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Snow forecast

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If it's not already snowing, then snow is on its way for all Alpine areas over the next 24 hours.

This time the heaviest falls will be on the southern side of the Alps, especially in the central and eastern Italian Alps (e.g. **Madesimo, Livigno, Passo Tonale, Arabba**), the south-eastern Swiss Alps (e.g. **St Moritz**) and the south-western Austrian Alps (e.g. **Obergurgl, Nassfeld**).

All the above areas have the potential to see 40-70cm of new snow by the end of Saturday (locally more - in Lombardy, for example). Other parts of the Alps will also see snow in varying quantities, but generally less than the areas mentioned above, with 20-40cm above 1500m being more typical.

For sure there will be some surprises (as well as some disappointments), but overall this storm will deliver quite widely, which is of course very good news given this winter's erratic start.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly dry with variable cloud, but some snow (1200m) will creep into the far south later (mostly Osttirol). Tonight this snow will slowly spread to Carinthia, the rest of the Tirol and the Vorarlberg. The rain/snow limit will remain at around 1000-1200m in the south, but sink to 600m in the Vorarlberg (e.g. **Lech**) later.

On **Saturday** some eastern Alpine areas may start dry but, generally speaking, it will be a snowy day with the rain/snow level between 600m and 900m.

Sunday will still see some flurries in the eastern half of the Austrian Alps, while further west it will brighten up.

Monday should be drier and brighter everywhere.



Still relatively bright this afternoon across the northern Austrian Alps. This is Zell-am-See - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

France

The rest of **Friday** will be cloudy with showers, heaviest in the south and becoming more prolonged in all regions during the evening and overnight. The rain/snow limit will initially be around 1600m, but will fall rapidly to reach 600-800m by the early hours of Saturday morning.

Saturday will start cloudy with flurries (600m) but it should become drier and brighter as the day progresses.

Sunday is expected to be dry and bright, but cold. It will remain cold on **Monday** with the chance of further mostly light snow flurries at times.

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Snow setting in this afternoon across the southern French Alps. This is Serre Chevalier - Photo: serrechevalier.com

Italy

The rest of **Friday** will be cloudy with snow in the central and western Italian Alps, spreading into the Dolomites later and continuing in most regions overnight. The rain/snow limit will start at 900-1100m in the west, and 1300-1500m in the east before falling overnight.

Saturday will see early flurries to low levels in the western Italian Alps die away, but they will continue for much of the day further east, particularly in the Dolomites.

Sunday may see a few flurries in the far east, but most places should be dry, cold and sunny.

It will remain chilly on **Monday** with some sunshine in places, but also a scattering of (mostly light) snow flurries.



Heavy snow in Livigno (Lombardy) where 50cm plus is possible - Photo: mottolino.com

Switzerland

The rest of **Friday** will be cloudy with snow in the far south, spreading to other areas later and continuing overnight. The rain/snow limit will start around 1500m in places but drop rapidly overnight to reach between 600-900m by Saturday morning.

Saturday will start cloudy with showers or longer periods of snow to low levels, heaviest in the east. The western Swiss Alps should, however, brighten up as the day progresses.

Sunday will be dry with plenty of sunshine but chilly.

Monday may stay bright in the eastern Swiss Alps, but scattered (mostly light) flurries are likely again further west.



Snowing heavily in St Moritz this afternoon, which should do as well as any major Swiss resort from this storm - Photo: stmoritz.ch

Outlook:

The rest of the week will remain cold with the chance of further snow at times, mostly in the south and west.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 20 January 2015, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates