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Europe

It's been a frustrating few days. Earlier in the week the weather models were suggesting snow as early as this weekend - at least in the southern Alps. This has now been put back, but the good news is that a return to winter is still tantalisingly close and there is a good chance that most places will see some significant snow at some point next week.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Today (Thursday) will be cloudy with a few showers, chiefly across western parts of the Austrian Alps. A dusting of new snow is possible at altitude, but no significant falls are expected and many places will stay dry. **Friday** and Saturday will be brighter with sunny spells and freezing levels rising to 2500m.



Cloudy with a few rain showers in Lech this morning - www.lech-zuers.at

France

It's a cloudy start across most of the French Alps today (Thursday) but skies will brighten later with freezing levels at 2300m. Friday and Saturday should be dry with sunny spells and just a little cloud at times. Freezing levels will creep up to around 2600m.

Italy

Most Italian resorts are quite cloudy this morning (Thursday) – there are even a few flakes of snow at altitude, especially in the Dolomites. However, skies are expected to brighten in the west later on. All areas should be dry with sunny spells on Friday and Saturday. It will also be quite mild with freezing levels around 2600m.

Switzerland

It's a bit cloudy across the Swiss resorts this morning (Thursday), and there is even the odd shower in the far south-east. Mostly places will brighten up later, however, especially in the west. It will be relatively mild with freezing levels around 2300m. Friday and Saturday will be dry with sunny spells and some cloud at times. Freezing levels will rise to 2600m or so.





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Skies beginning to brighten up over Zermatt - www.zermatt.ch

Outlook:

Next week looks more interesting as the weather slowly turns more unsettled (and eventually much colder). To begin with the northern half of the Alps will be under the influence of the Foehn which will keep things mostly dry and quite mild. On the southern flanks of the Alps, however, it will turn wet early in the week with potentially significant snowfall at altitude - and to quite low levels by mid-week. Elsewhere it may be Wednesday or Thursday before there is any prospect of significant snow, but as things stand, the weather models look very promising.

North America

In **Canada**, **Whistler** is expecting further snow over the next 24hrs, especially at altitude with brighter conditions forecast for the weekend. Further east **Banff/Lake Louise** will also see further flurries over the next few days to add to the already excellent conditions there.



Awesome conditions in Banff right now with more snow on the way.

In the **US**, Colorado resorts such as **Vail** and **Aspen** (where new snow is needed) have lots of sunshine in their forecast and may have to wait until later week before a proper return to winter is on the cards.

Next detailed forecast on Monday 26 November, but see $\underline{\text{Today in the Alps}}$ for daily updates