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Snow forecast

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Anyone who has already read our "Today in the Alps" update this morning will know that the main interest in the forecast is what happens towards the end of next week, when there is the potential for some very big snowfalls indeed - especially in the northern Alps.

Back to the short term, and there is also plenty of interest over the next few days. Today, any snowfall will be light, patchy and mostly confined to Austria. Over the weekend and into next week new weather fronts will arrive from the north-west with further snow in places, mostly across the northern Alps.

Then all eyes are on what happens towards the end of next week, with the prospect of some exceptional snowfalls, more especially (again) in the north.

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly cloudy with occasional light flurries here and there, but also some brighter spells.

Saturday will again be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of snow setting in across the northern Alps. This snow will be heaviest on Saturday night with some moderate accumulations in places. The southern Alps (Carinthia, Osttirol) will see little if any snow.

Sunday will be cold and windy with further snow for a while across the northern Austrian Alps (Vorarlberg, Tirol, Salzburgerland, Styria, Upper Austria) while the south sees the best of any brightness.

Monday should be mostly dry and bright.



Cloudy this afternoon in Kitzbühel, as it well may be for the big race day tomorrow - Photo: kitz.net

France

Except for an isolated snow flurry in the western foothills, the rest of **Friday** will be mostly dry with sunny spells.

Saturday will start dry, but thickening cloud will bring some light snow to the northern Alps later in the day and overnight. Any accumulations will be very modest.

Sunday will be cold and very windy (especially at altitude), but mostly dry with sunny spells.

Monday should start dry, but further snow (to quite low levels) is likely to reach the northern and western Alps later.

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
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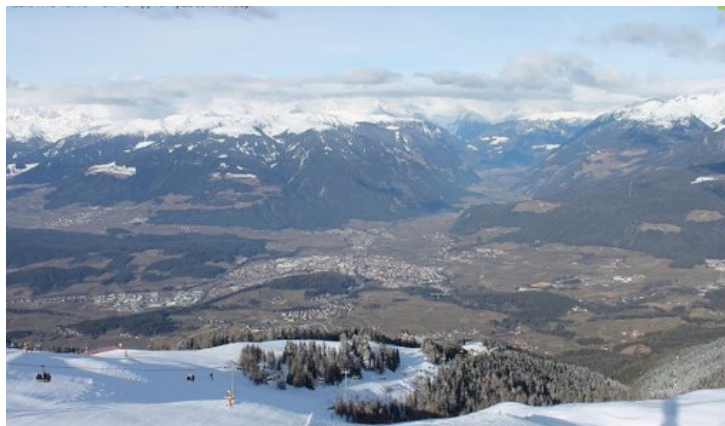
Variable cloud in L'Espace Diamant. This is Praz-sur-Arly - Photo: espacediamant.com

Italy

Except for a few isolated snow flurries, the rest of **Friday** will be dry with variable cloud and sunny spells.

Saturday will also be mostly dry and quite bright, but some light snow is possible in the far north-west (close to the French/Swiss border) later in the day and overnight.

Sunday and **Monday** will be cold and windy, but mostly dry, with the best of any sunshine away from the high border areas.



Bright skies this afternoon in Kronplatz - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

Switzerland

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly dry with variable cloud and sunny spells.

Saturday will start dry, and remain so in the south, but cloud and light snow will arrive in the north later in the day, continuing overnight with some moderate accumulations in places.

Sunday will be cold and windy with further snow showers, most frequent close to the northern edge of the Alps, with the best of any sunshine in the south.

Monday should start dry, but further snow (to relatively low levels) will spread in from the north and west later in the day. The far south/south-east should stay mostly dry.



Variable cloud, but mostly dry in Morgins (Portes du Soleil) today - Photo: telemorgins.ch

Outlook:

The outlook is for the weather to remain in changeable mood with further snow at times, especially in the north and towards the end of the week when it is likely to become very stormy indeed.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 27 January 2015, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates