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Snow report

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Snow conditions are very mixed across the Alps right now, just as you would expect for late March.

Generally speaking, the best conditions are in the higher resorts of the southern Alps, such as **Cervinia**, **Monte Rosa** and **Val Senales**, all of which have seen useful falls of fresh snow. Some northern resorts have also seen snow, but generally in very modest quantities. Wherever you are, it pays to stay high, as the snow-pack remains humid below about 2200m.

As for the forecast, after a relatively cool end to the week, it will turn milder again over the weekend and into the first part of next week with further showers of rain or snow.

Austria

There have been bits and pieces of fresh snow here and there in Austrian in recent days, with some more significant falls close to the Italian border, where high altitude **Obergurgl** (21/160cm) offers some of the best conditions in the country.

Lower down, however, spring conditions are the order of the order of the day in the likes of **Söll** (30/60cm) and **Zell-am-See** (10/105cm).

The weather will remain very mixed over the next few days with further snowfalls in places, but also some rain lower down.




Spring dominates in the lower Austrian valleys. This is Zell-am-See - Photo: foto-webcam.eu


France

Most French resorts have seen a dusting of snow over the last day or two, with up to 30cm on the Pisailas glacier above **Val d'Isère** (92/160cm) which, with its extensive high altitude slopes, is skiing as well as anywhere right snow.

Below 2000m, however, spring is firmly in control with threadbare lower slopes in **Morzine** (25/110cm) and **La Clusaz** (25/210cm).

Some snow is expected across French resorts over the next few days, mostly at altitude and in the north, but also some rain lower down.


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Tignes is as good a place as any to ski in France right now - Photo: tignes.net

Italy

Italian resorts have the lion's share of the fresh snow at the moment, but it still pays to go high, given the effect the sun can have on the snow at this time of year.

Cervinia (40/275cm) and **Champoluc** (55/205cm) are two resorts that have seen moderate falls (10-25cm at altitude), with 45cm further east on the Marmolada glacier (near **Arbba**) where the base depth is 212cm.

Lower down, conditions are more spring-like in **Courmayeur** (35/155cm), but more snow is expected over the next few days.



Fresh snow today in Madonna di Campiglio - Photo: funiviecampiglio.it

Switzerland

Some snow has fallen in the Swiss Alps over the last couple of days but, generally speaking, only in modest quantities. This means that spring is still firmly in control of lower resorts such as **Wengen** (1/100cm) and **Champéry** (0/110cm).

For the best conditions, you need to be in a resort with plenty of skiing above 2200m, such as **Zermatt** (5/270cm) and **Saas-Fee** (70/340cm) where, up top at least, it still feels like winter.

It will remain unsettled over the next few days with some snowfall at altitude, but also some rain at times lower down, especially in the north.



Rest of Europe

The Pyrenees had some snow on Wednesday, 20cm in Spain's **Baqueira Beret** (225/350cm), for example, where conditions are excellent for the time of year.

Good skiing can also still be found in Norway where **Voss** (80/185cm) had a moderate fall of fresh snow on Tuesday and there is plenty more in the forecast. New snow is also expected in **Åre** (55/61cm) in Sweden, which has had a slow but steady season to date.

Three of the five main Scottish ski areas are still open, with new snow either falling or expected over the next day or two. At **Glencoe** the snow pack is 100/195cm deep depending on altitude.



Fabulous snow conditions yesterday in Baqueira Beret, Spain - Photo: weathertoski.co.uk

USA

New snow has been freshening things up in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. However, this welcome wintry blast is not expected to last long as spring re-establishes itself over the next few days. **Vail** has 135cm of settled snow up on the mountain, while **Aspen** has 191cm.

Canada

Whistler (188cm mid-mountain base) has clocked up 59cm of new snow in the last seven days, but it has turned mild again and conditions are variable, especially at low altitude.

Further inland, conditions are more consistent in **Banff/Lake Louise** (164cm), despite some spring snow close to base.



Some new snow in Whistler this week, but it has turned milder again - Photo: whistlerblackcomb.com

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