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Snow forecast - Monday 4 February 2013

It's a very wintry looking forecast, especially for the north-western Alps where snow is expected every day this week! Generally speaking the southern Alps will see less in the way of snow and more in the way of sunshine. Temperatures will rise a fraction early in the week before plunging again from Wednesday onwards.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Today (Monday) will be cloudy with snow, heavy at times with a snow/rain limit around 500-800m. The snow will be patchier in the far south (Carinthia) otherwise most resorts can expect significant accumulations (20-50cm). Tuesday will be brighter with just a scattering of snow showers at first (800-1200m). Later in the day, more persistent snow may reach the far western $\,$ Alps with snow lowering to 700m.

Wednesday and Thursday will be mostly cloudy with further snow showers in places (400m) but also some spells of sunshine.



Heavy snow in Kitzbühel this morning - Photo: www.kitz.net

France

This morning (Monday) will be cloudy across the northern Alps with some light to moderate snow gradually dying out later (5-15cm total). The rain/snow limit started low but may rise to 1000m+ later. The southern Alps are generally drier and brighter. Tuesday will start dry and possibly bright, but cloud will increase to bring further snow above 800m in the afternoon. The snow will be heaviest in the northern Alps where 10-20cm (more in places) is likely.

It will turn much colder on Wednesday and Thursday with snow showers to low levels – mostly affecting the northern half of the Alps where significant accumulations are likely. The best of any sunshine will be in the south.





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Cloudy with light snow in Alpe d'Huez this morning - Photo: www.vip-chalets.com

Italy

Today (Monday) will be cloudy in the far north-western Italian Alps with a little snow (700m) dying out later. Generally speaking, however, many Italian resorts will be dry and bright with just the odd snow flurry in the northern Dolomites. Tuesday will start dry in the western Italian Alps, but cloud will thicken up later with further snow later in the day, heaviest in the Aosta Valley (800m). Further east, there will be a little snow close to the border areas with Switzerland and (especially) Austria, but the southern foothills should remain dry with sunny spells.

It will turn colder on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** with further snow flurries possible close to the border areas and the best of any sunshine close to the southern foothills.



Brighter this morning on the southern side of the Alps - Photo: www.claviere.it $\,$

Switzerland

Today (Monday) will be mostly cloudy with further snow, heaviest in the north and east, dying out further south and west. The rain/snow limit will rise to 1000m in the northern foothills, but will stay low in the more internal valleys. Snowfall totals for Monday could reach 40cm+ in parts of the north-eastern Alps, and generally 10-30cm elsewhere. Tuesday will start dry in most places, but showers or longer spells of snow (600-800m) will spread to most areas later.

Wednesday and **Thursday** will be colder with frequent snow showers across the northern and western Swiss Alps (where accumulations will become significant), but fewer showers and some sunshine in the far south.



There was a heavy fall of snow in the Bernese Oberland early this morning. This is Grindelwald.

Outlook:

It will continue cold for the foreseeable future with further snow, heaviest in the northern and western Alps.

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

