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Snow forecast

Updated: 10am Tuesday 18 March 2014

High pressure will remain in control until the end of the week with plenty more warm spring sunshine across the Alps. Over the weekend, however, it will turn cooler and much more unsettled with snow in places. The extent and intensity of any snow is still uncertain but it looks likely to be heaviest at altitude in the west.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Tuesday will be sunny and very warm by the afternoon, with temperatures reaching 22°C in Innsbruck (574m) and 15°C in St Anton (1300m).

Wednesday will see a little more cloud, especially early on in the day when the odd light rain shower can't be ruled out, particularly in the north-east. Generally speaking, however, there will still be plenty of sunshine, particularly later in the day. It will feel cooler though.

Thursday will see a return to wall to wall sunshine and higher temperatures.

Friday will also remain mostly sunny though with temperatures starting to drop off a fraction.

France

Tuesday will be mostly sunny with just a little high cloud at times. It will feel very warm by the afternoon with maximum temperatures close to 20°C in Chamonix (1000m), 7 or 8°C in Val Thorens (2300m).

Wednesday will be very similar with plenty of sunshine and a little high cloud in places. Temperatures may drop a degree or two but it will still feel warm by the afternoon.

Thursday should be entirely sunny and may become the hottest day of the year so far in the western Alps. **Friday** will remain mostly fine and warm but the first signs of change may become apparent with a strengthening Foehn wind and more cloud at times, especially late in the day.



Plenty more sunshine in the forecast this week. This is Val d'Isère - Photo: valdisere.com

Italy

Tuesday will be sunny and very warm with just a little high cloud at times. Afternoon temperatures will reach 17°C in Courmayeur (1225m) and 9°C in Cervinia (2050m). There will be little change in the weather on **Wednesday** though it will be a fraction cooler.

On **Thursday** wall to wall sunshine and a renewed increase in temperature is expected. **Friday** should also be mostly warm and sunny though some cloud is

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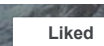


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likely in the far west later in the day.

Switzerland

Tuesday will be sunny and warm with just a little high cloud at times and afternoon temperatures of 13°C in Zermatt (1620m). **Wednesday** will see a little more cloud early in the day in the north but it should soon brighten up with plenty of sunshine expected across the Swiss Alps. Temperatures will be a fraction lower but it will still feel warm by the afternoon.

Thursday will be sunny and very warm. **Friday** will also start fine, but cloud may increase in the far west later in the day. It will remain very mild.

Outlook:

It will turn much cooler and cloudier on **Saturday** with rain or snow showers, particularly in the west. At present the distribution and intensity of any snow is very uncertain.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 21 March 2014, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates