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Snow forecast - Monday 10 December 2012

Europe

It's cold and snowy again in the northern Alps today, but this time the heaviest snow is a little further east (northern Swiss Alps, northern and western Austria). More snow is expected across the north-eastern Alps tomorrow before all areas enjoy some long sunny spells on Wednesday. Later in the week it will turn unsettled, but also milder again from the south-west.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Most of the Austrian Alps will be cold and cloudy today (**Monday**) with snow to all levels, heaviest and most persistent in the north and west where 20-40cm is possible. The far south (Carinthia) will see little if any snow. Not much will change on **Tuesday** except that it will turn colder still with further snow showers, heaviest in the north and west. It will remain bitterly cold on **Wednesday** but skies should brighten up with sunny spells for most. It will remain bright and cold on **Thursday** though temperatures will begin to recover a fraction.



Further snow showers will add to the snow cover over Kitzbühel early this week - www.kitz.net

France

Today (**Monday**) will be cloudy with snow showers (at all altitudes) across the northern French Alps. The snow will be heaviest in the northern foothills (e.g. Portes du Soleil) where 15-20cm is possible, lighter in the Maurienne and Haute Tarentaise (e.g. Val d'Isère). The southern French Alps will be drier and brighter with increasing amounts of sun the further south you go. It will feel cold everywhere with a brisk north wind at altitude. Snow flurries will tend to die out across the northern Alps tomorrow (**Tuesday**) with some sunshine expected later. Further south it will be sunny all day, but it will remain very cold with temperatures dropping further still. **Wednesday** is expected to be dry, sunny and cold in all regions. It will turn milder on **Thursday** with cloud thickening from the west later.

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Italian village breaks world 24hr snowfall record!

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Colder with some snow in the far eastern Alps. Mostly fine elsewhere.

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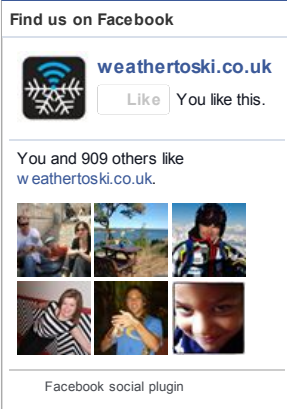
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In France, snow is largely confined to the northern Alps again today. This is Les Contamines - www.lescontamines.com

Italy

Some snow flurries are likely close to the border areas today (**Monday**), but most Italian resorts will be cold, dry and bright with the best of any sunshine furthest south. Similar weather is forecast on **Tuesday**, but with more sunshine and colder temperatures. **Wednesday** is expected to be sunny but cold in all regions before cloud increases from the south-west on **Thursday** when temperatures will start to rise.



Bright today in the southern Alps where a northerly Foehn effect is in place - www.regione.vda.it

Switzerland

Monday will be mostly cloudy with snow showers (to all levels) heaviest and most persistent across the north (where 15-40cm is likely), lighter and more scattered further south where some bright spells are possible. On **Tuesday**, showers will die away from most regions but persist for a while over the northern and north-eastern Swiss Alps where they could still be heavy at times. The best of any sunshine will be in the south but it will remain bitterly cold everywhere. **Wednesday** is expected to be dry, sunny and cold in all regions. **Thursday** should remain sunny across the east, but cloud will thicken up in the west later and it will begin to turn milder.



Heavy snow today at Kleine Scheidegg above Wengen - www.bahnhof-scheidegg.ch

Outlook:

Looking further ahead, it looks like turning very unsettled but milder again later this week and into the weekend, with some snow at altitude.

North America

In the USA, some moderate snowfalls will affect the Pacific north-west (e.g. **Mt Baker**) on Tuesday night extending into parts of California late on **Wednesday** and into **Thursday**. Colorado resorts have seen some much needed snow recently, but there's not a great deal in the forecast once it dies out tomorrow – except perhaps for the far south-west (e.g. **Telluride**, **Wolf Creek**) on **Thursday** night/**Friday**. Next week looks very promising for the entire western US, but it's too far out for any real detail at this stage.

In Canada, it will remain changeable in **Whistler** this week with snow from time to time, heaviest on Tuesday. Snow is also expected mid-week further east in **Banff/Lake Louise** with a return to sunnier skies on Thursday and Friday.

Next detailed forecast on Thursday 13 December, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates