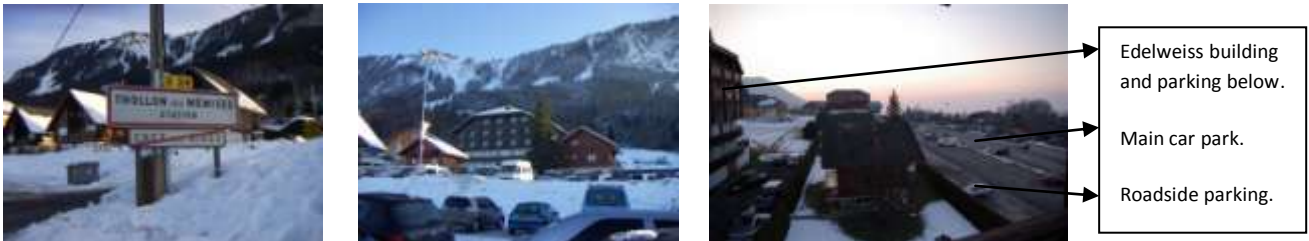


Thollon Les Memises. Apartment No. 4. L'Edelweiss Apartment

Directions

SatNav is the simplest way to get to the village. As you near the end of the journey and climb the mountain you will pass some small villages including Chez Cachet (the village where Evian was 1st discovered), then the village of Thollon Les Memises and finally up to the ski area Thollon (Station)

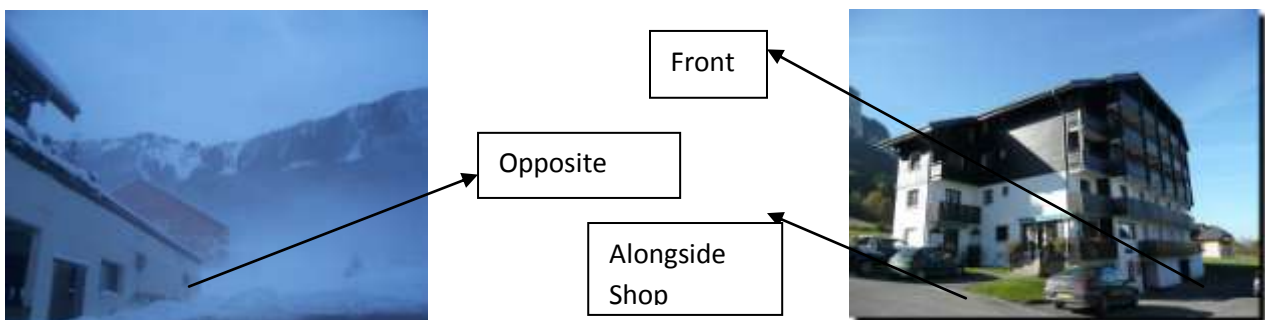


Once you pass this sign you are entering the ski area. To the left is a large free car park, to the right are a number of properties. Up ahead to the right you will see a Ski shop called "Savoy Ski". The shop is shown in the first picture. In the second picture you can see the shop to the left of the scene. You will approach in the direction of all the other cars. The car entrance to the property is to the right just before you get to the ski shop. In the first picture, the parking for the property is to the right of that ski shop/garage – you may end up driving past the entrance so turn around and come back around, turning left just after the ski shop.



Parking

There are no designated spaces, park either alongside the estate agent, opposite the estate agent or turn right by the estate agent and park outside the front of the apartment building. See below for examples. Failing that you can double park and unload your gear and then take your car over to the large parking area opposite the apartment. Don't block the garages though, they are in constant use. The main road is also double width so you'll find you can also park along the kerb of the main road as well.



Upon Arrival

You enter the building from the ground floor, through the glass double doors you see in picture on the below left. Salmon coloured door on right is an area for you to store your skis. There's a padlock on one of the ski racks. That's my padlock. Key is in the apartment on a hook in the hallway.

Second picture shows you the staircase. Go up these stairs and you'll reach a large landing area which is shown in the third picture (right). The apartment is on this floor.



Ski storage room

Top of Landing Area

No. 4 Apartment

Number 4 is the door just after you walk past the pink coloured doors.

The Cave

There is a small cave for storage. Go back down the stairs to the lift....



Next to the lift is a locked door; next to that door is the entrance to the caves.

Open the door and press the light switch. Go down corridor, turn right and then turn left. Door will have a '4' on it. Use cave key to open/lock. There's another light switch to the left of the door if the lights go out (they're on a timer). The cave currently some spare chairs in it and various tools but make some space for your gear if required.

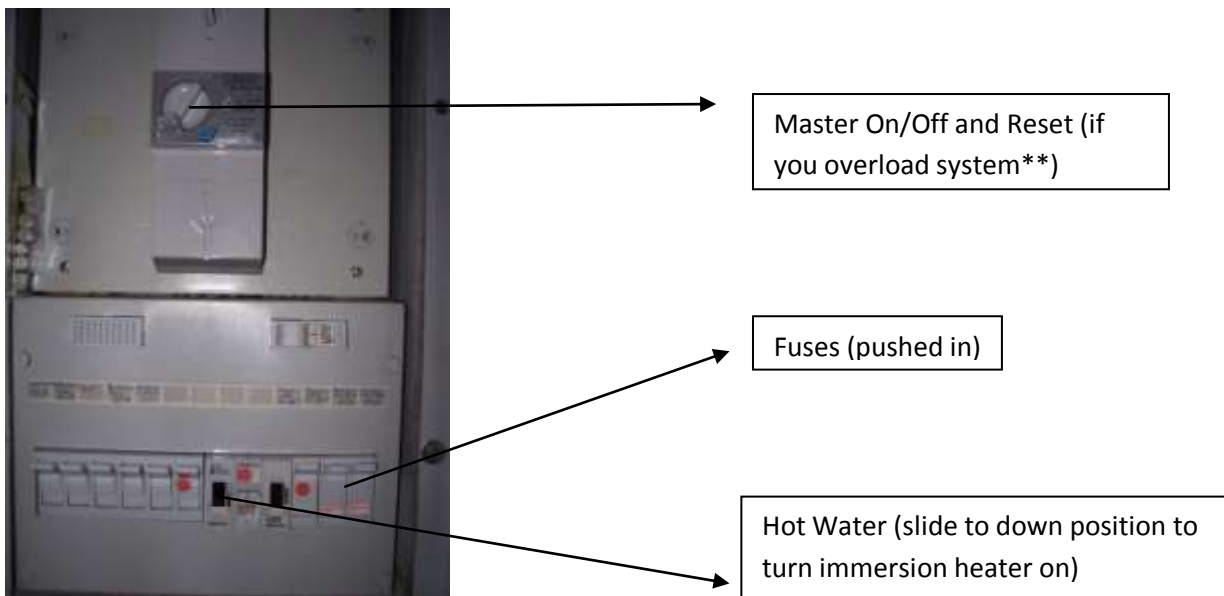
There's also two sledges in the cave also for some snow fun.

Don't forget there is also an area to store your skis near the front door of the building.

Turning on the Power

Next to the Front door should be a square button/switch. This will turn the lights on in the communal area – they go off after a minute so no need for you to fumble in the dark.

Once the front door is open, the/fuse box is on left hand side once you open the front door and enter the property. All you need to do is push all the fuses which are out, back in again and slide the little black switch to the 'down' position to turn the hot water on.



** If you have too many things on at the same time the meter will 'trip' and everything will go 'off'. Turn off something (usually the kettle will do it) and then turn the big On/Off switch to get your lights back.

When you first arrive you'll need to turn all the heaters on, they are already 'on' but they are turned down very low. Turn the little dial on each heater clockwise to their full on position.

The meter rarely 'trips' but if you have all the heating on full, the little fan heater on full power, the kettle and the oven/microwave on along with a ring on the cooker then it will trip – just turn something off and reset the meter. There is a torch in the hallway in case it is too dark for you.

The apartment may be particularly cold if it has been empty for some months. There is a small fan heater in the hallway which can be used to complement the electric heaters, don't recommend you have this on and the kettle/cooker though, it will cause the meter to trip on you.

Water

Before you can fill the kettle for a cup of tea/coffee, you need to switch the water on. Go into the room with the toilet in it. There is a white wall panel behind toilet that you need to remove. The panel has little handles on either side to make the removal easier.



Once removed there is a stop cock/valve,, turn it anti-clockwise a few times and the water will flow into hot water tank and toilet/taps will now work.

Try to turn the water supply on before sliding the black switch on the electric box for the immersion/hot water.

Shutters and Security

The shutters will be in their down position. They are not locked. Locate the crank handle to the side of the door/window and crank the shutters up.

The bedroom window has a small additional security catch on left hand side of frame on the inside, just turn the catch to the left. To open the bedroom window there is a handle on the right hand side of the frame, lift the handle and the window will tilt open. To close window, just push window frame back against the wall. We recommend dropping the shutters on the bedroom window at night for privacy purposes.



Security latch

Crank handle to open/close shutters

The front door does not auto-lock when the door is closed. To close door, pull the door handle into the up position, insert key and then turn key to lock (much like a patio door locks). Remember to lock the front door at night; key can be left in the lock as it is a special anti-pick/anti-bump lock so it cannot be turned from the other side. You may feel safer knowing the key is in the lock and the door secured when you sleep but you can escape quickly should there be an emergency...or you can lock the door and remove the key, whichever you prefer to do. There is no chain on the door but there is a spy-hole for security purposes.



Lift handle up to engage door locks and then use key to lock the door. To open, do the same.

The patio doors in the living room are not locked, simply turn the handle on the doors to open them. Just need to raise the shutters – crank handle is to right hand side of the doors. There is a small cafe table and 2 chairs on the balcony (covered by a towel) as well as a clothes rail for drying clothes.

General Matters

The fridge will come on as soon as the electricity is turned on, it'll take a few hours before you can use the small freezer box, so suggest you shop/stock the following day if buying frozen produce.

There is a vacuum cleaner and ironing board in the storage cupboard in the living room. Iron is on the shelf in the toilet room. There are spare light bulbs also on the shelf in the toilet room and spare fuses in the electricity box (just in case).

Crockery is in the French dresser, cutlery is under the sink along with various pots and pans. There's a flask in the French dresser if you want to bring tea on your days out as well as an old Nintendo Gameboy and a Sega Mega drive for some retro gaming. There's also a CD player/Radio so bring some music along. There's also a good selection of DVD's to watch both for adults and children. The drawers under the bunk beds also have some children's play things, jigsaws and drawing paper, etc.

Freshly laundered towels, flannels and duvets/duvet covers as well as pillow cases are stored under the bunk beds, you just need to dress the beds upon arrival and upon your departure wash and dry your laundry and put away. The laundrette (next to Meda Sport in the village) costs around 5-10 euros for a full wash and dry and takes about 40-45 minutes.

Departing/Leaving

Clear out the fridge and leave the door open.

Turn off the water supply (via the toilet room). Turn on the hot/cold taps in the kitchen and the bathroom to ensure the water in the pipes/taps is clear/empty. Turn the taps back off again. Flush the toilet also.

Lower the shutters to the doors and the window. For the doors, there is a little slide catch at the very bottom (inside), slide this towards the wall to 'lock' the shutters. For the window, the slider catch is top left hand corner of the shutters (inside), slide that close the window and then turn the security catch to lock the window.

Turn off the electricity by removing all the fuses which DO NOT have a red dot on them, don;t turn the electricity off at the main switch as the frost thermostats need electricity to work.

Close the front door, lift the handle up and then insert/turn key to lock the door. Double check the door. Make sure you've locked the cave door on the way out and bon journee.