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### Snow forecast

**Updated: 2.40pm Friday 7 February 2014**

The Alps are under the influence of a very mobile Atlantic airflow, with plenty of snow for most resorts over the next few days, particularly in the south and west. It will never be particularly cold, however, and some rain is also possible at very low altitudes, particularly in the north-west. The north-east (especially northern Austria) will again miss the heaviest of any snow.

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#### Detailed forecast:

##### Austria

**Saturday** may start cloudy in the southern Austrian Alps, but most places will have a bright day with sunny spells. It will be mild with temperatures close to double figures in some northern Alpine valleys.

**Sunday** will be cloudier with showers or longer outbreaks of snow (600-900m) heaviest and more persistent (again) in the far south and close to the Italian border.

**Monday** will be drier, brighter and milder once more.



Mild and bright today in Kitzbühel, which will again miss out on the heaviest snow in the next few days - Photo: kitz.net

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##### France

**Saturday** will begin dry, possibly even bright in places, but cloud will thicken rapidly from the west with rain and snow arriving during the afternoon. The precipitation will affect both the northern and the southern Alps with a rain/snow limit starting around 1300m but lowering to under 1000m overnight.

**Sunday** will start mostly cloudy with further snow showers (600-800m) heaviest in the north. Later in the day, some brighter interludes are possible, the best of these in the south.

**Monday** will again start mostly dry, but further snow will move in from the west later in the day, heaviest in the southern French Alps. The rain/snow limit will start around 1000-1300m, lowering once again later in the day and overnight.

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##### Italy

**Saturday** will start dry in the western Italian Alps, but some snow (700-900m) is expected to move in from the west in the afternoon. Further east, the snow



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won't arrive until evening but will linger overnight.

**Sunday** will see some light snow showers in the far west close to the French border. Further east, towards the central Italian Alps it should be mostly dry with a few sunny spells. The Dolomites, however will start cloudy with snow (900-1200m) easing off later.

**Monday** may start dry, but all Italian resorts are likely to see further snow pushing in from the south-west, heavy at times with a rain/snow limit between 800/1200m.



Snow today for Champoluc in the western Italian Alps, with more forecast over the coming days - Photo: Hotel Bellevue

**Switzerland**

**Saturday** will start dry with the best of any sunshine in the east. Further west, cloud will quickly thicken up with snow (1200m) starting around the middle of the day, pushing eastwards later. Some central and eastern parts of the Swiss Alps may, however, stay dry until evening.

**Sunday** will be a day of showers with snow down to 600-900m. The best chance of any brightness will be in the south where showers will be more isolated.

**Monday** will start dry, but snow (700-1000m) will quickly reach the southern Swiss Alps, spreading further north and east as the day goes on. Away from the south the rain/snow limit will begin at around 1200m before dropping again later.

**Outlook:**

It looks like remaining unsettled but mild with further snow at times, particularly at altitude and in the west. Some rain is also likely at low altitude.

**Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 10 February 2014, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates**