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#### **Snow forecast**

**Updated: Thursday 13 December 2013** 

When will it next snow in the Alps? This is the question we are being asked quite a lot at the moment! The short answer is not until next Thursday (19 December) at the very least - and even then probably not very much.

The trouble is, we have a huge area of high pressure sitting slap bang over western Europe and at this time of year they don't tend to move very fast. This will continue to bring calm, settled conditions to the Alps over the weekend and well into next week.

There is some agreement among the weather models that the weather will change next Thursday, but any snowfall is likely to be short lived.

A more pronounced return to winter is possible around Christmas time, but this is a long way off and a helluva lot can change between now and then.

#### **Detailed snow forecast:**

#### Austria

**Saturday** to **Wednesday** will be calm, dry and mostly sunny at altitude, but some cloud/fog will continue to plague the low valleys close to the northern foothills. It will be cold by night but mild by afternoon, particularly in any sunshine, with freezing levels between 2000-2500m.

## France

**Saturday** will be dry with plenty of sunshine particularly in the southern Alps. It may, however, cloud over in the far northern Alps for a time in the afternoon.

**Sunday** to **Wednesday** will then be calm, dry, and mostly sunny with only some low valleys close to the northern and western foothills plagued by fog. It will be cold be night but mild in the afternoons, particularly in any sunshine, with freezing levels between 2000-2500m.



Avoriaz, France - Photo: avoriaz.com

### Italy

**Saturday** to **Wednesday** will be dry and mostly sunny with cold nights, mild feeling afternoons (especially at altitude) and freezing levels between 2000-2500m.

#### **Switzerland**

Except for a little cloud in the north-western Alps on **Saturday** afternoon it will be mostly sunny, especially at altitude. However, cloud/fog will continue to plague some of the low valleys of the northern foothills.



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#### Outlook:

It looks like some weather fronts will finally make inroads into the area of high pressure on Thursday (19 December) and Friday (20 December) with some snow in places. It won't be particularly cold, however, and the dry settled conditions are likely to return over the weekend.

A more significant spell of snow is possible around Christmas, but this is still a long way off and far from certain.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 16 December 2013, but see Today in the Alps for daily updates