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Snow forecast

Updated: 5.30pm Thursday 5 December 2013

A cold front will bring some snow to the northern and eastern Alps tomorrow (Friday), heaviest in northern Austria. Most other regions (particularly the southern Alps) will see little if any snow.

The last of any snow flurries will clear Austria early on Saturday, then it looks like the weather will settle down for at least a week with lots of sunshine at altitude and increasingly mild temperatures.

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

Friday will be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of snow to low levels. The snow will be heaviest close to the northern edge of the Alps (e.g. Lech, Seefeld, Kitzbühel, Söll) with significant accumulations in places. The further south you go, the lighter the snow will become, with only a few flurries making into the far south (Carinthia).

Saturday will see a few snow flurries in the eastern Austrian Alps dying out as the day goes on. It will be brighter further west, though still cold everywhere.

Sunday and the whole of next week will be dominated by high pressure with lots of sunshine at altitude, but always the risk of some cloud trapped in the lowest valleys, especially close to the northern foothills.



Damüls, Austria - Photo: damuels.at


France


Friday will start mostly cloudy in the northern French Alps, with a few light snow flurries possible here and there but not amounting to anything. It will be sunnier further south, and other areas will brighten up as the day goes on though it will be cold and windy.

It will remain cold on **Saturday** but with plenty of sunshine at altitude and just a little low cloud around the northern foothills.


The rest of the week will be settled with lots of sunshine above cloud or fog trapped in some low valleys. Temperatures will creep up, especially at altitude, where it will start to feel quite mild.

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


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Friday will be mostly dry with sunny spells but also some cloud, especially early in the day and close to the border areas, where the odd light snow flurry cannot be ruled out. It will feel cold in a strong northerly wind.

Saturday and all of next week will be dry with lots of sunshine and a steady increase in temperatures, especially at altitude.



Cervinia, Italy - Photo: cervinia.it

Switzerland

Friday will be mostly cloudy with snow flurries across the northern Alps – light in the west, heavier further east, where some moderate accumulations are likely (e.g. Engelberg, Flims). The southern Swiss Alps will see the best of any sunshine, but it will feel cold everywhere with a raw north wind.

Saturday will see the last of any cloud melt away from the eastern Swiss Alps then all regions are likely to enjoy plenty of sunshine though it will remain cold.

Sunday and all of next week look like being settled with lots of sunshine above any low cloud trapped near the northern foothills. Temperatures will creep up too, especially at altitude, where it will feel increasingly mild.

Outlook:

As mentioned in our full snow report, high pressure looks set to dominate the Alpine weather for some time with no further snowfall for the next week at least.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 9 December 2013, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates