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Updated: 12.20pm Friday 11 December 2015

High pressure is still dominating the weather in the Alps, which means lots of sunshine over the next few days and precious little if any new snow. There is likely to be a slight deterioration in the weather on Tuesday and Wednesday, but we are only expecting bits and pieces of snow at altitude, and certainly nothing significant.

A more pronounced deterioration in the weather is possible in the run up to Christmas, but this is still too far off to be certain, so essentially the waiting game continues. Looking on the bright side, anyone lucky enough to be skiing in the Alps this weekend will enjoy some very pleasant conditions indeed.

As is often the case in calm, sunny weather at this time of year, the temperature is often higher up the mountain than it in resort, especially if you are in a valley. For example, don't be surprised to find frost remaining in in the shade at 1000m, even if generic freezing levels are forecast to be at 2600m.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of Friday will be mostly sunny, with freezing levels close to 2500m.

Saturday will see variable cloud, thickest in the north-east (Salzburgland, Upper Austria), where a few light showers are possible (snow 1500m), but no significant precipitation is expected.

Sunday and **Monday** will be sunny again, though it will turn a little cooler on **Monday**.



Sunny today in Bad Kleinkirchheim in southern Austria - Photo: badlkleinkirchheim.at

France

The rest of \mathbf{Friday} will be mostly sunny, with freezing levels between 2500m and 3000m.

Saturday, **Sunday** and **Monday** will continue mostly sunny (above any valley fog patches), but it will become a fraction cooler on **Monday**.



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Looking down at Bourg St Maurice from the Les Arcs ski area, which opens tomorrow - Photo lesarcs.com

Italy

The rest of Friday will be mostly sunny with freezing levels between 2500 and 3000m.

It will continue fine on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, though will become a fraction cooler on Monday.



The drought continues in Italy. This is Livigno - Photo: valtline.it

Switzerland

The rest of $\ensuremath{\mathbf{Friday}}$ will be mostly sunny, with freezing levels close to or a little above 2500m.

Saturday may see a little more cloud at times in the far north or north-eastern Swiss Alps, but most places will remain sunny and relatively mild at altitude.

Sunday and Monday will continue to be fine with plenty of sunshine, though freezing levels will drop a bit on Monday.



Fine in western Switzerland today, as it should be until Monday at least - Photo: villars.ch

Outlook:

Some relatively weak fronts are likely to bring a little rain/snow mid-week, mostly above 1800m and in the northern half of the Alps. We are not, however, expecting any significant snow this time round.

It then looks like it will turn sunny again later in the week, before a more notable deterioration in the weather is possible around 22 December. However, this really

is a long way off and far from certain at this stage, particularly given how much the charts have been fluctuating recently.

Stay tuned with our daily updates in $\underline{\text{Today in the Alps}}...$

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 15 December 2015, but see $\underline{\text{Today in the Alps}}$ for daily updates

