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Snow report - Friday 25 January 2013

Conditions remain excellent right across the Alps with hardly a weak point to be found. It will remain cold and (mostly) sunny over the next couple of days - at least at altitude - with the next significant snowfall due late Sunday/Monday.

Austria

Most Austrian resorts have seen at least a dusting of snow this week and, with the low temperatures, conditions are excellent at all levels. High altitude **Obergurgl** (95/215cm) and **Obertauern** (180/220) are skiing as well as anywhere in Austria with lower resorts such as **Ellmau** (40/140cm) also in great shape.

A few light snow flurries are possible over the northern and eastern Austrian Alps in the next couple of days but the next significant snowfall is due on Monday.



A very snowy Warth-Schröcken in the Austrian Vorarlberg - Photo: www.warth-schroecken.at

France

Excellent conditions continue right across the French Alps, not least in the far south where **Isola 2000** (180/260cm) had 30cm of fresh snow on Wednesday. This storm didn't make it to the northern Alps but conditions remain in excellent in both **Val d'Isère** (125/280cm) and **Chamonix** (70/350cm) despite the off-piste long being tracked out.

Some low cloud may plague the western and northern foothills over the next couple of days but, at altitude, there will be plenty of sunshine with the next snowfall due to hit the northern Alps on Sunday afternoon.

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Italian village breaks world 24hr snowfall record!

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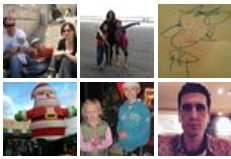
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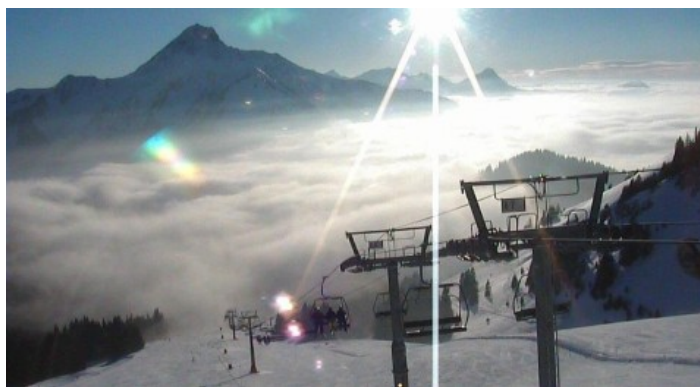
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Low cloud is plaguing some Alpine valleys. This is La Chapelle d'Abondance in the Portes du Soleil - Photo: www.valdabondance.com

Italy

Conditions are good in most Italian resorts including **Sauze d'Oulx /Sestriere** (60/120cm) where there was a significant fall of snow on Wednesday.

Courmayeur (80/170cm) missed this snow but has had an excellent season to date and remains in great condition from top to bottom. Further east, **Cortina** (40/150cm) is also skiing superbly thanks to the 40cm that fell here on Monday.

Plenty of sunshine is expected across most Italian resorts in the next few days with just a little snow possible in the border areas on Monday.



The Matterhorn viewed from Cervinia - Photo: www.vda.regione.it

Switzerland

All Swiss resorts are continuing to enjoy excellent snow conditions.

Andermatt (88/400cm) has received top-ups throughout January and now boasts the highest upper base in the Alps. Further north, **Engelberg** is not far behind with 80cm in the village and 375cm up top on the glacier. Snowfall figures are more modest in **St Moritz** (35/170cm) in the far south-east of the country, but here too the runs are in excellent shape.

Most resorts can expect plenty of sunshine over the next few days (at least at altitude) with the next snow due later on Sunday.



Bluebird day in the Engadin, Switzerland - Photo: www.mobotix.ch

Rest of Europe

The Pyrenees have seen some extraordinary weather in the last couple of weeks with yet another massive snowfall on Wednesday night. **Cauterets** (France) has over a metre of fresh snow at altitude and the deepest snow pack in Europe with 395cm at 1700m and 475cm at 2400m! Figures are less spectacular in **Soldeu** (Andorra), but here too there is plenty of fresh snow with 80cm at village level and 140cm up top.

Conditions have picked up in Bulgaria where **Bansko** (50/160cm) reports fresh snow and excellent conditions at all levels. There is also a dusting of snow in Norway's **Hemsedal** (65/85cm) where it is still bitterly cold, but temperatures are expected to rise over the weekend.



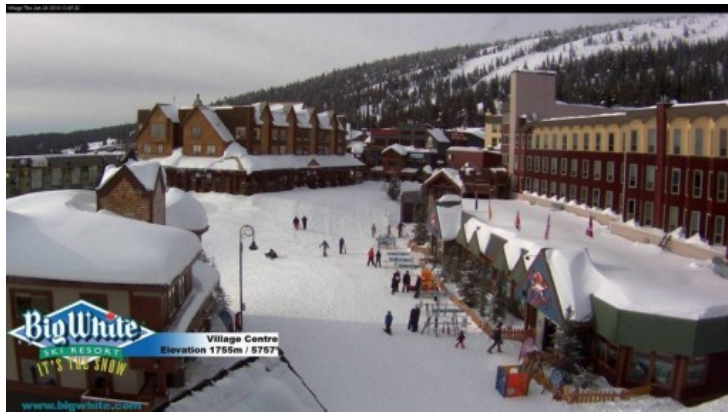
Further massive snowfalls in the Pyrenees. This is La Mongie - Photo: www.grand-tourmalet.com

USA

Many Colorado resorts are still way below par including **Vail** (53cm mid-mountain) where powder days have been few and far between this winter. However, some snow is expected here by the middle of next week (earlier in southern Colorado). By contrast California *has* seen some recent snow – about 20cm in **Mammoth** (488cm) where the upper base is still the deepest in North America. There has also been a little snow in **Snowbird** (145cm mid-mountain) but nothing in comparison to what is expected to fall over the weekend and early next week.

Canada

After a lengthy dry spell there is fresh snow in most western Canadian resorts – albeit in modest quantities – including **Whistler** where the mid-mountain base is now 190cm deep. There has also been fresh snow for **Sunshine Village** (16cm) where the upper snow pack is 151cm deep and conditions are excellent at all levels.



12cm of fresh snow in Big White (BC) with further top-ups likely over the next few days -
Photo: www.bigwhite.com

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