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Snow conditions in the Alps are more polarised than ever, ranging from exceptional at altitude in some western and south-western parts of the Alps, to poor, very poor or even "game over" lower down.

The best skiing is in resorts close to the French/Italian border, from about Val d'Isère southwards including Bonneval-sur-Arc, Val Cenis, Montgenèvre and Sestriere. Other western Italian resorts - such as Pila, Cervinia and the Monte Rosa region - are also in superb shape, as are Zermatt and Saas-Fee, at least higher up.

Elsewhere in the Alps snow cover is patchier. There is still some perfectly enjoyable skiing to be had, especially in resorts with plenty of terrain above 2000m. The very lowest resorts are green, however, and some big name areas (e.g. Ski Welt, Alta Badia) are already closed.

Meanwhile, across the pond, further snowfalls mean excellent late season conditions for many western US and Canadian resorts...

Austria

Austria has again missed out on the recent snowfalls affecting the south-western Alps, with many low resorts either struggling or already closed (e.g. **Ski Welt**).

For the best conditions you need to pick a resort with plenty of skiing above 2000m, preferably even higher. Glaciers aside, these include **Obergurgl** (18/97cm) and **Ischgl** (0/110cm) but, even here, expect some slush later in the day, especially lower down.



Spring snow conditions in Lech - 3 April 2017 - Photo: lech.at

France

Snow conditions are highly variable in the French Alps, with the best skiing by far in high resorts close to the Italian border, from Val d'Isère southwards. Indeed, **Val d'Isere/Tignes** (85/215cm) are skiing as well as anywhere in the Alps right now, with **Montgenèvre** (140/250cm) and **Val Cenis** (20/200cm) two other good options.

By contrast, natural snow cover is very patchy low down, which is limiting the extent of available terrain in the likes of **Les Gets** (5/70cm) and **Megève** (15/100cm).

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Fabulous snow conditions today in Val d'Isère – 3 April 2017 – Photo: valdisere.com

Italy

Many western Italian resorts saw significant fresh snow over the weekend, including **Sestriere** (40/120cm) and **Cervinia** (60/200cm) where conditions are good today.

Further east snow cover is patchier, especially in the Dolomites where some resorts are now closed for the season. You can, however, still find some decent piste skiing in the likes of **Kronplatz** (20/55cm) and **Cortina** (15/50cm), especially if you time it right and follow the sun around the mountain.



Fresh snow this morning in Sestriere – 3 April 2017 – Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

With the exception of some higher resorts, natural snow cover is now quite patchy across Switzerland. That said, you can still find some enjoyable piste skiing in the likes of **Wengen** (0/60cm) and **Crans Montana** (0/270cm), but slush is difficult to avoid later in the day.

For the most consistent snow quality, the upper slopes of **Zermatt** (0/200cm) and **Saas-Fee** (10/270cm), with their exceptional altitude, are still the place to be.



Good pistes still in the Ski Arena in the central Swiss Alps – 3 April 2017 – Photo: skiarena.ch

Rest of Europe

There has been a recent dusting of new snow in many Pyrenean resorts but, generally speaking, spring snow conditions are the order of the day. Cover remains healthy at altitude, with base depths of 15/240cm in France's **Cauterets** and 50/150cm in Andorra's **Soldeu**.

Some Norwegian resorts saw fresh snow on Friday – 10cm or so in **Hemsedal** - which has helped freshen pistes up here after a relatively lean season to date.

Scottish ski resorts are out of action due to insufficient cover, however, and are likely to remain so now until next winter.

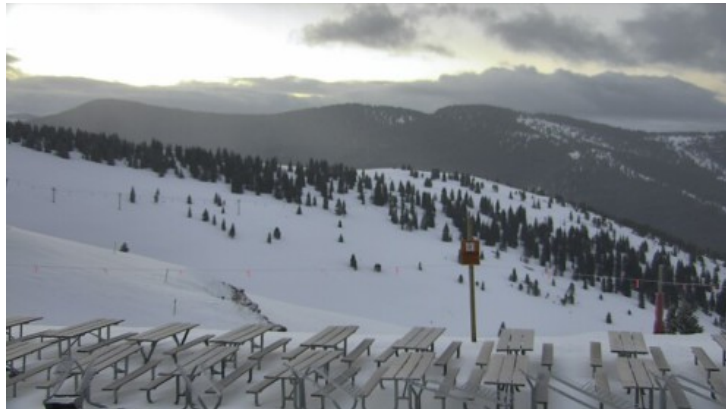


Plenty of snow at altitude still in the Pyrenees – 3 April 2017 – Photo: cauterets.com

USA

Most western US resorts have seen at least a little new snow in recent days which means that, generally speaking, conditions are very good for early April. **Breckenridge**, for example, reports 15cm of fresh today with upper base depths of 170cm.

Light snow is also falling in Utah's **Alta**, where mid-mountain depths are 327cm.



Still lots of good skiing to be had in Vail – 3 April 2017 – Photo: vail.com

Canada

Whistler's impressive season continues, with 66cm of new snow falling in the last seven days and plenty more to come later this week, at least at altitude. Upper base depths are currently 339cm.

Further inland, it is snowing today in the **Banff/Lake Louise** area where they are also enjoying a strong end to the season, with 154/229cm packed down on the pistes, depending on altitude.

**Next full snow report will be on Thursday 6 April 2017,
but see [Today in the Alps](#) for regular updates**