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Snow forecast - Monday 26 November 2012

Europe

Cloud is already piling up on the southern side of the Alps today (**Monday**) heralding a long anticipated change in the weather. Not everyone will see snow immediately, but most (not necessarily all) places can expect some useful quantities by the end of the week. This is a complex storm that will bring huge variations in snowfall from one region to the next. Overall, it is the higher parts of the southern Alps that are likely to do best – **Cervinia**, for example, can expect at least 3 days of snow starting today. By contrast, some north-eastern parts of the Alps (protected by the Foehn wind) may not see any snow until **Thursday**.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Monday will be mostly dry with a fair amount of cloud but also a few bright or sunny spells. It will remain mild with freezing levels around 2500m. **Tuesday** will remain dry but rather cloudy for most with the chance of a shower in the extreme west and south, but no significant snow is expected. It will remain mild. On **Wednesday** more frequent showers are expected in the far west of Austria as well as the southern border region with Italy with a little snow above 1800m. However, many central and northern Alpine regions will again stay dry if rather cloudy. **Thursday** will at last see winter arrive with showers or longer spells of snow to increasingly low levels – heaviest in the west (Arlberg, Vorarlberg).



Protected by the Foehn, Lech might not see any snow until the wind switches to the north on Thursday - www.lech-zuers.at

France

Some rain will clip the northern and western foothills of the Alps today (**Monday**). There may also be some showers on the borders with Italy (snow above 2000m) and more generally in the south. In between it should stay mostly dry if rather cloudy. On **Tuesday**, showers will become more widespread across the southern French Alps perhaps moving further north at times, but here some drier spells are still expected. The rain/snow limit will fall to 1500m or lower later. Similar conditions are likely on **Wednesday** with the heaviest snowfall in the south - at least until Wednesday night when more general snow may also reach the northern Alps. **Thursday** will see the southern Alps brighten up but further snow showers fall to low levels in the north.

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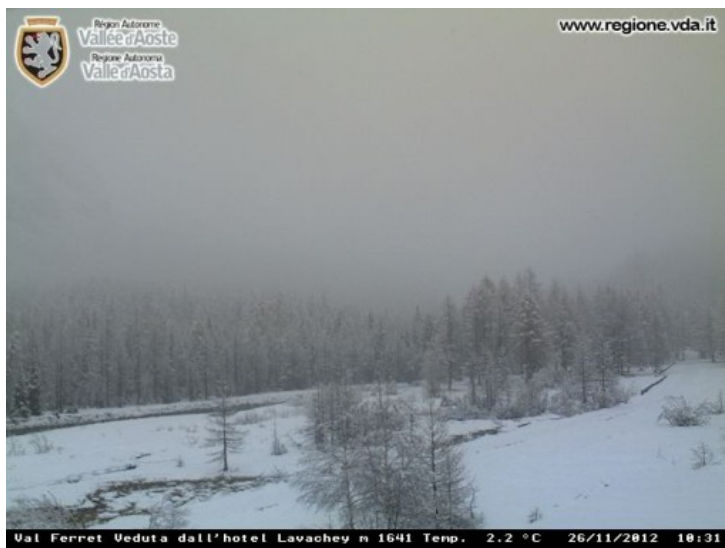
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It's cloudy in Chamonix but the heaviest precipitation is on the Italian side of Mt Blanc for now - www.compagniedumontblanc.fr

Italy

Rain and snow (1200-1500m) is already affecting the western Alps today, (**Monday**). Further east (Dolomites) it is also cloudy with showers expected later in the day (snow above 2000m). All areas will remain cloudy on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** with further rain or snow. The snow will be heaviest in the western Italian Alps where it will fall to 1200m. It will remain milder further east with snow above 1800-2000m. The snow should become more showery on **Thursday** but will fall to increasingly low levels.



Snow has started falling to 1500m in the western Aosta Valley this morning - www.regione.vda.it

Switzerland

Some rain (snow 2000m) will skirt the extreme western Alps at times today (**Monday**). A few showers (snow 1700m) will also spill across the Italian border into the extreme south. In between it will be mostly dry if rather cloudy with the best chance of any brightness in the north-east. **Tuesday** will be very wet in the far south with significant snow above 1600m, especially close to the Italian border. Showers or longer spells of rain/snow (1600m) will also affect other parts of the Swiss Alps, particularly the west, though some drier spells are also possible, most likely in the north-east.

Wednesday will remain mostly cloudy with further showers or longer spells of rain/snow. The heaviest snow will again be in the far south, at least until night, when the emphasis may start to shift further north. It will turn colder later with snow eventually getting down to 1000m or so. **Thursday** will be colder still with the heaviest snow in the north and east of the Swiss Alps whilst southern areas start to brighten up.



Thick cloud is spilling over the Italian border in Zermatt - www.zermatt.ch

Outlook:

Friday and the **weekend** will be cold, with some snow showers over the northern and eastern Alps, especially Austria. The best of any sunshine will be further south.

North America

Western Canadian resorts such as **Whistler** and **Banff/Lake Louise** can expect a few days of fine chilly weather, but more snow is expected on Thursday and Friday.

In the US, **Californian** resorts are also likely to see some snow later this week though it won't be particularly cold and rain is a possibility at base level. This storm may go on to benefit **Colorado** resorts later next weekend with a more significant wintery blast on the cards later next week.

Next detailed forecast on Thursday 29 November, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates