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Snow report

Updated: Thursday 23 January 2014

The southern Alps continue to offer the best snow, with excellent conditions across all Italian resorts. Snow depths are also above average across most of the French Alps (e.g. **Isola 2000**, **Serre Chevalier**), the southern Swiss Alps (e.g. **St Moritz**, **Zermatt**), and those resorts in Austria closest to the Italian border (e.g. **Obergurgl**, **Nassfeld**).

Further north, conditions are more variable but still generally ok across most of the French and Swiss Alps. Austria (away from the far south) is struggling the most, with only patchy cover at low altitude but there is snow in the forecast and things should improve over the next few days.

Austria

Apart from the far south (where resorts close to the Italian border have experienced excellent conditions in recent weeks) snow depths are way below average for the time of year, with only patchy cover at low altitude, especially in the north.

There is still some decent piste skiing available in the likes of **Söll** (25/45cm) and **Alpbach** (45/70cm), but little off-piste to speak of, and much more snow is needed to avoid serious problems later in the season. Higher resorts such as **St Anton** (25/90cm) and **Lech** (75/75cm) may not be showing quite as much grass lower down, but the situation is only marginally better with very few off-piste opportunities.

The best conditions right now are either on the glaciers or in resorts close to the Italian border such as **Obergurgl** (60/162cm) and **Nassfeld** (250cm up top).

There is good news for Austria, however, with snow expected in most resorts tonight, tomorrow and again early next week.



Zell-am-See, Austria - Photo: foto-webcam.eu


France


Conditions have been quite variable in France over recent days – generally pretty good, especially in the south and/or at altitude.

The most impressive snow depths right now are in **Isola 2000** (205/265cm), but many other southern resorts boast above average depths including **Serre Chevalier** (90/205cm) and **Alpe d'Huez** (80/200cm).


Further north, there is also plenty of good piste skiing, but below 1800m cover is still a little thin for late January and off-piste opportunities are more limited than they would normally be. **Val d'Isère** has 73/122cm depending on altitude, the Grand Massif (**Flaine**, **Samöens** area) 25/230cm.

Some snow is expected over the next few days heaviest in the northern French Alps.



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

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Isola 2000, France - Photo: isola2000.com

Italy

Italy continues (on average) to offer the best snow conditions in the Alps with above average depths across the board. In the eastern Italian Alps (Dolomites), **Cortina** (115/220cm) is skiing as well as anywhere right now, but conditions are just as good further west in the likes of **Gressoney** (130/230cm) and **Cervinia** (125/285cm), and all areas can expect more snow over the next few days.



Livigno, Italy - Photo: valtline.it

Switzerland

The best conditions remain in the far south in the likes of **Zermatt** (60/250cm) and **St Moritz** (125/160cm). Further north, conditions are more variable but there is still plenty of good piste skiing to be found, particularly at altitude. **Verbier** has 35/120m depending on altitude, **Davos** has 45/115cm.

That said, more snow would still be welcome, particularly in resorts such as **Wengen** (35/120cm) where most of the slopes are below 2000m. Snow is indeed forecast over the next few days which should improve conditions across the board.



Scuol, Switzerland

Rest of Europe

Conditions are excellent across most of the Pyrenees including in Andorra where **Pas de La Casa** has 110/180cm depending on altitude.

Bulgarian resorts have endured a poor start to the season, but a little new snow has fallen and with more in the forecast things are looking up for **Bansko** (15/70cm).

Up in Scandinavia, the best conditions are in Norway with fresh snow in many resorts in recent days – including **Geilo** (65/105cm) where more snow is forecast. By contrast Sweden's leading resort **Åre** (45/65cm) has seen little if any new snow but still offers plenty of decent piste skiing.



Pamporovo, Bulgaria - Photo: pamporovo.me

USA

Colorado resorts haven't seen significant snow for a few days now, but conditions in the likes of **Aspen** (75/150cm) and **Breckenridge** (147cm upper mountain) remain good thanks to the big dumps earlier in the month.

It's a similar story in **Jackson Hole**, Wyoming (130/175cm) and **Alta**, Utah (152cm) where on-piste conditions remain favourable but more snow would be welcome to freshen up the off-piste terrain.

Over in California the drought continues with only 17% of the **Mammoth** ski area open and the resort heavily reliant on man-made snow.



Breckenridge, Colorado - Photo: breckenridge.com

Canada

Western Canadian resorts haven't seen a great deal of snow over the last week. On-piste at least, conditions remain good in **Whistler** (137cm upper mountain) despite snow depths remaining considerably below par for the time of year.

Further east, **Revelstoke** (156cm upper mountain) and **Fernie** (176cm) are slightly above average for late January and are both skiing well.

Next full snow report will be on Thursday 30 January 2014, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates