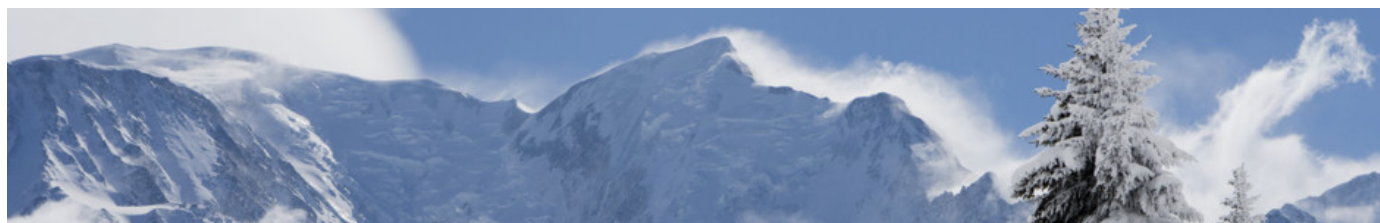




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## Snow report

**Updated: Thursday 2 January 2014**

Snow conditions are quite mixed across the Alps right now – mostly good on-piste, but highly variable (and often dangerous) off-piste.

Italy is the stand-out country as we start the New Year, but the snow is also unusually deep in parts of southern Switzerland (i.e. **Zermatt** and **Saas-Fee**).

The areas in need of most snow are at low altitude, particularly (but not exclusively) in Austria.

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### Austria

Large parts of Austria have missed the heaviest of the recent snowfalls and are crying out for a big dump. This is particularly true in the low resorts of the eastern Tirol, the Salzburgerland and Styria where the likes of **Söll** (20/50cm) and **Saalbach** (10/150cm) can still offer decent skiing, but depths are considerably below where they should be for the time of year.

Further west, snow depths are also modest in **Lech** (55cm lower and upper) and **Ischgl** (15/160cm) with (glaciers aside) only resorts close to the Italian border such as **Obergurgl** (75/167cm) and **Nassfeld** (170cm up top) really excelling to any degree.

These same southern resorts are again the only ones likely to see any significant snow in the near future (late Sat/Sun) with little or any snow again to the north-east of Innsbruck. It will also be relatively mild, putting further pressure on resorts where most of the skiing is below 1800m.



Good on-piste conditions in Damüls in the Vorarlberg, Austria – Photo: damuels.at


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### France


Snow conditions are pretty good across most French resorts though cover is still on the thin side for the time of year at low altitude. **Avoriaz** (100/150cm) is one of many resorts that saw a moderate fall of snow today (Thursday) and is skiing superbly right now.

Milder weather is due over the next couple of days, however, so for the most consistent snow quality aim for the higher resorts such as **Tignes** (65/130cm) and **Val Thorens** (90/135cm).

More snow is due over the weekend, particularly Saturday night and Sunday though it may start as rain below 1600-1800m.




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


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Fresh snow today in Les Gets, France – Photo: lesgets.com

## Italy

Of the four main Alpine countries, Italy is where it's at right now with good (and sometimes excellent) snow conditions across the board. Perhaps best of all are the resorts in the central-northern Lombardy region, where **Madesimo** (210/290cm) has had another two moderate snowfalls since its record-breaking Christmas dumps.

Excellent conditions are also reported further west in **Gressoney** (90/210cm), as they are in the Italian Dolomites with 75/150cm for **Cortina** and 105/180cm in **Arabba**.

More snow is expected across all Italian resorts over the weekend with the heaviest falls again to the east.

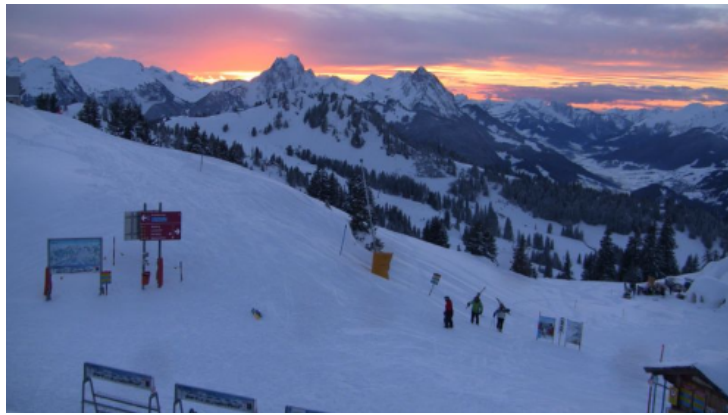


Above average snow depths in the Monterosa region, Italy. This is Gressoney – Photo: regione.vda.it

## Switzerland

The best conditions are in the far south of Switzerland where the likes of **Zermatt** (75/315cm), **Saas-Fee** (80/260cm) and **St Moritz** (90/135cm) all saw huge snowfalls over the Christmas period. Further north, snow conditions are more mixed but still pretty good in most places, despite some modest snow bases in the likes of **Klosters** (20/85cm) and **Wengen** (25/75cm).

The next significant snow is due later on Saturday and Sunday, again heaviest in the south. Below 1600-1800m it may start off as rain, particularly close to the northern and western foothills.



Gstaad, Switzerland - Photo: gstaad.ch

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### Rest of Europe

Snow depths are still excellent in the Pyrenees, but with 90/180cm in the **Grandvalira**, Andorra (**Soldeu, Pas de La Casa**) depending on altitude.

Over in Scandinavia, snow depths are more modest, but it was snowing today in **Hemsedal** (45/65cm) as it was in many other Norwegian resorts. Up in Sweden the snow-pack is 45cm mid-mountain in **Åre** where, on-piste at least, the conditions are also reported to be good.



Great snow cover still in Andorra. This is the Grandvalira region - Photo: grandvalira.com

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### USA

Colorado is doing well right now with fresh snow in varying degrees on New Year's day and 127cm of settled snow up top in **Aspen**, 122cm in **Winter Park**.

Fresh snow has also been falling in Wyoming with 127cm up top in **Jackson Hole**, as well as in Montana with a 130cm upper base in **Big Sky**.

Over in California, however, it is a much bleaker picture with no significant snow for several weeks now and only 61cm of mostly man-made snow on **Mammoth** mountain.

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### Canada

**Whistler** (89cm upper mountain) is in need of a good dump right now, with only 60% of its terrain open. For better conditions, you need to head further inland where the likes of **Fernie** (139cm upper mountain) and **Revelstoke** (134cm upper mountain) have all their terrain open.



New snow in Revelstoke, British Columbia – Photo: [revelstokemountainresort.com](http://revelstokemountainresort.com)

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