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Snow forecast

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After a glorious few days across the Alps the weather is on the turn again with significant snow for some this weekend, especially in the south and west.

Snowfall totals from this latest storm are going to vary hugely from one region to the next. Broadly speaking though, Italian resorts are likely to do best, along with some parts of southern Switzerland - from Zermatt eastwards through Ticino, into the southern Grisons.

Some French resorts are likely to do well, particularly (but by no means exclusively) the southern ones. Watch out for a few surprises further north – **Val d'Isère** and **Tignes**, for example, might get dumped on from the famous "retour d'est" coming over the Italian border.

The northern Swiss and Austrian Alps (away from the south) are the areas least likely to see significant snow, especially north-east Switzerland, the Vorarlberg, northern Tirol and Salzburgerland.

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Friday** will be dry with plenty of sunshine in most regions.

Saturday will see variable cloud but, apart from the odd shower (snow 800m) in Carinthia later, most regions should stay dry.

Sunday and **Monday** will see showers become a little more prevalent (snow 800m) in the far south (Carinthia, Osttirol). Elsewhere, except for an isolated flurry, it should stay mostly dry with sunny spells. It will feel relatively mild in the northern valleys due to a slight Foehn effect.



Still sunny this afternoon in Austria. This is Bad Kleinkirchheim - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

France

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly dry but increasingly cloudy with a few showers (snow 1000m) in the south this evening.

Saturday will be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of snow (800-1100m), probably heaviest in the south as well as the Haute-Savoie, but lighter and patchier in Savoie. Some drier interludes are also expected, but not much in the way of sunshine.

Sunday will continue unsettled with further snow at times (700-1100m), especially later in the day when all areas are likely to be affected. However, the heaviest falls at this stage are likely to be south of Grenoble and/or close to the Italian border.

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On **Monday**, showers should die away to leave many areas dry with variable cloud and some sunny spells.



Just beginning to cloud over in Avoriaz this afternoon - Photo: avoriaz.com

Italy

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly bright in the east but increasingly cloudy in the western Italian Alps, with the odd shower later (snow 1000m).

Saturday and **Sunday** will be cloudy with showers or longer spells of snow in all regions (500-800m). Accumulations will vary greatly from one region to the next but have the potential to reach 1m or more in a few favoured spots by the end of Sunday, especially close to the Swiss border.

It will remain changeable on **Monday**, but showers will become more scattered and less persistent.



Weather on the turn in Sestriere - Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly dry but increasingly cloudy in the south and west.

Saturday will be mostly cloudy with snow (600-800m) in the south, heaviest close to the Italian border. Further north, showers will be more scattered with one or two brighter spells possible.

Sunday will see a similar weather pattern with snow (600-900m) intensifying close to the Italian border, but remaining more showery further north where some places will even stay dry.

Monday will see a few showers/flurries lingering in the south, otherwise many areas will become dry with variable cloud.



Sunny today in eastern Switzerland, but tomorrow will be cloudier. This is Scuol - Photo: scuol.ch

Outlook:

Some showers/flurries will linger in the southern Alps on Tuesday and Wednesday, otherwise it's an improving picture with more in the way of sunshine, especially in the north.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 17 February 2015, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates