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Snow forecast - Thursday 21 March 2013

There's a taste of spring in the air for many Alpine resorts in the next couple of days. Generally speaking, however, the outlook is rather unsettled with no significant or sustained warm-up expected for the foreseeable future – good news for Easter skiers.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Today (**Thursday**) will see a few snow showers (700m) at first – mostly across the northern half of the Alps. These should die out, however, and may places will see some sunny spells. **Friday** will be dry and mostly sunny with mild afternoon temperatures, particularly in the west.

Saturday should also remain dry and mostly bright, but thicker cloud may creep into the far south later with the chance of the odd shower (snow 1400m) close to the Italian border. These showers may become a little more widespread on **Sunday**, particularly in the far south-east, with the rain/snow limit lowering towards 1000m. However, most of the Austrian Alps will remain dry with sunny spells.



Cloudy with a few snow showers over Kitzbühel this morning - Photo: www.kitz.net

France

Today (**Thursday**) will be mostly sunny with just a little cloud in places, particularly early and late in the day. It will be milder too, with freezing levels creeping towards 2000m. **Friday** will be similar – dry, mild and mostly bright with some high level cloud in places.

Saturday will be milder still, but again mostly dry in the northern Alps with a mixture of cloud and brighter spells. Further south a few showers (snow 1800m) are possible, especially close to the Italian border, but no significant snow is expected. **Sunday** is likely to be more generally cloudy with an increased risk of showers (snow around 1600m) in the southern Alps. Northern parts should again stay mostly dry.

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Italian village breaks world 24hr snowfall record!

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Colder with some snow in the far eastern Alps. Mostly fine elsewhere.

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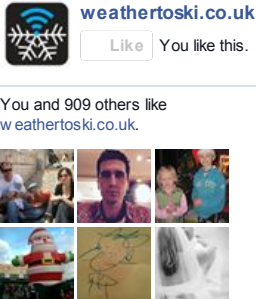
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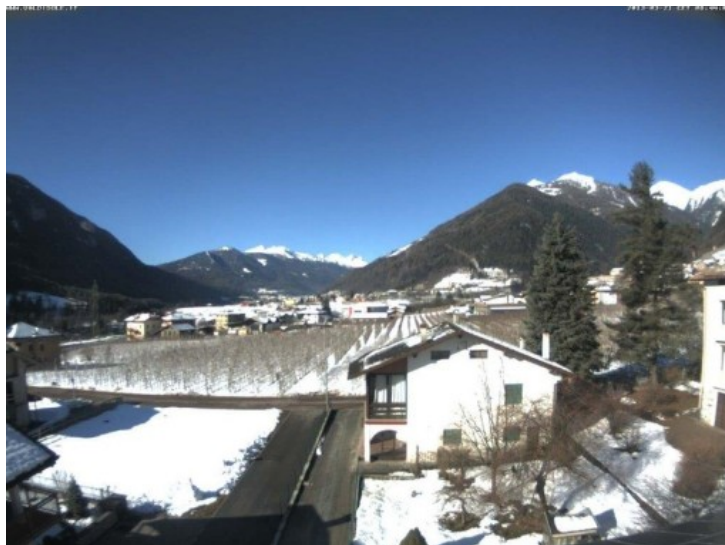


Perfect conditions in the northern French Alps this morning. This is Les Saisies. Photo: www.lessaisies.com

Italy

Today (**Thursday**) will be a magnificent day across most Italian resorts with lots of sunshine and mild afternoon temperatures. Tomorrow will be similar with plenty of sunshine, but some high cloud will move into the western Alps later in the day.

Saturday will be cloudier with one or two light and well scattered showers (snow 1600m) almost anywhere. However, some brighter spells are also likely. There will be little change on **Sunday** although the showers may become more widespread, particularly in the west.



Clear skies over most of the Italian Dolomites this morning. This is the Val di Sole.

Switzerland

Today (**Thursday**) will see one or two isolated snow showers (700m) in the north-eastern Alps otherwise most places will be dry with a fair amount of sunshine. It will feel milder than of late too, with freezing levels creeping up towards 2000m in the west later. Tomorrow (**Friday**) should be dry everywhere with plenty of sunshine and pleasant afternoon temperatures.

On **Saturday** some cloud and the odd light shower (snow 1600m) might creep into the far west and south later in the day. Otherwise most regions will again be dry and mild with sunny spells. On **Sunday** a few more showers (snow 1400m) are possible in the far south, otherwise most places should stay dry with a mixture of cloud and some bright or sunny spells.



Perfect weather and perfect pistes in Zermatt - Photo: www.zermatt.ch

Outlook:

Next week looks like remaining rather unsettled and cool (for the time of year) with some further snow in places. There will be plenty of dry bright weather around too.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Sunday 24 March, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates