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Snow forecast

Updated: 12.30pm Thursday 19 December 2013

It is snowing (at last!) across a good portion of the western Alps today and will continue to do so overnight.

The heaviest snow will be in the French Alps (particularly the southern French Alps tonight) and the western Italian Alps.

Further east, however, any snowfall will be more erratic with little meaningful snow in Austria this time around.

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Thursday** will be mostly dry with sunny spells, but cloud will thicken in the far west later.

Friday will see some light snow showers(1000m) in the western Austrian Alps (Vorarlberg, western Tirol) but it is not expected to amount to a great deal. Further east it will be mostly dry but rather cloudy.

On **Saturday** and **Sunday** it should be dry with sunny spells in all regions with afternoon freezing levels close to 2000m.



Still bright in Kitzbühel today, with little if any snow expected from this storm, Austria - Photo: kitz.net

France

The rest of **Thursday** and **Thursday night** will be cloudy with rain or snow at times, heaviest in the southern French Alps tonight. The rain snow limit will begin around 1400-1800m, but lower to reach 1000-1200m or so by tomorrow morning.

Friday will start cloudy with a few snow flurries (1000m) here and there, slowly dying out later. Some brighter spells are possible in places by the afternoon. At 2000m we can expect 15-30cm in many resorts by the end this storm, 40-50cm in some parts of the southern Alps, notably those more exposed to the west.

Saturday will be dry with plenty of sunshine at altitude and freezing levels creeping back over 2000m.

Sunday is likely to be cloudy across the northern Alps with the odd spot of rain (or flake of snow above 1700m). The best of any sunshine will be in the southern Alps.

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Snowing this morning in Avoriaz – Photo: avoriaz.com

Italy

In the western Italian resorts it will be cloudy today (**Thursday**) with occasional showers to relatively low levels (particularly in the upper Aosta Valley), becoming more frequent this evening and overnight. Further east, skies will be more variable with some bright spells and a few mostly light showers (snow 1100m) becoming a bit more frequent in places overnight.

On **Friday** most Italian resorts are likely to begin cloudy with occasional snow showers (800-1100m) but it should brighten up in the west later. Overall, many western Italian resorts can expect between 10-30cm of snow at 2000m from this storm, but less generally further east.

Saturday and **Sunday** should be mostly dry with variable cloud and sunny spells. It will also start to feel milder again.

Switzerland

Thursday and **Thursday night** will be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain/snow but also some drier slots here and there. Generally speaking, any snow will be above 1400m at first (lower in some enclosed southern valleys) and lowering more generally to 1000m or so overnight. Snow accumulations are only expected to be slight to moderate in most resorts (5-15cm at 2000m), but some favoured spots will see more.

On **Friday**, snow showers (1000m) will persist for a while before dying out from the west later when some brighter spells are possible.

Saturday should be mostly dry with plenty of sunshine and freezing levels creeping back over 2000m.

Sunday may be cloudier near the northern edge of the Alps, but dry with the best of any sunshine further south.

Outlook:

Next week should start fine and mild in many areas, but it will become increasingly unsettled as the week progresses with the heaviest snow again likely to be in the southern French and western Italian Alps.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 23 December 2013, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates

