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Snow forecast

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The weather is stuck in a bit of rut this week with a huge blocking high over western Russia extending into eastern Europe, preventing Atlantic storms from making any serious impact from the west. Sandwiched between is a flow of mild southerly winds that will bring showers (and some snow at altitude) to some parts of the south-western Alps, but more generally speaking lots of dry and unseasonably mild weather – especially in the north.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of the week will be mostly dry with a mixture of cloud and sunny spells. On average the best of the sunshine will be on the northern side of the Alps, the thickest of the cloud close to the Italian border where the odd shower (or flurry at altitude) cannot be ruled out. Maximum temperatures will be around 8-9°C in **Lech** (1450m), and closer to 13-14°C in Innsbruck (575m).



Brighter skies over Ischgl today, with Austria in general seeing the best of the weather this week - Photo: ischgl.com

France


The rest of **Tuesday** will be cloudy with showers or longer periods of rain in the southern Alps – snow only at relatively high altitude (about 2300m). The northern French Alps will be drier with sunny spells though a few showers may invade from the south after dark (snow 2300m).


Wednesday is likely to be more generally cloudy with further showers in the southern French Alps (snow 2200m) occasionally moving further north but not amounting to very much there. It's a similar story on **Thursday** and **Friday** with further bad weather in the southern Alps (snow above 2000-2200m) but only isolated showers and increasingly bright skies further north.

Italy

The rest of **Tuesday** will be mostly cloudy in the western Italian Alps with showers, most persistent in the far south-west (snow above 2000-2300m). The central and eastern Italian Alps will be drier with sunny spells.

The rest of the week will continue with an east west split, the west often cloudy with showers or longer spells or rain and some snow above 1800-2000m. By contrast, the central and eastern Italian Alps will only see a few showers and more in the way of sunshine, particularly in the Dolomites.


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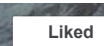
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Cloudy conditions over the Monte Rosa region today, as it will be for much of the week - Photo: monterosa-ski.com

Switzerland

The rest of **Tuesday** will be mostly dry with the brightest skies and warmest temperatures in the central and northern valleys. By contrast, it will become mostly cloudy close to the Italian border – particularly in the south-west (e.g. **Zermatt**) with the odd shower (snow 2300m).

The rest of the week will continue in a similar manner with plenty of dry, bright weather in the central and northern Alps but increasing cloudiness close to the Italian border, particularly the south-western border with a few showers here and there.

Outlook:

The forecast for the weekend is very uncertain but is looks likely to continue changeable in the southern Alps with showers and further snow possible at high altitude. At this stage the northern Alps look set to offer the driest and brightest weather.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 28 November 2014, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates

