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Snow forecast - Thursday 14 March 2013

It's very cold right now, but at least most places will see some sun over the next couple of days. A southerly airflow will introduce milder conditions this weekend, but it won't last as colder air is expected to feed back across all regions next week.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Thursday will be cold and windy (especially at altitude) with showers or longer spells of snow at all levels and just a few brief brighter spells here and there. **Friday** will remain cold but will be brighter with just a few mostly light snow flurries here and there.

Saturday will be mostly fine with long sunny spells and milder temperatures. On **Sunday**, the **Foehn** wind will make it milder still, particularly in the north and west. Most places should stay dry but it will be rather cloudy at times, especially in the south. The best of any sunshine will be in the north-east.



Fresh snow in many Austrian resorts right now. This is Damüls.

France

Thursday will be bitterly cold with a strong north-easterly wind and a few light snow flurries here and there. Some brighter spells are also possible in sheltered valleys. **Friday** will remain very cold and windy (in exposed areas) but will be mostly sunny.

Saturday will be milder with a sunny start to the day but cloud will move in from the west later. **Saturday** night and **Sunday** will see a spell of **Foehn** winds bring mild but blustery conditions to the French Alps. Some sheltered valleys in the northern Alps (e.g. **Chamonix**) may stay dry, but the southern Alps will see showers or longer spells of snow (1000-1500m).

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Italian village breaks world 24hr snowfall record!

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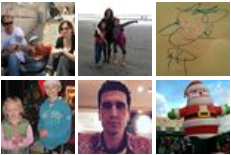
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Cold and rather cloudy conditions across much of the French Alps right now. It will soon brighten up, however. This is Hauteluce near Les Contamines.

Italy

Thursday will be very cold and windy (especially at altitude) with plenty of sunshine and just the odd snow flurry here and there. It will remain cold and windy in places on **Friday**, but it should stay dry with plenty of sunshine for all regions.

Saturday should start dry and bright – and remain so in the eastern Alps – but cloud will quickly increase in western areas later with some snow (above 600-800m) later. **Sunday** is likely to be cloudy in all areas with showers or longer spells of snow (above 600-1000m) with some significant accumulations in places.



Breuil-Cervinia Il Cervino da Plan Maison n 2561 Temp. 1.4 °13/03/2013 16:31
Stunning weather in Cervinia on Wednesday evening with more to come this week
(though it will be cold) - Photo: www.cervinia.it

Switzerland

Thursday will be very cold with a biting north easterly wind in exposed areas. It will be mostly cloudy too, with a few snow flurries here and there, most frequent in the east. Some sheltered valleys will be brighter with a little sunshine, particularly in the central and southern Swiss Alps. It will remain cold on **Friday** with plenty of sunshine and just isolated snow flurries in the east.

Saturday will again be mostly sunny, but it will feel much milder than of late. Cloud will increase in the far west later and the **Foehn** wind will begin to blow overnight. **Sunday** will be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain/snow (1300m) in the southern Alps. On the northern edge of the Alps it will be mild and blustery, but mostly dry due to protection from the Foehn.



Flat light in the Swiss Portes du Soleil yesterday evening. This is Champéry - Photo: www.idelec.ch

Outlook:

After the increase in temperature brought on by the [Foehn](#) this weekend, it will turn colder again next week with further snow in places.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 18 March, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates