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Snow forecast - Monday 21 January 2013

There's another cold week in store for the Alps but, generally speaking, snowfall totals will be modest. Heavier snow is possible next weekend before milder weather tries to edge in from the west next week.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Today (Monday) will be cold and mostly cloudy with a few snow flurries to low levels. These could be heavy in the far south (close to the Italian border) but are not otherwise expected to amount to very much. Tuesday will continue cold with a few snow flurries at first, but skies should brighten in the western Austrian Alps as the day goes on.

Wednesday should be dry and bright for most Austrian resorts, but temperatures will remain low. Thursday should start dry and bright but light snow flurries may return later in the day.



Bright in parts the central Tirol this afternoon but genereally speaking there is a lot of cloud in the Austrian Alps. This is the Pitztal glacier - Photo: www.pitztaler-gletscher.at

France

Monday afternoon will be cold and cloudy with some (mostly light) snow across the northern Alps lasting well into the night (5-15cm generally expected). It will be brighter with some sunshine in the far south of the French Alps. It will remain cold on **Tuesday** with cloud breaking up over the northern Alps to allow plenty of sunshine. Southern regions should again remain bright or sunny all day.

Wednesday should remain mostly dry in the northern Alps but snow will develop further south, heaviest close to the Mediterranean coast (eg Isola 2000). Thursday should be dry everywhere with bright or sunny spells but staying cold.





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Snowing again in Les Gets this afternoon - Photo: www.lesgets.com

Italy

Monday afternoon will start bright in the western Italian Alps, but cloud will thicken up later to bring a little snow to the western Aosta valley (e.g. **Courmayeur**). Further east, it is more generally cloudy with a few snow flurries (600-800m), heaviest in the Dolomites where they will intensify for a while overnight.

On **Tuesday** any early flurries will die away from the eastern Italian Alps then most regions should be dry but cold with sunny spells. Some snow is likely in the south-western Italian Alps (eg Sestriere) on **Wednesday** otherwise most places should stay dry with the best of any sunshine further east. All areas shold become dry and bright again on **Thursday** but it will remain cold.



Bright in the Monterosa region this afternoon but a dusting of snow is likely tonight. This is Champoluc - Photo: www.regione.vda.it

Switzerland

Monday afternoon will become increasingly cloudy with some (mostly light) snow in places later. This snow will fall to low levels and continue for a while overnight but is not expected to amount to very much (2-10cm generally).

On **Tuesday** any early snow flurries in the east will die out, then most places will be bright but cold. **Wednesday** and **Thursday** are expected to be dry with plenty of sunshine but low temperatures.



Clouding over in Gryon (near Villars) this afternoon with a little snow expected later.

Outlook:

The outlook is very uncertain but some weather models suggest that heavier snow is possible next weekend before milder weather tries to edge in from the west next week. This is a long way off however so keep tuned to **weathertoski.co.uk** for daily updates.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Thursday 24 January, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for daily updates

