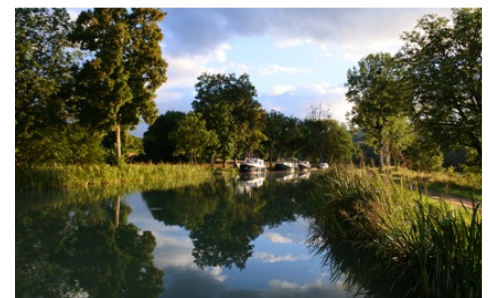




*Ecluse 34... a little bite of French paradise*



If you are ever boating, biking, or touring in the Bourgogne, you may be lucky enough to drop by for dinner or lunch at Ecluse 34 - a tiny, eccentric but exceedingly charming converted lock keeper's cottage that offers wonderful, home-cooked meals in idyllic surroundings. It's one of those gems you just discover or are lucky enough to be let in on the secret by others. In fact, run by a Swiss couple, who use only local ingredients, and wines grown up across the hill...it is only open on certain days or, if you are lucky as we were, if a few guests from a passing hotel boat decide to stop in. Only 4-8 guests perhaps. It's rather like dining in someone's private home, where there is time to chat to the host between courses (only one meal is prepared...and you don't know what it is till it arrives on the table. 5 courses for approx. 30 euro). We tied up for the night both on the way up and on the way back, for lunch to share it with Peter.