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Snow forecast

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A mild southerly airflow will continue to affect the Alps over the weekend before the winds move into the east early next week. This will bring a significant drop in temperature to all areas but widespread snow is NOT on the agenda any time soon. In the short term, the western Italian Alps may prove an exception to this rule, but any significant snowfall will be relatively localised (see our detailed country by country forecast below).

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Friday and **Saturday** will be dry with sunny spells and patchy cloud (including some valley fog). It will continue very mild, especially in the north and west where the Foehn effect will be strongest.

Sunday will see little change in the weather except that colder air will begin to filter in from the east.

France

Friday will be mostly dry in the northern French Alps with variable cloud and mild Foehn winds. A few showers cannot be ruled out close to the Italian border (e.g. **La Rosière**, **Val d'Isère**, **Val Cenis**) with snow above 2000-2200m, but it is touch and go as to whether these areas will see any significant accumulations.

The southern Alps will be generally cloudier with showers, again most frequent close to the Italian border (e.g. **Isola 2000**) with snow above 1800-2000m. It will feel very mild in the Foehn-affected valleys of the northern Alps (e.g. **Chamonix**), and cooler further south, especially close to the potentially snowy Italian border areas.

Saturday and **Sunday** will see further showers close to the Italian border – particularly from the Haute Maurienne southwards (snow above 1800-2000m), otherwise most other areas will be dry, and still relatively mild.



Some snow is possible in Tignes on Friday and Saturday but this is far from clear cut - Photo: tignes.net

Italy

Friday will see showers or longer spells of rain/snow across the western Italian Alps, with the potential for some significant snow close to the French border (e.g. **La Thuile**, **Sestriere**, **Limone**). The rain/snow limit will be around 1500-1700m in the above mentioned areas, a little higher in the upper Aosta (e.g. **Cervinia**). Any precipitation will become less intense as you move eastwards through the central Italian Alps and towards the Dolomites (parts of which will stay dry).

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


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Saturday will see similar weather patterns with the most persistent showers in the western Alps (snow above 1600-2000m), with more scattered showers and possibly even some brightness further east. **Sunday** will see the potential for showers again in all areas, with a little snow above 1800-2000m, possibly lower in the Dolomites later.

Switzerland

Friday and **Saturday** will be dry with sunny spells and mild temperatures for much of the Swiss Alps. However, the far south will see thicker cloud with showers and the potential for locally significant snowfall above 1800-2000m close to the Italian border.

Apart from the odd shower in the far south (snow above 1900m), **Sunday** will be mostly dry with sunny spells. It will remain mild but cooler air may begin to filter into the far east later in the day.



Variable cloud cover but no snow expected in Arosa over the next few days - Photo: arosa.ch

Outlook:

It will become somewhat colder as we move into next week though widespread snow is NOT expected. That said, there will be a few flurries around, these most likely in the eastern Austrian Alps.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 2 December 2014, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates

