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Snow forecast

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The weather will remain unsettled over the next few days with plenty of snow expected at altitude in the northern Alps later in the weekend and early next week.

However, with milder air in the mix, rain will also be a nuisance lower down, especially in the northern French, Swiss and western Austrian Alps.

The driest and brightest weather will be in the southern Alps, especially the far south of France and the central and eastern Italian Alps (Lombardy and the Dolomites).

Detailed snow forecast:

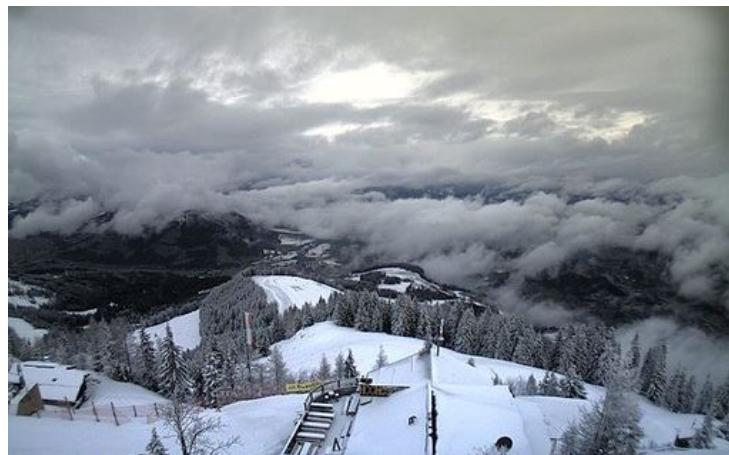
Austria

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain/snow (900-1200m), with 5-20cm expected above 1500m.

Saturday will see the last of the showers/flurries die away from the north-eastern Alps, then everywhere can expect a dry day with sunny spells and freezing levels reaching 1900m in the west.

Sunday may be bright in the far south, but most areas will be cloudy with showers (snow around 1500m) especially early and late in the day.

It will remain unsettled on **Monday** with further rain or snow, heavy at times in the north and west, especially in the Vorarlberg. The rain/snow limit will be situated between 1400 and 1600m.



A little fresh snow at altitude in the Kitzbühel area - Photo: kitz.net

France

The rest of today (**Friday**) will see cloud gradually breaking up across the northern Alps to allow some decent spells of sunshine. The southern Alps will be generally clearer. Freezing levels will be between 1400 and 1700m.

Saturday should be mostly dry, but cloud will thicken across the northern Alps with a little rain possible in the far north later (snow 1800m).

Sunday will be mostly cloudy with rain or snow (1500-1700m), becoming heavy in the northern Alps later in the day. The far southern Alps should remain dry with variable cloud.

Monday will see further heavy rain/snow (1500m) in the north, dying out later.

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Sunny skies in the far southern French Alps. This is Reallon - Photo: reallon-ski.com

Italy

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly sunny in the western Italian Alps. Further east there is still plenty of cloud and the odd shower/flurry (1700m), but the weather should gradually improve here too later in the day.

Saturday will be mostly dry with sunny spells and freezing levels climbing back above 2000m.

Sunday will be mostly dry with variable cloud and some sunny spells in the eastern Alps. Further west, cloud will be thicker with occasional showers, more persistent in the far north-west (Aosta) later in the day. The rain/snow limit will be around 1700m.

Monday will see further rain/snow (1700-2000m) in the north-western Italian Alps. Further east, apart from a few showers, it will be drier with variable cloud and perhaps some brighter spells.



Clearing skies in the western Italian Alps today. This is Valtourneche near Cervinia - Photo: regione.vda.it

Switzerland

The rest of **Friday** will see scattered snow showers (1000-1200m) gradually die out from the west.

Saturday will be mostly dry with sunny spells, but cloud will thicken in the north and west with a little rain/snow (1700m) possible later in the day.

Sunday will be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain/snow (1600-1800m) across the northern Alps, heaviest later in the day. Further south any showers will be more scattered with occasional bright spells.

Monday will see further rain/snow (1600-1800m) in the north and west, perhaps easing up later. The best of any drier spells/brightness will be in the far south.



Snow showers today in the eastern Swiss Alps. This is Flumserberg - Photo: flumserberg.ch

Outlook:

It will remain unsettled with further rain/snow at times in the north and west, and the best of any drier/brighter weather in the south and south-east. It will be mild at first, but perhaps turning colder from the north later next week.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 31 March 2015, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates