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A boom in the chef-hiring business on the Côte d'Azur has, in fact, meant that it is no longer reserved for the rich and famous. More and more savvy hostesses hire chefs to cook gourmet meals for dinner parties with as few as 4 or 6 guests, at extremely competitive rates (3-course menus from 40 € per guest). The chefs even do the shopping before and clean up afterwards. A few personal chefs, ie, those who cater to anyone by reservation as compared with private chefs contracted to a household on a permanent basis, include Emmanuel Soffonea in Antibes (Tel. 04 93 34 62 55, www.unchefchezvous.com), Jean Luc Roncalli in Vallauris (photo above, Tel. 06 19 17 66 70, www.rivierachef.com)

and Dominique Duverne in Menton (Tel. 04 92 41 05 65, www.mosaic-kitchen3000.com). The team at Private Catering provides all-round service from breakfast deliveries to staging lavish receptions with Michelin-starred chefs (Tel. 04 92 91 51 91, www.private-catering.com). Private Chefs Inc. is an agency that can dispatch one of their registered chefs, private or personal, on demand for any purpose, anywhere in the world (Tel. +1 310 278 4707, www.privatechefsinc.com).

Based in Le Cannet, Luxury Events focuses on the organization of special occasions but also handles car, limousine, boat and villa rentals (contact Julien Farrugia on 06 20 99 29 62, www.luxuryevents.fr). Nathalie and Karine at Nice-Events provide A to Z organization of weddings, birthdays, galas, incentives etc. (Tel. 06 11 13 00 21, www.nice-events.fr). Then

for all administrative, secretarial, tax and legal matters, plus seminar and events organization, the Nice-based company 'Toco d'Azur offers personalized assistance and 10 years' experience (contact Vanessa Mari on 04 93 83 37 25, www.tocodazur.com). Finally, Prospect Home in Mougins (Tel. 04 92 59 00 44) provides all-round villa management in your absence (mail, security, maintenance...), during your stay (airport pick-up, delivery of supplies, rentals) and after your departure (laundry, cleaning, refurbishment). And if you would like to rent out your property during the season, contact Mélyssa Faique and Clémence Auguy at the aptly-named Zen Partners. They handle everything: house-cleaning, changeovers, pool and garden maintenance, restaurant reservations, hiring chefs, masseurs, coaches etc. (Tel. 06 82 15 53 21, www.zen-partners.com).