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Snow forecast

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It's a relatively wintry but complicated forecast for the Alps this week, with more snow for many resorts but question marks over where exactly the heaviest snow will fall. At this stage it seems likely that the southern Alps will benefit most, the northern Austrian Alps least. It will turn colder mid-week too, but not as cold as expected a few days ago.

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

Monday afternoon will be dry with some valley fog, but plenty of sunshine at altitude where it will feel mild with freeing levels around 2400m.

Tuesday will again be mostly dry, but thickening cloud will bring some showers (snow 1600-1800m) to the far south later. It will still feel relatively mild, particularly in any brighter spells in the north.

Wednesday will be generally cloudy with showers in most areas. It will be colder too, with the rain/snow limit dropping to between 700m (north) and 1200m (south).

Thursday will continue unsettled with further showers (snow-line close to 1000m) with the best of any brightness in the northern Alps.

France

Monday afternoon will be mostly dry but rather cloudy. This cloud will be thick enough to produce a few showers close to the Italian border, at least in the south (e.g. **Isola 2000**) with a little snow above 1800m. The extreme western Alps (Vercors) may also catch a little rain or snow at high altitude.

Tuesday will see the weather deteriorate more widely, firstly in the southern Alps then later further north. Precipitation will be erratic, however, heaviest and most persistent on the Italian border with a rain/snow limit falling from 1800m to 1200m later in the day.

Wednesday will be cold and cloudy with further showers and the snow-line falling to between 700 and 1000m. Some brighter spells are possible in the far southern Alps.

On **Thursday** the snow flurries are likely to continue, particularly across the northern Alps with a rain/snow limit falling to 400-600m.



Avoriaz, France - Photo: avoriaz.com

Italy

It's a cloudy damp **Monday** afternoon across the western Italian Alps with patchy snowfall above 1200-1600m. The weather will be drier albeit still rather cloudy in the eastern Italian Alps.



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On Tuesday, the weather will be cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain/snow in most regions. The rain/snow limit will be around 1200-1400m in the west, 1600-1900 m in the Dolomites.

On Wednesday any showers or flurries should die out in the western Alps, but a few will persist further east with snow above 1500m. It's a similar story for

Thursday with rather cloudy skies and a few snow flurries (above 1200m) mostly in the eastern Italian Alps.

Switzerland

Monday afternoon will be mostly dry but rather cloudy with the odd shower close to the Italian border (snow 1800m).

It will remain cloudy on **Tuesday** with showers from the start close to the Italian border (snow 1500m) breaking out in other regions later in the day.

Wednesday will again be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain/snow (700-1000m). It will feel noticeably colder.

Similar conditions are expected on Thursday, except it will become colder still with snow showers to 600m or lower.

Outlook:

It looks like remaining cold with the snow intensifying across the south-western Alps (particularly Italy) on Friday. Further north any snow flurries will be more scattered but will fall to low levels. It will remain cold over the weekend and into next week with further snow possible in places.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 22 November 2013, but see Today in the Alps for daily updates