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### Snow forecast

**Updated: 3.10pm Tuesday 30 December 2014**

Right now the Alps are under a bitterly cold north-easterly airflow that is delivering snow showers to much of Austria (away from the south), as well as parts of Switzerland (especially the north and east).

The southern and western Alps are drier with plenty of sunshine, and these brighter skies will move further north-east across all Alpine areas as the week progresses. Temperatures will slowly rise too, ahead of a more mobile but milder Atlantic airflow that will influence the weather over the weekend.

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#### Detailed forecast:

##### Austria

The rest of today (**Tuesday**) will be very cold and cloudy with snow, heaviest in the Vorarlberg, northern Tirol and Salzburgerland where further moderate accumulations are likely. Any snow will be lighter and patchier the further south you are, but it will fall at all levels. The far south (Carinthia) will stay mostly dry.

**Wednesday** will start mostly cloudy with further flurries in places, but these should gradually die out later. Temperatures will rise a fraction but it will still be very cold.

**Thursday** and **Friday** will be milder and mostly dry with sunny spells.




Snowing steadily again in Lech today (Tuesday) - Photo: lech-zuers.com


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##### France

The rest of today (**Tuesday**) will be very cold, but mostly dry with plenty of sunshine. That said, some thicker cloud may drift into the far northern Alps later with just the chance of a light flurry.

**Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday** will then be dry with plenty of sunshine. Mornings will be cold but it will gradually turn milder by day, particularly on **Friday** when the first clouds from a new Atlantic depression will arrive in the north-west later in the day.


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Gorgeous weather in Méribel today, which will continue for much of the week - Photo: meribel.net

### Italy

The rest of today (**Tuesday**) will be mostly dry, but very cold with variable cloud and just the odd flurry close to the Austrian border.

**Wednesday** will be magnificent across the western Italian Alps. Further east there could be a little more cloud at times, especially close to the Austrian border, but it should stay mostly dry.

**Thursday** and **Friday** will be mostly sunny and less cold.



Sunshine in Sestriere today, which should continue until Friday (at least) - Photo: vialattea.it

### Switzerland

The rest of today (**Tuesday**) will see some bright spells in the south but will otherwise be quite cloudy with a few snow flurries, heaviest and most persistent along the northern fringes of the Alps (especially the north-east) with some further moderate accumulations in places. It will be very cold everywhere.

**Wednesday** will see the last of any snow flurries die away from the north-eastern Alps, then most places will be dry with plenty of sunshine, especially in the west. Temperatures will be up a degree or two on today but it will still feel cold.

**Thursday** and **Friday** will be dry with plenty of sunshine and recovering temperatures, though cloud may thicken up in the far west later on **Friday**.



Heavy snow in north-east Switzerland, where accumulations have become significant this week. This is Amden.

**Outlook:**

It will turn more unsettled over the weekend with some snow likely in places. However, with milder air in the mix, some rain is also possible at lower altitudes.

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**Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 2 January 2015, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates**