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Snow forecast

Updated: 2.30pm Friday 22 November 2013

Sandwiched between high pressure over north-west Europe and low pressure in the Med, the Alps are under the influence of a cold easterly airflow. This will bring further snow for some over the next few days, chiefly (but not exclusively) in Austria, where it is most needed. Many areas, however, will stay dry bright, if rather cold with a biting easterly wind.

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

Saturday and **Sunday** will be cold and mostly cloudy with showers in all areas, heaviest and most persistent to the east of Innsbruck where significant snowfall is possible at altitude. The rain/snow limit will be around 400m in the west of Austria, closer to 1000m in the eastern Austrian Alps on **Saturday**, lowering on **Sunday**.

On **Monday** it will become colder still with a few light snow flurries across the northern fringes of the Alps. Most other regions will, however, see plenty of sunshine, particularly the south.

France

Saturday, **Sunday** and **Monday** will be mostly dry with sunny spells though some low cloud may plague a few valley bottoms. One notable exception will be the far south-east (**Isola 2000**) where some snow showers are likely on **Saturday** and at first on **Sunday**. It will feel cold with freezing levels close to 1000m and a biting easterly wind.



Avoriaz, France - Photo: avoriaz.com

Italy

The eastern Italian Alps are likely to be cloudy on **Saturday** with snow showers (800m), heavy at times with some significant accumulations in places. Further west, brighter skies will prevail except in the far south-west (Milky Way southwards) where snow showers are also likely.

On **Sunday**, snow flurries may persist for a while both over the Dolomites and again in the far south-west. Elsewhere, it should be mostly dry and sunny, but feeling cold in a strong easterly wind.

Monday is expected to be mostly dry and bright, but cold.

Switzerland

It will be mostly dry with sunny spells across western Switzerland on **Saturday** though a few snow flurries to low levels can't be ruled out across the north later. Eastern Switzerland will see more in the way of cloud and more frequent snow

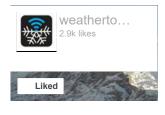


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showers (600-800m) especially the north-east. It will feel raw in exposed areas with a strong easterly wind.

There will be little change on **Sunday** with scattered snow showers here and there, most persistent in the northern and north-eastern Swiss Alps, drier and brighter further south. It will continue to feel cold with a biting easterly wind.

Outlook:

Most Alpine regions can look forward to some dry and bright weather in the middle part of next week. Austria may see more in the way of cloud, however, with a continuing risk of snow showers, particularly in the northern and eastern $\hbox{Austrian Alps. A more general return to winter is possible next weekend.}$

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 25 November 2013, but see Today in the Alps for daily updates

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