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### Snow forecast - Christmas Eve, Monday 24 December 2012

It's exceptionally mild in the Alps right now, but cooler air will return from the west mid-week with further snow in places, particularly at altitude.

#### Detailed forecast:

##### Austria

Today (**Monday**) will be dry with plenty of sunshine, but a strong and gusty Foehn wind in places, particularly in the central and northern valleys. It will be very mild with freezing levels in excess of 3000m. It will remain very mild and mostly bright on **Tuesday** (Christmas Day), but cloud will thicken up in the west later in the day.

**Wednesday** (Boxing Day) and **Thursday** will be cloudier with showers or longer spells of snow (above 800-1200m) heaviest in the western Tirol and Vorarlberg (**Lech, St Anton, Ischgl, Obergurgl**). Further snow showers (800m) are likely at first on **Friday**, dying out later.



Lovely day in Austria today (including Wildschönau, pictured), but the Foehn is blowing and it is unusually warm - [www.viewbitto.com](http://www.viewbitto.com)

##### France

Today (**Monday**) will be dry with plenty of sunshine and freezing levels in excess of 3000m (11°C forecast for Chamonix this afternoon!) **Tuesday** (Christmas Day) may start dry but cloud will thicken from the west to bring showers or longer spells of rain/snow later. Snow will initially only fall above 1800m but should lower to 1200m or so by evening.

**Wednesday** (Boxing Day) and **Thursday** will be mostly cloudy with further snow at times (1000m) heaviest in the northern Alps. The southern Alps will see less snow and some sunshine, particularly the far south. It should become dry again everywhere on **Friday** with plenty of sunshine and relatively mild temperatures.

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Italian village breaks world 24hr snowfall record!

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Bright but mild in the Belleville valley today - Photo: Ben Clatworthy

## Italy

Today (**Monday**) will be dry with plenty of sunshine and freezing levels in excess of 3000m. **Tuesday** (Christmas Day) will start dry but showers will break out in the west (e.g. **Courmayeur**) later with snow above 1800m falling to 1200m by evening. Further east (**Dolomites**) it should stay dry.

**Wednesday** (Boxing Day) will be mostly cloudy with the risk of showers or longer periods of snow (above 1000m in the west, 1500m in the east).

**Thursday** should be drier in the east but further snow (1000-1300m) is expected in the far west, especially in the **Aosta** valley close to the French border. It will become drier, brighter and milder everywhere on **Friday**.



La Thuile (Aosta Valley) this morning - [www.regione.vda.it](http://www.regione.vda.it)

## Switzerland

Today (**Monday**) will be dry with plenty of sunshine, but a strong Foehn wind in some northern valleys. It will be very mild with freezing levels surpassing 3000m. **Tuesday** (Christmas Day) will start dry but cloud will thicken up with showers moving across most of the country later (perhaps staying dry in the far east until nightfall). Any snow will be above 1800m to start with, falling to 1200m or lower by evening.

**Wednesday** (Boxing Day) and **Thursday** will be generally cloudy with further showers or longer spells of snow above 800-1300m, heaviest in the north and west of the country, and lighter in the far south and south-east. Further snow showers (1000m) are expected at first on **Friday**, especially in the east, dying out later.



This is the Vorab glacier above Laax today (Christmas Eve) - [www.laax.com](http://www.laax.com)

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**Outlook:**

**Saturday** looks mostly dry and quite mild with plenty of sunshine, but further weather fronts will approach the northern and western Alps on **Sunday**.

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**Next detailed forecast on Thursday 27 December, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates**