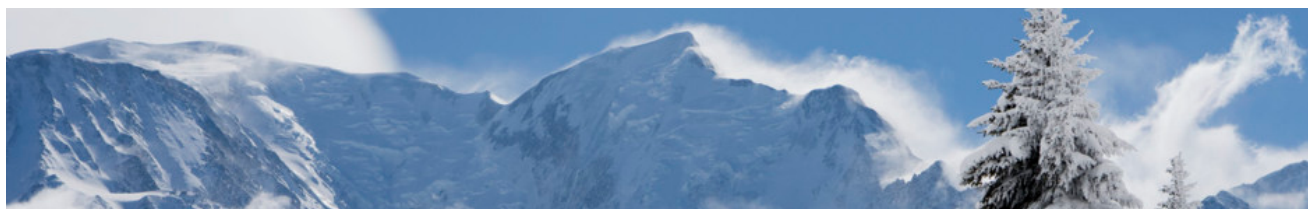




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With the weather still colder than average for late March, conditions are pretty good across the Alps, particularly at altitude. There is even a little fresh snow in places, particularly in the eastern Alps.

Austria

All Austrian resorts have seen some new snow in recent days, but generally in modest quantities. The best conditions are in higher resorts such as **Obergurgl** (75/196cm) and **Zürs** (115/245cm) where there is even some powder off-piste. Lower down, snow cover is still reasonable in **Söll** (50/120cm), but snow quality is far more variable with slushy lower slopes as the day progresses.



Fresh snow in Kitzbühel where conditions are excellent for the time of year. However, given the low altitude, expect slush on the lower slopes as the day progresses - Photo: www.kitznet

France

Snow cover remains excellent for the time of year right across the French Alps. With below average temperatures, snow quality remains pretty good too, particularly at altitude. **Weathertoski.co.uk** is in **Courchevel** (153/235cm) right now, where on Tuesday nearly all pistes remained firm above 2000m. Lower down, however, conditions were more variable with some inevitable slush later in the day – particularly on the approach to **Méribel** (120/2345cm). All in all, however, it's a healthy looking situation for late March.

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The snow has remained excellent above 1800-2000m in Courchevel this week. Photo: weathertoski.co.uk

Italy

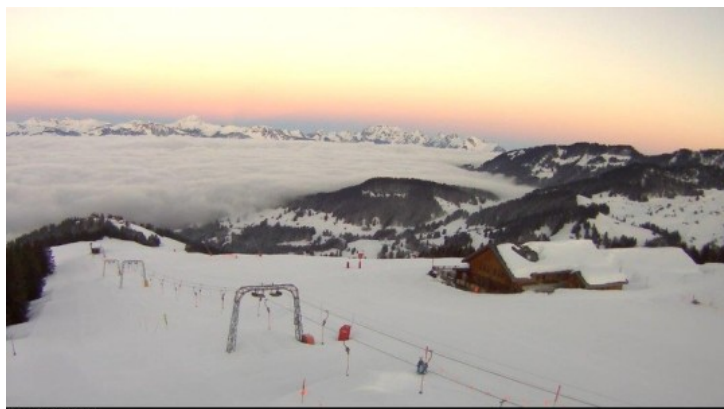
Most Italian resorts have seen a little fresh snow in the last few days, but the best conditions are in the higher resorts such as **Cervinia** (40/290cm) and **Passo Tonale** (90/400cm). Lower down, snow cover is still good for late March in **Sauze d'Oulx** (100/140cm), but slush is (inevitably) an issue as the day progresses.



Great snow conditions in the Monterosa region – at least higher up.

Switzerland

Snow cover is still excellent for the time of year especially in the west. **Verbier** (80/270cm) is in excellent shape – as it has been for most of the season – with just a little slush on the lower slopes at the end of the day. Nearby **Villars** (40/200cm) is also skiing well, though here the lower altitude means more variable snow quality with slush more of an issue earlier in the day.



Snow cover remains impressive in western Switzerland, even in lower resorts such as Villars here - Photo: www.villars.ch

Rest of Europe

Conditions in the Pyrenees remain excellent for the time of year with a dusting of fresh snow in **Soldeu**, Andorra (150/220cm). In Bulgaria, **Bansko** (30/150cm) has also seen a little new snow, though conditions are variable with plenty of slush lower down. Better news for Sweden's premier resort – **Åre** (65/110cm) where lower temperatures mean more consistent snow conditions.



Snow cover is still highly impressive in the Pyrenees. This is Grau Roig near Soldeu in Andorra.

USA

Colorado resorts remain in excellent condition thanks to further top-ups of snow. **Vail** now has a 132cm mid-mountain base, **Aspen** 180cm. Utah is in even better shape right now with over 50cm of new snow in **Alta** in the last 7 days and a mid-mountain base of 257cm.

Canada

Snow conditions remain good at altitude in **Whistler** (258cm mid-mountain) but milder weather does mean increasingly slushy slopes lower down. The same is true further inland for **Fernie** (310cm mid-mountain) despite the huge snowfalls that it received last week. For the best snow quality, stay high.



It has turned quite mild in Western Canada but there is still masses of snow in Fernie - Photo: www.skifernie.com

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