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Latest snow forecast

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The weather in the Alps will continue to be mild (even exceptionally so at times) until Christmas at the very least. Thereafter, some models are starting to hint at a change, with the possibility of some significant snow for the southern and western Alps around 27 December. However, there is still a lot of uncertainty over this, and a serious or sustained return to winter seems unlikely at this stage.

In the meantime, anyone off to the Alps for Christmas week will enjoy plenty of fine weather. Yes, there will be some cloudier interludes, maybe even a few showers close to the northern fringes of the Alps. Generally speaking though, the sun will dominate and temperatures, especially at altitude, will remain unseasonably high...

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Friday** will see plenty of sunshine in the southern Austrian Alps. Elsewhere it will be cloudier at times, with one or two showers possible close the northern fringes of the Alps (snow 2000m). However, no significant precipitation is expected.

Saturday and **Sunday** will be dry with long sunny spells (above any valley fog), and freezing levels reaching or surpassing 3000m.

There will be little change in the weather on **Monday** except for a possible increase in cloud in the far eastern Alps.



Bright skies again this morning in the Osttirol. This is Heiligenblut - Photo: heiligenblut.at

France

The rest of **Friday** will be dry with plenty of sunshine, but also some areas of cloud circulating around. It will be mild with freezing levels between 2700m and 3000m.

Saturday and **Sunday** will see lots of sunshine (above any valley fog patches) and very mild temperatures, particularly at altitude, with freezing levels surpassing 3000m.

Monday will see a very weak front close to the northern Alps, but this is unlikely to bring anything more than some cloud. Further south it should remain mostly sunny and very mild.

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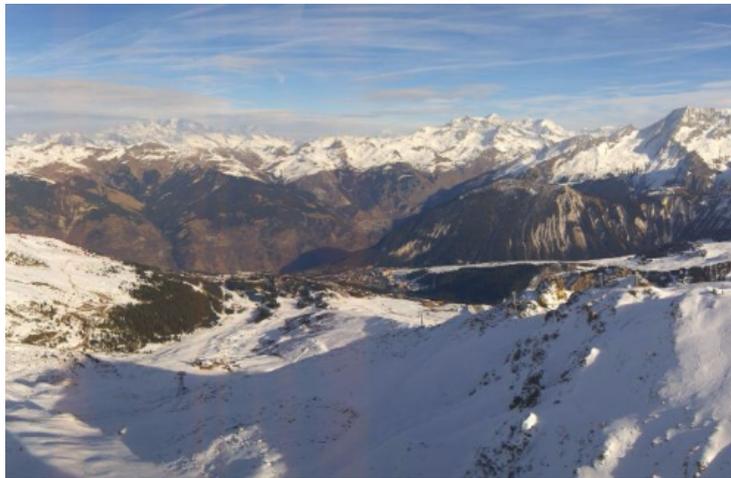


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View today from the top of Saulire towards Courchevel 1850 - Photo: courchevel.com

Italy

The rest of **Friday** will be dry, with good sunny spells and just a little cloud drifting around. Freezing levels won't be far off 3000m.

Saturday and **Sunday** will see lots of sunshine and freezing levels close to 3000m.

There will be little change in the weather on **Monday**, except for a little more cloud in the far north-west.



The fine weather continues in the Italian Alps. This is Gressoney in the Monte Rosa region - Photo: monterosa-ski.com

Switzerland

The rest of **Friday** will be dry with sunny spells and patchy cloud cover. It will be mild again with freezing levels between 2700 and 3000m.

Saturday and **Sunday** will be sunny (above any valley fog patches) and very mild, with freezing levels sometimes exceeding 3000m.

On **Monday**, a very weak front may introduce a few showers (snow 2000m) to the northern fringes of the Alps, but most places will stay dry, with the best of any sunshine in the south.



Good sunny spells today in the Aletsch arena. This is Bettmeralp - Photo: bettmeralp.ch

Outlook:

It will remain mostly dry in the run up to Christmas, with good spells of sunshine, very mild temperatures and just occasional cloudier interludes, most likely in the north.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 22 December 2015, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates