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Snow forecast - Friday 12 April 2013

Snow showers will clear the western and northern regions tonight (Friday) then all Alpine regions can (finally) look forward to a taste of spring especially on Sunday.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

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Friday night will see a few snow showers (1400m) in the western Austrian Alps. Saturday will be mostly dry with sunny spells and freezing levels reaching 2200m. Sunday and Monday will be warm and sunny everywhere with freezing levels exceeding 3000m.

France

Snow showers (1300m) will continue in the northern Alps on Friday night with a further 5-10cm in places. The southern Alps will be less affected. Saturday will start dry but mostly cloudy in the northern Alps, but sunny spells will develop as the day progresses. It will feel mild in any sunshine with freezing levels approaching (2200m). Sunday and Monday will be mostly sunny and much warmer with freezing levels around 3500m.

Italy

Friday night will see a few snow flurries (1400m) in the far west, otherwise most places will be dry. Saturday will be mostly dry with sunny spells and freezing levels approaching 2200m. Sunday and Monday will be warm with sunny spells and freezing levels close to 3500m.

Switzerland

Friday night will see snow showers continue across the western and northern Alps for a time with several more cm above 1500m. The last of any snow flurries will die out early on Saturday which will then be mostly dry with sunny spells (freezing levels around 2200m). Sunday and Monday will be mostly sunny and warm with freezing levels well above 3000m.

Outlook:

Some cloud and a few light showers may affect the far northern and eastern Alps but, generally speaking, it will remain spring-like with plenty of sunshine and warm temperatures, particularly in the south.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 16 April, but see Today in the Alps for daily updates