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Snow forecast

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There's a chilly but not exceptionally cold rest of week in store for the Alps, with bits and pieces of snow here and there. However, with one or two exceptions (mostly in the in southern Alps), any snow won't be particularly heavy or organised, and significant accumulations are not expected before the weekend.

On Saturday a cold front is likely to bring a more organised band of snow down from the north, but it is too early to say how potent this will be. One thing is for sure, there aren't any major thaws on the horizon, so snow levels are likely to stay relatively stable for the foreseeable future.

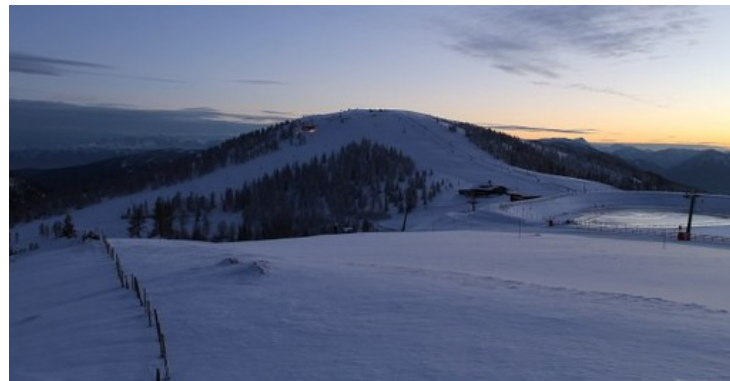
Detailed forecast:

Austria

Wednesday will be dry with variable cloud, sunny spells and freezing levels around 1200m.

Thursday will again be dry with sunny spells for most regions, but thicker cloud and a few snow flurries (500m) are possible in the far south (Carinthia, Osttirol) later.

Friday will be mostly cloudy with the chance of light flurries, especially in the west (Tirol, Vorarlberg).




Dusk in Bad Kleinkirchheim - Photo: foto-webcam.eu


France

Wednesday will be mostly cloudy with the odd snow flurry (to low altitude) here and there. These are most likely later in the day, both close to the western foothills (e.g. Vercors, Chartreuse) and close to the Italian border in the south (e.g. **Isola 2000**). Many places will, however, stay dry.


Thursday will again be mostly cloudy with isolated snow flurries, but not amounting to very much.

Friday should be mostly dry with variable cloud and just the outside chance of the odd flurry.


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Light snow this afternoon in Orcières, in the south-western French Alps - Photo: orcieres.com

Italy

Wednesday will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers (snow above 600-800m) almost anywhere, especially later in the day and overnight.

Thursday will start cloudy with further showers (snow 600-800m in the west, a little higher in parts of the Dolomites). These will tend to die out later in the day to allow some brighter spells.

Friday should be dry with variable cloud and sunny spells.



Sunny this afternoon in Champoluc, but it won't always be like that this week - Photo: regione.vda.it

Switzerland

Wednesday will be mostly dry with variable cloud, but some snow flurries (500-700m) are likely in the far south later and overnight.

Thursday will be generally cloudy with scattered flurries (400-800m), heaviest in the south close to the Italian border.

Friday will see a few flurries in the east at first, probably dying away to leave most places with a dry, bright but chilly day.



Picture perfect in Zuoz (Engadin) this afternoon - Photo: zuoz.ch

Outlook:

On **Saturday** a more organised band of snow is likely across the northern Alps. It should brighten up but stay cold on **Sunday**.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 23 January 2015, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates