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Snow forecast

Updated: 2pm Friday 31 January 2014

The weekend forecast is a messy one with lots more snow (but a highly variable rain/snow limit) in the south-eastern Alps. Many other parts of the Alps will also see some snow but, generally speaking, in more modest quantities.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The heavy snowfall in the south of the country (Carinthia, Osttirol) will continue this evening and overnight with a rain/snow limit around 600-800m. Further north, it is generally drier with the best of any brightness this afternoon near the German border.

Tomorrow (**Saturday**) will see further snowfall in the south (800m) where the avalanche risk will become even more critical. Elsewhere it will be drier with the best of any brightness again in the far north.

Sunday will see more general snowfall (600-800m), mostly light to moderate, but again heavy in parts of the south.

France

The rest of today (**Friday**) will be mostly sunny. **Saturday** will start dry, but cloud will thicken from the west to bring some light to moderate snow above 1000m or so later in the day and overnight.

Sunday may see some snow showers early on, but these should die out later with bright spells expected to develop. It will be colder with the rain/snow limit around 400-700m.



Sunny this afternoon in Avoriaz, but cloud will return tomorrow - Photo: avoriaz.com

Italy

Heavy snow will continue to fall this evening and overnight in the eastern Alps, notably the Dolomites where the avalanche situation is becoming critical in places. The rain/snow limit will vary enormously from around 800-1200m close to the Austrian borders, to as high as 1600m near the southern foothills. The western Italian Alps (west of Lombardy) will be mostly dry with some sunshine this afternoon.

Tomorrow (**Saturday**) further snow will affect the east (1200-1600m) where the avalanche situation is likely to remain critical in places. Further west, it will be mostly dry, even bright to start with but cloud will thicken later in the day to bring a little light snow on Saturday night.

Sunday will be mostly cloudy with snow possible in all regions but again heaviest in the east.

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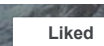
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Heavy snowfall continues in the Dolomites this afternoon. This is Civetta.

Switzerland

The rest of today (**Friday**) will be mostly dry with sunny spells, but cloudier in the far south-east where a few snow showers are still possible.

Saturday will be mostly cloudy with snow at times in the far south and south-east (800- 1000m), heaviest later in the day. Elsewhere it should start bright, but cloud will thicken to bring some light to moderate snow (1000m) late in the day and overnight.

Snow showers are likely to linger for much of **Sunday**, particularly in the north and the far south-east. Elsewhere it may brighten up later in the day.

Outlook:

Remaining changeable but quite mild next week.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 3 February 2014, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates