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## **Snow forecast**

Updated: 3pm Friday 20 February 2015

It's been a glorious few days of weather, but things are on the change now with snow this weekend, heaviest in the west and south on Saturday.

It will remain changeable next week with further snow at times, but also some drier brighter interludes, especially mid-week.

Over the next few days we can therefore expect some significant snowfall totals in many Alpine resorts. Stay tuned to our daily updates in <u>Today in the Alps</u> to find out exactly how much falls where...

**Detailed snow forecast:** 

#### Austria

The rest of **Friday** will be sunny.

**Saturday** will start dry and bright in many places, but thickening cloud will bring a few showers to the far west (Vorarlberg) and south (Osttirol) later in the day (snow approx 1000m).

**Sunday** will be more generally cloudy with snow at times (600m), easing off in the far west later. Accumulations are expected to be relatively modest (5-20cm).

Monday should be mostly dry with sunny spells.



Perfect blue skies in Kitzbühel this afternoon - Photo: kitz.net

## France

The rest of **Friday** will be dry with high cloud increasing from the west late in the day.

**Saturday** will be mostly cloudy with snow at times – initially around 1000m, but lowering later. Above 1200m accumulations of between 15 and 30cm are expected quite widely, perhaps more in places, especially in the southern Alps.

**Sunday** will see a few early flurries in places, otherwise it should be a mostly dry day with sunny spells. It will feel cold with a biting north-easterly wind.

**Monday** will see further weather fronts arrive from the west. This time some milder air will raise the rain/snow limit to 1400m for a time before it turns colder later in the day.



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First signs of cloud moving in from the west on the horizon. This is the view from the Grande Motte glacier, Tignes - Photo: tignes.net

#### Italy

The rest of Friday will be mostly sunny.

Saturday will start dry and bright in the eastern Alps (Dolomites), but elsewhere there will be showers or longer spells of snow (600-800m), spreading to all areas by the end of the day. The snow will be heaviest in the central and western Italian Alps where 20-40cm (locally over 50cm) is possible by Sunday morning.

Sunday will start mostly cloudy with occasional snow flurries, especially in the east, but sunnier skies will spread from the west as the day goes on.

Monday will be dry with variable cloud in the central and eastern Italian Alps, but cloudier conditions with showers will move into the west. It will be temporarily milder with any snow above 1200-1400m, dropping later.



Last day of clear blue skies for a while in Livigno - Photo: valtline.it

## **Switzerland**

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

Saturday will be cloudy with snow (600-800m) in the west, spreading erratically eastwards as the day goes on. The heaviest falls will be in the central-southern Swiss Alps, from **Zermatt** eastwards towards **Andermatt** where 30-40cm is possible (locally more). Elsewhere totals will generally be more modest, but most resorts can expect a useful top-up by Sunday morning.

**Sunday** itself will be cold and windy with a few snow flurries in the central and eastern Alps gradually dying away. The best of any sunshine will be in the south.

Monday will see new weather fronts invade from the north-west, with the rain/snow limit increasing to 1400m or so for a time before falling again later in the day. The precipitation will be heaviest and more persistent in the north and west, and more sporadic in the south-east.



Final day of a day of fabulous spring weather in Bürchen in the Valais - Photo: buerchenunterbaech.ch

# Outlook:

Tuesday could see some widespread significant snowfall for a time. It should then turn drier and brighter mid-week before further weather fronts invade from the north-west later.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 24 February 2015, but see  $\underline{\text{Today in the Alps}}$  for daily updates

