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Snow forecast - Monday 18 March 2013

A major storm is delivering serious quantities of snow to the southern and western Alps right now. Snowfall is more erratic further north and east, but the week ahead will remain unsettled and cold (for the time of year).

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Today (**Monday**) will be mostly cloudy with outbreaks of snow (above 600-900m). The snow will be light and patchy in the north-eastern Austrian Alps (e.g. Salzburgerland), and heavier further south and west, particularly close to the Italian border. On **Tuesday** further scattered snow showers (600m) are expected almost anywhere, with the best of any brightness in the south.

Wednesday should be mostly dry and a little milder with just a few snow flurries (900m) in the west. On **Thursday**, snow showers (700m) will return for a while before brighter conditions nudge into western parts later.



Only patchy snow expected in the northern Austrian Alps today. This is Kitzbühel - Photo: www.kitz.net

France

Monday will be cloudy with snow (to low levels), heavy at times, becoming more showery later. It will remain cold on **Tuesday** with further scattered snow showers (600m), but also some drier brighter interludes at times.

Further snow showers are likely on **Wednesday**, particularly in the morning. **Thursday** will be drier, brighter and much milder.

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Deep powder in the southern French Alps right now. This is St Jean de Montclar.

Italy

Monday will be mostly cloudy with snow at times, heaviest in the eastern Italian Alps (especially the Dolomites). Further west, any snow should become more showery with a few brighter spells possible. **Tuesday** will see an improvement in the weather with sunny spells and just a few light snow flurries here and there.

Wednesday may see snow showers (800m) become more frequent for a time over eastern parts, but many places will stay dry with the best of any sunshine in the west. **Thursday** should be dry with sunny spells in all parts.



Heavy snow in the Dolomites today. This is Alta Badia.

Switzerland

Monday will be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of snow (400-600m) heaviest in the south and south-east, more showery in the north. It will remain cold on **Tuesday** with scattered snow showers (to low levels) across the northern half of the Alps, dying out later. The southern Swiss Alps should remain dry and mostly bright.

Wednesday will see more widespread snow showers (600m) for a time, mostly in the northern Swiss Alps with the best of any brightness again further south. It will become generally drier, brighter and milder on **Thursday**.



Snow in Wengen this morning, but not in huge quantities - Photo: www.wengen.ch

Outlook:

It will remain unsettled and rather cool for the time of year, with further snow at times.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Thursday 21 March, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates