near Colmar.

Jon: How different was life in Colmar for you than life in Brittany?

Mindy: It was different, it was different, um, I actually lived in the countryside too like here. I lived up in the mountains going towards the snow, the ski lifts and stuff like that. It was cold, really, really, cold there so I don't miss that

Jon: The snow, the ice, this place is very cold because of the damp isn't it.

Mindy: Yes, exactly, it's different, but I don't miss the snow, especially driving in it was an adventure for me, something that was new for me, so, I don't miss that.

Jon: Did you have to drive as part of your job?

Mindy: I had to go to different companies. I was teaching English in different companies at the time for about 14 years.

Jon: Teaching English to adults?

Mindy: Adults in companies. I had groups of students and I also had bosses, one on one with the bosses.

Jon: Have you had experience of teaching kids?

Mindy: No, not really. I haven't done that

Jon: So if you had to pick one or two highlights about your life in Brittany which ones would you choose?

Mindy: Well, I love the old castles and the chateaux visiting there, and I love that I just its different, it's just different you know. I like it. I liked it here.

Jon: And things about California though, what will be easier for you? I know you're going out of a sense of duty more than anything. But are there things which are more convenient and more interesting?

Mindy: It's totally different so it's hard to say, it's really hard to say. I like shopping there

Jon: Who wouldn't?

Mindy: And there are some great restaurants, very international restaurants and delicious restaurants there.

Jon: Do you think it will be difficult for you to adjust to life back in California, coos it's quite nice not shopping isn't it?

Mindy: Well yeah.

Jon: And not having any choice, going to Lidl and seeing that's the biscuit you can either have it or you can leave it.

Mindy: They do have a Lidl there and an Aldi

Jon: Oh, you'll be at home. But they also have a hell of a lot more.

Mindy: Yeah.

Jon: Yeah, ok.

Mindy: I have a big family, I have a lot of nephews and nieces and grand-nephews and grand-nieces and they miss me really bad. I always have such a great time with them when I go. They're always asking when are you coming back? No, they're really cool, cool kids. They're not little kids any more, they're grown up.

Jon: I won't ask you how old they are. Ok, so is there anything that you won't miss about Brittany?

Mindy: Mmmm, well just maybe that it rains all the time. Well not every day, I wouldn't say that.

Jon: Every other day

Mindy: Yeah, it rains a lot, maybe that's something I won't, you know.

Jon: Maybe your driving licence might be easier to obtain in America?

Mindy: Exactly.

Jon: We won't say if you've been driving illegally over the last few weeks.

Mindy: No, it's ok.

Jon: I just hope you'll come back and visit us at some point.

Mindy: Ahh thank you, I will and I hope you come and see me. OK? And wherever I'm at in the future I hope you'll come to see me.

Jon: We'll do our very best. Thank you very much for taking to us.

Mindy: Thank you Jon.

Jon: And good luck for the future.

Mindy: Thank you so much

Jon: Bye for now.