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Snow forecast - Monday 7 January 2013

The weather has been stuck in a rut recently with lots of sunshine for most but persistent rain/snow showers across the north-eastern half of the Austrian Alps. One or two showers will persist in the eastern Austrian Alps over the next couple of days but most of the Alps will continue dry bright and relatively mild. By Thursday, however, colder air will begin to filter down from the North and by Friday, the Alps could see widespread snow showers to low levels. The weekend will also be cold with further snow in places.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Today (Monday) will be bright or sunny in the west (e.g. Ischgl, St Anton) but cloudier further east with some showers. The showers will affect parts of the eastern Tirol but more especially the Salzburgerland (e.g. Obertauern) and Styria (e.g. Schladming) with snow above 800-1000m. A few showers (snow above 800m) will remain in the eastern Austrian Alps on Tuesday and Wednesday but most places will be dry with plenty of sunshine.

On **Thursday**, colder air will begin to filter down from the north. Most places will be dry but the odd flurry cannot be ruled out. More widespread snow showers are expected to low altitudes on Friday.

France

Today (Monday), Tuesday and Wednesday will see little change in the weather, with lots of sunshine and pleasantly mild temperatures at altitude. However, temperature inversions will mean that it will often be colder in the valley bottoms with the risk of some low cloud, particularly close to the northern foothills (Lake Geneva area).

Thursday will start to see some colder air filter down from the north with the chance of a snow shower by evening. **Friday** will be colder still with more widespread snow showers to low levels in the northern French Alps. It will probably stay dry further south.



Still a few snow showers at altitude in Kitzbühel (Eastern Tirol) today - Photo: www.kitz.net

Italy

Most Italian resorts will be dry this week with plenty of sunshine. It will also be quite mild to start with, particularly at altitude. However, colder air will filter south on Thursday and the odd snow shower is possible in the





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French/western Swiss border areas on Friday (which will be colder still).



It should stay sunny for most of this week in the Dolomites. This is Madonna di Campiglio - Photo: www.funiviecampiglio.it

Switzerland

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Thursday will start to see colder air filter down from the north with the odd snow shower by evening. **Friday** will be colder still with more widespread snow showers to low levels in the northern and western Swiss Alps. The south-eastern Swiss Alps (e.g. **St Moritz**) may stay completely dry.



Glorious sunshine in Villars today, but still some low cloud in the valley - Photo: www.villars.ch

Outlook:

The outlook is still uncertain but the weekend will certainly be cold – probably bright on **Saturday** but with the chance of snow to low levels for some regions on **Sunday** (to be confirmed).

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Thursday 10 January 2013, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for daily updates