

# Art, Madam Lunch, and a Castle Tour

Rain doesn't stop the experience

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We woke up to a serious day of rain Monday, but we were in need of something a little slower than the pace the last two days. Carol had visited a painter's workshop about 20 km from our house and we had decided to buy one of his local landscapes, so we headed toup to Jean's studio gallery. Jean greeted us warmly and showed us around his studio including an explanation of his painting technique (palette knife) with the aid of our English-French dictionary. This was a highlight for Carol who would have liked to spend a few hours with this gracious artist. He constructed a carry-on box for us to protect the painting (shown below).

We then revisited Chez Jeanne's for lunch, Madam Marat's kitchen and restaurant in Pomerede. Our choices are shown below. With this lunch, don't think about dinner. We went on another side adventure. The skies were still gray, but it actually gave the countryside a lot of charm and certainly a different set of hues. We turned a corner and spied the Bonaguil castle which filled the landscape. There was a self conducted tour of this multi-tiered structure but we swear they were trying to hold us captive since some of the signs seemed to take us in circlces ending up in the *donjon* (dungeon). We got some excellent shots during our travails, and headed back for an evening of nothing in Castelfranc.

