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## Latest snow forecast

**Updated: 1.30pm Friday 29 January 2016**

The recent mild weather in the Alps will continue until the middle of next week.

There will also be a "warm storm" to contend with, which will deliver plenty of snow at altitude to the north-western Alps on Saturday night/Sunday, but also plenty of rain lower down.

Expect a very challenging skiing day on Sunday in the northern French, Swiss and western Austrian Alps, with a mixture of rain, wet snow and high winds. The southern Alps will again miss the bulk of the precipitation.

After a mostly fine and exceptionally mild Monday, the weather will start to cool down on Tuesday, with snow showers to increasingly low levels during the second part of next week.

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## Detailed forecast:

### Austria

**Saturday** will be dry, bright and relatively mild with freezing levels around 2300m. Saturday night will see cloud thicken in the west, with rain arriving later in the night (snow 1100-1400m). The central and eastern Austrian Alps should stay dry.

**Sunday** will start dry in the eastern Austrian Alps, but rain and snow will spread to most areas later, always heaviest in the far west. The rain/snow limit will start at around 1200-1500m, but reach 2000m in the west later. Precipitation will be lighter and more showery in the far south.

**Monday** will see a few showers to start with in the central and eastern Austrian Alps (snow 2000m), before the brighter and very mild conditions in the west spread to all areas later.



Ischgl is one Austrian resort that is expected to benefit from new snow on Sunday, at least high up - Photo: ischgl.com



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### France

**Saturday** will start dry and bright, but cloud will thicken in the north and west later with some rain by evening (snow 1200-1400m). The southern French Alps should stay bright all day.

Saturday night will see heavy rain across the northern French Alps, particularly in the Haute-Savoie, with snow above 1300-1500m, perhaps a bit higher in places later. The further south you are, the less intense the precipitation will be, with the southern quarter of the French Alps remaining mostly dry.

**Sunday** will be very wet across the northern French Alps, with the rain/snow limit rising from 1400-1600m to 2000m or more as the day progresses. Above 2300m there will be significant quantities of snow, especially in the Haute-








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
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Savoie, but it will also be very windy.

**Monday** will be mostly fine and very mild with freezing levels above 3500m at times!



Beautiful afternoon in Tignes, but it will wild on Sunday! - Photo: tignes.net

## Italy

**Saturday** will be mostly dry with sunny spells, but cloud will thicken in the north-west later, where a few showers are possible by evening (snow 1300-1500m).

Saturday night will see some rain/snow (1300-1500m) in the north-west, otherwise most places will stay dry, with the exception of a few showers close to the border areas.

On **Sunday**, the bad weather will continue in the north-west, but with the rain/snow limit rising to 2000m or later. Further east there will be a few showers close to the border areas, but many places will be dry with variable cloud cover.

**Monday** will be fine and very mild, with freezing levels at 3500m or more in the west.



The southern Alps will again miss the bulk of the precipitation this weekend. This is Kronplatz - Photo: kronplatz.com

## Switzerland

**Saturday** will be mostly fine, with the best of any sunshine in the south-west. Further north and west, cloud will increase later in the day, with the first rain (snow 1200-1500m) in the north-western foothills by evening.

Saturday night will see rain spreading east across much of Switzerland, with snow above 1300-1600m, perhaps a bit lower in some enclosed valleys to start with.

**Sunday** will be very wet low down, with the rain/snow limit rising to 2000m or higher later in the day. At high altitude some significant quantities of wind-blown snow are expected in the north and west, but any precipitation will be lighter and more scattered in the far south and south-east.

**Monday** will be fine and very mild, with freezing levels close to or exceeding 3500m.



Bright this afternoon in Laax, but a mixture of rain and snow is expected on Sunday - Photo: laax.com

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**Outlook:**

It will turn colder, particularly from mid-week onwards, with snow showers possible to increasingly low levels.

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**Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 2 February 2016, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates**