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Snow forecast

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It's an unsettled start to the week, with some snow in places, chiefly in the west. Most other parts of the Alps (even northern Austria) will see at least some snow over the 2-3 days before all areas enjoy a spell of drier, brighter and warmer weather later in the week and over the weekend.

Until recently, it looked seemed likely this spring-like weather would continue well into next week but there is now some uncertainty over this...

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Monday afternoon will be cloudy in the far west with some snow showers (700m) spreading a little further east later. Most regions will, however, be dry with the best of any brightness furthest north and east. **Tuesday** will be mostly cloudy with scattered flurries and perhaps some heavier more persistent snow (500-900m) in the west.

Wednesday will see further snow in many places, heaviest in the west and north. There may be some snow showers in the north-east at first on **Thursday**, otherwise skies should brighten in many areas with the best of any sunshine in the west.

France

After this morning's snow, many French resorts will be drier (though still mostly cloudy) on **Monday** afternoon, but further flurries (600m) are expected in places tonight. **Tuesday** is likely to stay mostly cloudy with occasional snow flurries to low levels. The best of any sunshine will be in the far south.

It will remain on the cold side on **Wednesday** with a few early flurries in places, mostly close to the Italian border. However, sunnier skies should extend to most regions as the day wears on. **Thursday** will be mostly sunny with temperatures starting to rise.

Italy

Monday afternoon will be mostly cloudy with occasional flurries (700-900m) continuing into Monday night. **Tuesday** will remain cloudy in many regions with further mostly light snow showers (900m) but also a few brighter spells. **Wednesday** and **Thursday** will be mostly sunny.



Unsettled for the next couple of days in the Alps, before spring arrives later in the week. This is St Vincent in the Aosta valley - Photo: regione.vda.it



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Switzerland

Snow will continue to fall to low levels across many eastern parts of Switzerland this afternoon (**Monday**). The west will become drier for a time (but still rather cloudy) though flurries are expected to return tonight.

Tuesday and **Wednesday** will be mostly cloudy with occasional snow flurries, especially in the north. The best of any drier and brighter weather will be in the south – especially on Wednesday. **Thursday** will be mostly sunny.

Outlook:

The end of the week and the weekend are expected to be dry with long sunny spells and increasingly spring-like temperatures.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Thursday 6 March 2014, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for daily updates