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Snow forecast

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Except for the odd shower in the far east of the Alps, the weather will be mostly fine until Thursday. Thereafter, new Atlantic weather fronts will begin to move in from the north-west, with a mixture of rain and snow, chiefly across the northern half of the Alps.

There is still some uncertainty over timings and precipitation amounts, but this is not good news for the lower slopes of the northern French Alps, the northern and western Swiss Alps and parts of western Austria (the same areas that took a hammering from the rain last weekend).

Higher up, there will be some snow and, with a bit of luck, snow will descend to lower levels again by Sunday – especially in the east.

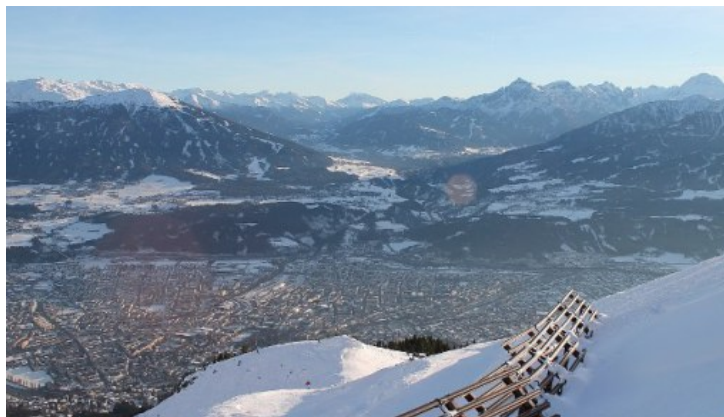
Detailed forecast:

Austria

Wednesday will be mostly dry with plenty of sunshine in the west (Vorarlberg, Tirol). Further east there may be more cloud at times, with a few snow showers (600m) in the eastern Salzburgerland and Upper Austria later, but not amounting to much.

On **Thursday** many places will start dry and bright, but cloud will thicken to bring some showers (snow above 500-1000m) to the north and west later.

On **Friday** another band of precipitation will move through, mostly affecting the northern half of the Austrian Alps, with the rain/snow limit rising to 1400m in the Vorarlberg and Tirol later, but staying lower in the east.




Amazing views across Innsbruck this afternoon - Photo: foto-webcam.eu


France

Wednesday will be dry with cloud/fog in some low valleys, but lots of sunshine at altitude where the freezing levels will be close to 2000m.


Thursday will start dry and bright, and remain so in the southern Alps. Further north, cloud will thicken to bring a little rain or snow by evening and overnight. The rain/snow limit will be between 1200 and 1500m, but any accumulations of snow will be very modest.

Friday will be something of a repeat, starting dry but with further rain reaching the northern Alps as the day progresses. The rain/snow limit will start around 1200-1400m, but rise to 2000m in places later. Any snowfall accumulations will again be modest.


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Lovely weather in Méribel today, but more snow would clearly be welcome - Photo: meribel.net

Italy

Wednesday will be dry with plenty of sunshine and freezing levels between 1500 and 2000m.

Thursday will also be mostly dry with plenty of sunshine to begin with, but increasing cloud in places later.

Friday will see more in the way of cloud, with a few light showers here and there (snow 1500-1700m), but nothing significant and many places will stay dry.



Fine weather across the Monte Rosa region today, with little prospect of any serious snow any time soon - Photo: monterosa-ski.com

Switzerland

Wednesday will be dry with some low-lying cloud/fog, but also plenty of sunshine at altitude with freezing levels close to 1800-2000m.

Thursday will start dry and bright, and remain so in the south-east. However, cloud will thicken up further north and west to bring some showers by evening, with a little snow in places above 1000-1400m.

Friday should start dry with variable cloud, but further rain will move into the north and west later and overnight, with a rain/snow limit rising from 1200-1400m to 1600m or more later (highest in the north-west).



Deep blue skies in the Swiss Engadin this afternoon. This is Scuol - Photo: scuol.ch

Outlook:

The weekend is looking very mixed with further spells of rain or snow possible across the northern Alps. It will be very mild on **Saturday**, turning a bit colder on **Sunday**, especially in the east.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 9 January 2015, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates