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Snow forecast - Thursday 3 January 2013

A huge area of high pressure will settle to the west of the Alps over the next few days causing a bit of an east-west split. The eastern Alps, particularly eastern Austria, will be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain/snow (snow mostly above 1000-1200m). The western Alps will be mostly dry and bright. Everywhere will be relatively mild.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Today (Thursday) will be mostly dry in the western Austrian Alps (e.g. StAnton, Obergurgl) with a few sunny spells. Further north and east (e.g. Schladming) it will be cloudier with showers and some snow above about 1200m. Friday will see more widespread showers across Austrian resorts, heaviest in the north and east with snow above 1000-1200m.

On Saturday the showers should die out again in the western Austrian Alps, but remain frequent further east with further snow above $\,$ 1000m. On Sundaythe last of the showers (800m) should die away from the east and most places should see some sunshine.



Still plenty of cloud across Austria today. This is Kitzbühel - www.kitz.net

The weather will change little between today (Thursday), and Sunday mostly dry bright and sunny but with low cloud plaguing the valleys and foothills of the northern Alps. This low cloud could become more prevalent by the weekend, but it will remain sunny at altitude. It will be relatively mild, but also windy at times, especially at altitude.



Sunny today in the French Alps. This is Les Gets - www.lesgets.com





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Italy

The weather will change very little between today (**Thursday**), and **Sunday**. Most areas will be dry, bright with lots of sunshine and mild temperatures. The best of the sunshine will be in the western Italian Alps. Further east there may be a little more cloud at times, with just the chance of the odd shower (snow 1400m) in the northern Dolomites on **Friday** and **Saturday**.



Perfect weather in the western Italian resorts (including La Thuile, pictured) today

Switzerland

Today (Thursday) will be mostly dry with some sunshine, but cloud may plague the northern foothills and valleys – and thicken up more generally across the north-eastern Swiss Alps later. **Friday** will be mostly cloudy in the eastern Swiss Alps with a few showers (snow 1400m), but will probably brighten up later. Other areas should be dry and mostly bright or sunny all day. **Saturday** and **Sunday** should be fine just about everywhere, with relatively mild temperatures, particularly at altitude.



A bit cloudy in eastern Switzerland today - www.laax.com

Outlook:

The start of next week looks fine and dry for all alpine regions, with long sunny spells and pleasantly mild temperatures, especially at altitude. Some cloud may continue to plague the low valleys and foothills of the northern Alps.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 7 January 2013, but see $\underline{\text{Today in the Alps}}$ for daily updates