VIA DES EVETTES

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The Via des Evettes is divided into 2 parts: a Via Ferrata and a Via Corda

The Via Ferrata: equipped in via ferrata style with a himalayan bridge

- Duration: 3-4 hours, round trip from Flégère
- Back to Flégère in 20 minutes; watch out for névés early on the season!
- Equipment required : harness, via ferrata lanyard, helmet. The rope is recommended!
- Be careful: 2 people max on the himalayan bridge.

To reach Via des Evettes, it takes 20 minutes by walk from the top of the Flégère gondola.

Turn right towards Flégère Hut, and at the signs, turn right towards Planpraz. It's clearly indicated by sign "Via Evettes". If you have children with you, minimum heigt 1m40, it's advisable to let the other groups present themselves before you at the departure, to evolve in serenity.

Once you've started, they are three fairly vertical cliffs that will lead you halfway. At this point, you can find the first exit, in case you feel too tired to continue or for other reasons.

The second half of Via des Evettes consists of the Pont des Chamois and other vertical hiking sections. The Via des Evettes ends with the 50m himalayan bridge, which can be quite intimidating. So there is another exit point just before. Don't attempt to use a regular climbing harness or slings to cling to the cable. Without an energy absorber (rope or sling passing through a friction brake or block containing detachable straps), the probability of a significant fall is high.



After the bridge, you can either take the path of the Flégère gondola (indicated by green paints and by signs), or continue to Via Corda.

<u>The Via Corda</u>: in mountaineering school along the southern ridge of the Pic Janvier, equipment in studs

• Duration : approximately 3-4 hours

• Return by the Index chairlift

• Material required : 50m rope, 6 quickdraws, rings

Classic sport climbing route level 4+ max



