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Snow forecast

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After an unusually mild start to the winter, the weather is finally turning more seasonal, with lots of snow in the forecast over the next few days. This time, however, the snow will fall to low levels (something we haven't been able to say often in recent weeks) and will affect all areas - yes even northern Austria!

The most significant snow will fall across the northern Alps this weekend, before favouring the southern Alps as we move through next week. It will also remain cold for the foreseeable future, so all in all prospects for the Alps are very good.

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

Saturday will see a few isolated snow flurries in the north-eastern Alps otherwise most places will be dry with sunny spells. It will feel relatively cold with freezing levels near 700m. Saturday night will see snow (400-600m) spreading into the western and north-western Austrian Alps.

On **Sunday**, some eastern and southern regions will start dry, but snow in the west will spread to most regions as the day goes on - only parts of the far south (for once) staying dry. The snow will fall to low levels with significant accumulations in many resorts.

Monday will continue unsettled with further snow showers in many places, the best of any brightness in the south.



Fresh snow to valley level at last for Kitzbühel and surrounding resorts - Photo: kitz.net

France

Saturday will be mostly dry with sunny spells, but cloud will thicken up in the northern and western French Alps later heralding a spell of snow to low levels on Saturday night.

This snow will last into **Sunday** morning, heaviest in the northern French Alps, lighter and patchier in the far south. It should then clear up as the day goes on before more snow arrives from the north-west on Sunday evening. This storm will be even more potent than the last with significant accumulations expected, particularly across the northern French Alps on Sunday night. The extreme southern end of the French Alps may escape the heaviest falls.

Monday will see some early snow flurries across the northern Alps, but these should gradually die away later with the best of any sunshine in the south.

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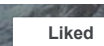


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Rapidly improving conditions in the Chamonix area, with further fresh snow forecast. This is the Col de la Balme area at Le Tour - Photo: powderama.com

Italy

Saturday will be mostly dry with sunny spells across the Italian Alps. On Saturday night some snow (to low levels) will spread into the far north-west (e.g. Courmayeur, Cervinia).

Sunday will see any snow in the north-west die away before returning again overnight. Further east, many resorts will stay dry with sunny spells though a few flurries are possible close to the border regions, both early and late. On Sunday night some heavy snow is likely in the north-west, just a few flurries elsewhere, especially in the border regions.

On **Monday**, early snow flurries should die away then many places will be cold and bright.

Switzerland

Saturday will be mostly dry with sunny spells though cloud will thicken in the west later. Saturday night will see snow (to low levels) spread across most Swiss resorts, heaviest in the north and west, patchier in the south.

Sunday will be mostly cloudy with snow at times across the central and northern Swiss Alps, dying away later. The best of any brightness will be in the south where there will only be some scattered flurries. The snow will intensify again on Sunday night, with some significant falls in many areas lasting into **Monday**. Snow showers are likely to continue in the north throughout Monday but it will be drier and brighter in the far south.

Outlook:

It will remain cold and unsettled with further snow for many, heaviest in the western Alps.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 27 January 2014, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates