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## Snow forecast - New Year's Eve, 31 December 2012

Most places will see some snow early in the New Year before a spell of fine and increasingly mild weather takes hold of the western Alps. The eastern  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right$ Alps (especially Austria) may see more snow later in the week and over the weekend.

#### **Detailed forecast:**

#### Austria

Monday (New Year's Eve) will be fine with plenty of sunshine and relatively mild afternoon temperatures, particularly at altitude. **Tuesday** (New Year's Day) should also start dry, but cloud will thicken from the north-west to bring snow showers to most areas later in the day. Most of these will be light but the snow may turn a little heavier in the far west (e.g. Lech) later. The rain/snow limit will start at around 1300m, but fall 600m or so overnight.

Wednesday will be cold with snow showers to low levels early in the day, dying out later. Most areas will then enjoy some afternoon sunshine. Thursday should be mostly dry but more snow is expected on Friday.



Beautiful day in Lech, but some snow is expected tomorrow night - www.skiarlberg.at

## France

Monday (New Year's Eve) will be fine with plenty of sunshine and just a little high cloud in the west later. After a cold start it will feel quite mild at altitude. Tuesday (New Year's Day) will start dry but snow (1500m) will move in to all areas by the afternoon and continue overnight lowering to 600-800m later. This time both the southern and the northern Alps will be affected with 10-30cm for many resorts by Wednesday morning.

Wednesday itself should be brighter, but cold and windy, especially at altitude. The rest of the week should then be mostly dry and bright.







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Fine today in the Portes du Soleil, but snow is expected later tomorrow - www.lesgets.com

### Italy

**Monday** (New Year's Eve) will be dry, mostly sunny and relatively mild. **Tuesday** (New Year's Day) will also start dry, but cloud will thicken up in all areas with snow flurries (1200-1500m) likely later. These will continue overnight with the rain/snow limit dropping below 1000m. The snow will be light to moderate in nature.

**Wednesday** will see further snow flurries across eastern Italian resorts, but it should turn brighter further west with spells of sunshine. It will be cold and windy everywhere, especially at altitude. The rest of the week will be mostly dry with plenty of sunshine.

# Switzerland

**Monday** (New Year's Eve) will be dry with plenty of sunshine and just a little high cloud possible in the far west later. **Tuesday** (New Year's Day) will be cloudier with snow moving into most areas as the day goes on – initially above 1500m but dropping to 600-800m overnight. The snow will generally be light to moderate in nature, but some places may catch 20-30cm.

**Wednesday** itself will see the last of the snow flurries die away and long sunny spells developing. It will feel cold, however, and windy too, especially at altitude. The rest of the week should then be mostly dry and bright in the west but a few snow showers are possible on Friday in the east.



Another stunning day over Zermatt, but more cloud is expected tomorrow-www.zermatt.ch

# Outlook:

A huge area of high pressure will dominate the western Alps for the foreseeable future. This will bring cold nights but mild sunny days, particularly at altitude. The eastern Alps (particulary Austria) may see further snow showers.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Thursday 3 January 2013, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for daily updates