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Snow forecast

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It's another unsettled week in store for the Alps, with a humid southerly airflow giving way to a more mobile but no less mild Atlantic one. The net result is plenty more snow for the south and west (particularly at altitude), but frustratingly little for much of Austria where (away from the south) depths are still very modest.

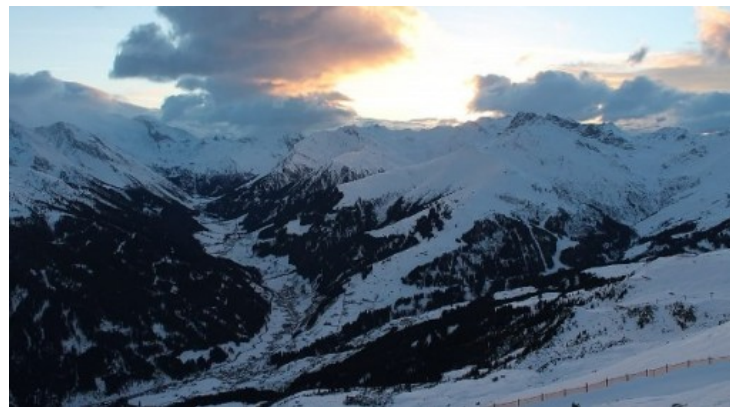
Detailed forecast:

Austria

Tuesday will remain mostly cloudy in the southern Austrian Alps (particularly Osttirol and Carinthia) with outbreaks of snow above 900-1000m and rain below. Elsewhere it will be mostly dry with the best of any sunshine on the north side of the Alps. Here, protected by a weak Foehn wind, it will also feel mild with freezing levels close to 2000m.

There will be little change on **Wednesday**, with further snow above 800m in the far south, staying mostly dry with variable brightness further north. On Wednesday night a weak weather front will cross the country from the west giving a little light snow almost anywhere above 1000m - but this is not expected to amount to very much.

On **Thursday** any showers will clear away eastwards to leave a mostly dry, bright and relatively mild day.



Changeable skies over the Tux valley this evening, but large amounts of snow are not expected this week - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

France

Tuesday will be mostly cloudy with occasionally light snow (1000m) mostly in the southern French Alps. The driest weather will be in the north in the afternoon.

Wednesday will see a more active front move in from the west with a spell of snow (above 900-1200m) for all areas - though perhaps not until the mid-afternoon for the east of the Savoie. This snow will die out overnight then **Thursday** will be mostly dry (if rather cloudy) before further weather fronts arrive from the west late in the day. These fronts will be relatively active but will engage some mild air that will send the rain/snow limit towards 1700m on Thursday night.

Italy

Tuesday will be mostly cloudy with occasional snow, mostly light in the west but with a few heavier bursts in the central and eastern Italian Alps. The rain/snow limit will be between 700m (west) and 1200m (east).



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Wednesday will start mostly dry with sunny spells in the west, but cloud will thicken to bring further light snow later in the day. The central and eastern Italian Alps will have more variable conditions with scattered showers (snow 1200m) early on, but some brighter spells too. More persistent snow is likely in the evening and overnight.

Thursday may start bright in the far east, but most places will again be cloudy with further snow showers possible in all areas.

Switzerland

Tuesday will be mostly cloudy in the south with outbreaks of mostly light snow (700-1000m). Further north the odd light flurry can't be ruled out, but it will be generally drier with the best of any brightness close to the northern foothills.

Wednesday will start dry and bright in the central and eastern Swiss Alps. However, cloud will thicken from the south and west to bring snow (900-1200m) to most parts later in the day.

Thursday should be mostly dry with sunny spells, but cloud will again thicken up in the west later with snow (and some rain at low altitude) likely overnight.



Cloudy this afternoon in Zermatt, close to the Italian border. Some snow is expected this week, but probably not in huge quantities - Photo: apartment-zermatt.ch

Outlook:

Remaining very unsettled but never very cold, with further snow at times, particularly at altitude and in the north and west.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 7 February 2014, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates