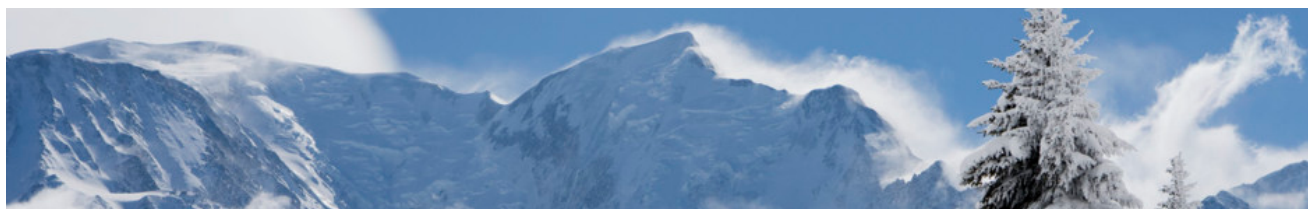




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Snow report - Thursday 11 April 2013

Many lower resorts are now closed or are winding down for the season. Higher up, however, snow cover is still very impressive (particularly in the western Alps) and there is still some decent skiing to be had. That said, it is turning warmer (it will turn very warm this weekend) so you really need to pick a resort with plenty of skiing above 2500m.

Austria

Many low Austrian resorts have now closed for the season but higher up there is still plenty of good skiing to be had. **Obertauern** (210/250cm) is one option, but **Obergurgl** (70/187cm) is even better right now due to the superior altitude of its slopes. **Ischgl** (0/130cm) is another resort worth considering for a very late trip, as it usually offers the greatest extent of very late skiing in Austria and will stay open until 1 May.



Ischgl is a good choice if you're still looking to ski this April - Photo: www.ischgl.com

France

After great conditions early in the week, rain is a problem today in parts of the northern French Alps. **WeatherToski** is in Avoriaz (310/350cm) right now, where we had deep powder yesterday but today (Thursday) is a washout. That said, snow depths remain extraordinary, and there are still more opportunities for decent spring skiing with 10 days of the season left. For the most consistent snow quality, however, you need to aim for resorts with plenty of skiing above 2500m such as **Tignes** (150/315cm) and **Val Thorens** (155/355cm).

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

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Impressive snow depths still in Avoriaz, despite rain today - Photo: weathertoski.co.uk

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Italy

Many resorts are now finished for the season, but there is still some great skiing to be had in the higher parts of the Italian Alps. **Cervinia** (25/310cm) is always the best option for a very late season trip and still offers wintry conditions right now on its upper slopes. Glaciers aside, another good option is **Livigno** (15/230cm).



Excellent snow quality still at altitude in Cervinia - Photo: www.regione.vda.it

Switzerland

Switzerland has more than its fair share of high altitude slopes and plenty of options for a last minute trip. Many of the lower resorts still open will be closing this weekend so head to the likes of **Saas-Fee** (68/310cm) or **Zermatt** (20/230cm) where the exceptional altitude means you can still find plenty of wintry snow. Further north, **Engelberg** (40/477cm) is another good option this April.



Zermatt is one of the best resorts for a late season ski trip - Photo: www.zermatt.ch

Rest of Europe

Most Pyrenean resorts (including those in Andorra) are closed or will close this weekend despite ample snow cover. There are plenty of options still available in Scandinavia where **Åre** (Sweden, 60/104cm) and **Hemsedal** (Norway, 75/120cm) both have good cover and offer decent spring skiing. Don't forget Scotland, too, where all 5 resorts are open and snow depths are extraordinary for the time of year – 255cm, for example, on the upper slopes of **Glencoe**.



Incredible snow cover this spring across all Scottish ski resorts. This is Cairngorm.

USA

Colorado resorts are having a decent end to a generally indifferent season, with fresh snow in **Winter Park** where the upper base is 165cm deep. However, the deepest powder right now is in Utah – 30cm or more in **Alta** where the base is 262cm deep.

Canada

There is still plenty of good skiing to be had at altitude in **Whistler** (245cm mid-mountain) though lower slopes have been wet and slushy. Cooler conditions with some snow are forecast for the end of this week. Snow is also forecast further inland in **Banff** where the base is 200cm deep at **Sunshine Village** and spring skiing conditions are described as excellent.

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